

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

JANUARY 26, 2015
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Bill Nungester	City Attorney
Kyle Hauser	Council President	Elizabeth Barker	Clerk/Treasurer
Pam McClain	Council Member	Karen Drown	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Bob Linderman	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Sue Gabardi	Council Member Appointee		

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:05 PM.

Elizabeth Barker confirmed a Quorum.

Elizabeth Barker administered the Oath of Office for Councilwoman Sue Gabardi.

Mayor McCauley thanked Bob Linderman for his years of service to the City of Buhl.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of January 12, 2015: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion; the motion passed.
- ... Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment: Michael Higbee moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Pam McClain moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. Elizabeth started the review of the 2013-2014 audit by explaining that pages 3-11 are the MDMA which has been required since 1999. She added this part of the audit is done by her with templates provided by Brady Workman. She explained the different part of the MDMA and which page in the audit it related to and the difference between them. Elizabeth also explained a key piece of the audit is the change in net position. She did remind council that on next year's audit the net position will not show as well because of GASB 34 requiring the showing of the PERSI liability. Kyle commented he has a problem with the pension plan situation. After review of the audit booklet was complete Elizabeth presented to council spreadsheets and graphs comparing governmental fund balance trend over several years and the area where funds come from. She also showed the utility fund balance trend and talked about the difference in years and where projects had been done. After the review she summarized by

informing council that property tax revenue are a key piece to the puzzle and having the revenues compared to expenditures current so all departments know where they stand. Kyle moved to approve the 2014 financial statement. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed. Kyle added it is nice to have correct information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Share Transfer Approval: Elizabeth reminded council the price per share was increased this year. She also stated that everyone that had been getting the shares was getting them again and several had requested more. Michael suggested a policy to increase by a percentage every year. It was decided that would be discussed at budget time. Michael moved to approve the 2015 water share seasonal transfers. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Review of Liquor License Fees: Kyle recused himself from this discussion. Karen presented to council the current price schedule for liquor, beer and wine licenses and the maximum amount set by state code, which had been confirmed with ISP liquor division. Mayor McCauley asked about the renewal timing on these licenses. Karen explained that she sends letters and blank applications out the first part of May and everything must be complete with new licenses for July 1. Pam stated she would like to see what surrounding cities charge before he made any decision. Pam moved to postpone until comparable information is received. Michael seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed. Karen noted that the new fees would have to be passed by a resolution.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kyle had been approached with complaints about the playground equipment at Eastman Park by the pool, particularly the cement underneath the structure. It was stated that public works had taken a look at the problem and it can and will be fixed.

Kyle also apologized for being late.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kyle Hauser moved that the meeting be adjourned, Pam McClain seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer