

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

JULY 8, 2019  
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Michael Higbee	Council President	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Pam McClain	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Andrew Stevens	Fire Chief
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Cynthia Toppen	Library Director
Andrew Wright	City Attorney	Concerned Citizens	
Karen Drown	Clerk		

PUBLIC HEARING called to order at 7:00 PM.

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Karen informed Council that a public hearing was for the proposed amendment of the fiscal budget for 2018-2019 of \$300,000.00 in the water department. This money would be for the repairs on the insides of the water tanks.

She explained there had been a public hearing held in April 2019 regards this matter but the final step of passing an amended appropriation ordinance and publishing in the Buhl Herald had not been completed. And to confirm the process was completed correctly a new public hearing was scheduled.

President Higbee asked if there was any testimony in support of the proposed ordinance amending the budget; there was none. He asked if there was any testimony against the proposed ordinance; there was none.

President Higbee closed the public hearing at 7:02 PM.

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:03 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

... Minutes of June 24, 2019: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

- ... Monthly Claims for Payment: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Reports: Pam McClain moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Sue Gabardi moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report: Scott informed Council that he and Regie would be meeting and putting together some options for the next round of the ICDBG projects. Applications will be due this fall. He stated that a new survey will have to be completed to evaluate the City of Buhl low to moderate income percentage. He will be bringing those options to Council in the next few months.

He also noted that there had been a number of walk-ins coming in inquiring about lot splits, and subdivisions along with new roofs, new siding, fences.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance Amending the 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget: All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 994 and being fully apprised of the content and purpose of said Ordinance, Pam moved that the provision of Idaho Code Section 50-902 which require that said Ordinance be read on three (3) different days, two (2) readings by Title only and one (1) reading which shall be in full, be dispensed with and that said Ordinance be passed upon on (1) reading by title only. Michael requested a roll call vote on the motion. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Sue voted yes, Pam voted yes, Kyle voted yes and Michael voted yes. The motion passed.

Pam moved to adopt Ordinance No. 994 amending the appropriation ordinance for 2019-2020. Sue seconded the motion. Kyle noted the repairs on the water tanks are needed. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of Awarding Bid for Water Tank Repair: Scott explained they had bid this project because it was over \$100,000.00. He summarized the bid and explained that work needed to be done on both tanks but they were listed in the bid with separate amounts because the second tank might have to be completed next spring due to the weather this fall. Schedule A, the older tank, is \$206,250.00; Schedule B, the new tank, is \$49,900.00, for a total bid of \$256,150.00 from Maguire Iron. Scott noted they were the only bidder, which is what he expected for the type of work that is needed done. There was a discussion of the cost difference of the work being done during cooler weather. Scott explained the inside of the tanks would have to be heated to allow for the paint to dry and cure and that could possibly double the cost of the project. Scott

recommended awarding the bid to Maguire Iron. Pam moved to award the bid to Maguire Iron. Sue seconded the motion. There was a short discussion about the age of the old tank. There was a vote and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of alcohol in McClusky Park for Class of 1999 Reunion: Judy White with Magic Valley Brewing presented the plans for the Class of 1999 Reunion. She stated they would be providing their tap truck and a full BBQ. They would setup before noon and be there until about 8 PM. She stated they would take all the trash. There was a discuss about the security and Judy stated when they did the Class of 1998 Reunion last year nobody else was in McClusky Park. Michael note they like the separation the McClusky Park provides from Eastman Park and the family events. Regie also noted they need to possibly plan for a portable restroom for the event because the ones at the pool will close between 5-6 PM. Kyle moved to approve alcohol in the park for the Class of 1999 Reunion. Pam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Discussion of Library Roof: Jeff Gabardi, Library Board Treasurer, and Steve Kaatz, Library Foundation, presented to Council the condition of the library roof. Jeff noted that smaller repairs had been done but there are major issues now. A roofing company had been located that was willing to come a look and it, Burton Webb and Sons reviewed the condition and had provide a detailed plan to the foundation. The proposal came in at \$39,000.00. Jeff had meet with Elizabeth and discussed the situation. They reviewed the library fund balance and agreed that reducing that by \$10,000.00 would be appropriate. Jeff stated that if that could be approved by Council that he and Steve would approach the board and the Homling Fund for the remaining \$29,000.00. Karen explained the process that would need to take place to do that in the current budget year which included publishing a notice twice in the paper, holding a public hearing and considering an amended appropriation ordinance. Dates for those events were discussed. Kyle moved to approve administration staff to begin the process to reduce the fund balance for the library by \$10,000.00. Michael seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of SIEDO/REDS 2019-2020 Budget Request: Michael moved to increase line item 10-415-586 in the draft 2019-2020 budget to include the \$5900.00 for SIEDO/REDS. Kyle seconded the motion. Michael explained he would like to give them one year and see how it goes and if not pleased would have to reevaluate for next year. He noted that the city really hasn't used all the services they have available the membership provides. He likes that SIEDO/REDS are now combined and working together. There was a discussion that an RFI (request for information) had been received a couple weeks ago with very good potential and SIEDO jumped in and helped complete the RFI. Pam stated she trusted Michael's judgement. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Budget Discussion – Review of Updated Budget Worksheets: Karen presented Council with the updated budget sheets with the changes to the proposed salary adjustment. All other items had remained the same from the last presentation. She also explained the difference with the police and fire department salary scale and the portion that is being adjusted are the levels but the incentive pay items are remaining the same. With that piece the amount on the budget sheet does not figure out exactly the same because they are just figuring a straight percentage on an employee's over all hourly rate.

Andrew Stevens presented and updated fire sheet after meeting with Mayor McCauley and some concerns he had with the first draft. The new sheet included only one new hire and options for stipend/shift work for paid on-call staff to cover shifts of career staff. Michael stated he appreciated Andrew stepping back and taking another look at it. Mayor McCauley had also talked with Neal Gier about this new option and the revised sheet would be taken to the next district meeting.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kyle asked for an update on the weed issues. Karen noted out of the seven (7) notices sent four (4) properties had been cleaned up. The other three (3) will have a contractor cleaning them up in the coming week. It was noted of a couple other properties that Council members have noticed.

Kyle also commented there had been an intoxicated man in the area of the fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He really appreciated the dignity that he was treated by the staff of the fire department.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There was none.

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 8:14 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk