

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

AUGUST 22, 2016
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Michael Higbee	Council President	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Andrew Stevens	Interim Fire Chief
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Bill Nungester	City Attorney	Kathy Uker	Region IV Development
Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer	Concerned Citizens	
Karen Drown	Clerk		

PUBLIC HEARING #1

President Michael Higbee opened the public hearing at 6:31 PM.

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Michael asked if there was any testimony for or against the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and levying the foregone amount. There was none.

Michael closed the hearing at 6:33 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

President Michael Higbee opened the public hearing at 6:34 PM.

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Michael asked if there was any testimony for the rezone of 801, 805 and 811 Burley Ave. Sara Kaster with EHM Engineers testified before Council that the lots are currently zoned residential professional and to make the upgrades that Napa Auto Parks would like to do the zoning needs to be neighborhood business district. It was asked if the neighbors in the area had been approached by Napa concerning this upgrade. David Tebow with EHM Engineers also testified to Council that until the rezone had been approved neighbors had not been notified of the plans because no plans could proceed if the rezone was not permitted. There was no testimony against. Neutral testimony came from Scott Bybee stating the Planning and Zoning Commission had also had a public hearing and was recommending to Council changing of the rezone.

Michael closed the hearing at 6:37 PM.

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:38 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of August 8, 2016: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment: Sue Gabardi moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Reports: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly reports; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was discussion that the Police Chief was on National Guard training and will be catching up on his reports upon his return. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Tabled Item: Request from Chamber to help with maintenance at Chamber Office: There was a discussion and Kyle commented there is a strong lack of volunteerism in the nation unless there is a monetary gain for them. The discussion continued and it was stated that when the RV Park was put in part of the presentation was the Chamber would take care of the facility. Michael stated he didn't want to see the City subsidize the Chamber. The topic died for a lack of a motion.
- ... Tabled Item: Review and Consideration of Resolution No. 386 to Levy Foregone Amount: Kyle moved to adopt Resolution No. 386, which approves levy \$2000.00 in foregone amount. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Rezone of 801, 805 and 811 Burley Ave: Kyle moved to approve the rezone of 801, 805 and 811 Burley Ave to B2. Sue seconded the motion. Kyle stated he thought it was a good idea. Sue questioned the difference in zoning and Scott Bybee explained the current Napa Auto Parts was grandfathered in but to do any upgrade the zoning needs to fit the proposed plan. Scott also stated the engineers have worked with him and Regie Finney on some areas of concern in the plans to alleviate concerns at the intersection of Highway 30 and Fair Street. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration and Approval of Administration Contract with Region IV for the ICDBG Wastewater and Water Project: Kathy Uker with Region IV Development presented to Council the proposed contract for administrative services. Scott Bybee added the contract will be paid by Urban Renewal money as is the project. Kyle moved to approve the contract with Region IV Development. Sue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Public Testimony of FY 2016-2017 Budget: Kyle moved to approve the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year budget as published. Sue seconded the motion. There was not discussion and the motion passed.

Presentation of Information on hiring process and plans for extended staffing: Andrew presented to Council and update on the Fire Department. He stated the current career staff is down to three employees. He has just completed a hiring pool and received ten good applications and after the interview and physical agility test was completed over the previous weekend he still and five good applicants in the pool. He added that all five have fire experience and that advertising a transition to shift work has helped get applicants. There was further discussion on the benefits of shift work from reducing amount of overtime and eliminate on-call. Andrew continued with how the shifts could possibly work but he is still working on the schedule. The discussion continued with the idea of converting the breakroom into sleeping quarters for the night but still allow a breakroom during the day which would save money on upgrading the upstairs to living quarters. Andrews's goal is to go to shift work by January 1. He added that all five of the applicants also have other skills above firefighting, such as mechanics and auto body repair.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Sue questioned if other council members were getting emails about the gentleman's request to be on the agenda. Karen informed Council that he had been notified that there is a citizen's concerns item and he is welcome to come and address Council at that time.

Kyle had a concern about the number of large truck travelling through town. Regie explained that Trans Systems it working with Knife River on a contract for the State of Idaho and hauling gravel and asphalt from Hollister to Bliss. There was a discussion about Trans Systems safe driving program and the monitoring done by their company. Regie added it is a state project and a state highway through Buhl and it is allowed.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kyle Hauser moved that the meeting be adjourned; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk