

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

February 11, 2019
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Karen Drown	Clerk
Michael Higbee	Council President	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Pam McClain	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Sue Gabardi	Council Member		

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of January 28, 2019: Michael Higbee moved to approve the minutes; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Claims for Payment: Pam McClain moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Reports: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly department head reports; 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; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report: Scott informed Council that he was hoping to hear by the end of the month about the outcome of the sidewalk grant; which if received would be a spring/summer project.

He updated Council that the last little bit of work of the ICDBG project was being completed and that would be closing out that project.

New housing starts continue to be submitted due to the mild winter we have had so far. He announced that the Homestead Subdivision public hearing in on the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda for February 20th.

Planning and Zoning and Urban Renewal Agency would be meeting on February 20th.

He also informed Council the city had been notified about money that was available for Rural Development Project through the Department of Commerce. The city currently has several projects that are shovel ready that could be used in an application.

Kyle asked about an update on the sidewalk at the end of the football field. Regie stated he has several contractors lined up and is working with the school on moving the score board. He added that after that they are just waiting on the weather.

Michael questioned if a match was required on the sidewalk grant. Scott noted there was not a requirement but there will be some in-kind match of work done by the city staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Southern Idaho Tourism Update and Budget Request: Melissa Berry with Southern Idaho Tourism presented to Council and update of the tourism numbers. She explained the investments for Buhl amount to about \$20,000 which included social media posts and blog posts. She updated Council that the new signs will be installed shortly. There was a delay because of the construction on the East end of town.

She also updated Council on the Christmas event of “Holiday’s on Highway 30”. She noted that a lot of businesses did not participate and there were gaps in the route. Some areas were great but there just wasn’t the participation that they had hoped for.

She also discussed the lack of Air B&B’s in our area that has become popular with travelers.

Discussion of Garbage Can Charges: Regie presented to Council an option of looking into a fee for new homes to purchase their first garbage can. He explained when the city first went to the use of the 90 gallon carts all residents had to buy in. We are now looking forward to at least 53 new homes with the two new subdivisions. The pile that he had of extras has been reduced. He noted that if a current resident has one that breaks from normal wear and tear they are not charged for a new one, but if they are maliciously damaged they are charged to replace it.

Consensus of Council was to proceed with reviewing the costs of new cans and the options to charge new residences.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Michael had a concern about a residence at 121 Paysee which had trash, blight and varmint problems. Regie noted that someone had been seen removing the

notice so the homeowner did not get the notice. Regie also explained that Code Services had made contact with the owner who was going to work on dealing with the issue.

Council questioned the fact that Clear Springs was removing their signs from their Specialty Food plant on Clear Lakes Road. Mayor McCauley noted the city had been contacted by a potential buyer but on official word had been given to the city by either Clear Springs or the other individual.

Kyle noted that he had been extended an invitation to tour the Thousand Springs Mills by their manager. He noted they deal in organic popcorn and other products.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There were none.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kyle Hauser moved that the meeting be adjourned; Michael Higbee seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk