

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council President	Karen Drown	Clerk
Pam McClain	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Andrew Wright	City Attorney	Concerned Citizens	

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of August 27, 2018: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Michael Higbee 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; Kyle Hauser 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; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report: Scott reported there still continued to be a number of building permit applications.

He noted that he and Teresa had attended the Idaho Department of Commerce Grant Administration Training. It was a two day course with a test at the end. They will know in the coming weeks if they passed.

He added he is working on possible projects for the next IDCBG application deadline. One that he and Regie are looking at is extending Williams Street around to Highway 30 from Fair Street. He is in the process of contacting any land owners in that area. The current grant is almost wrapped up so we can apply for the next round.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of Officer Mejia: Mayor McCauley swore in Officer Clarivette Mejia. Chief Foster noted that Officer Mejia was currently in the Law Enforcement Program at the College of Southern Idaho and actively working on her FTO Training. Mayor McCauley noted he was very proud to swear her in.

Southern Idaho Tourism – Holiday’s on Highway 30: Melissa Berry with Southern Idaho Tourism explained to Council the plans to decorate Ritter Island State Park with Christmas lights. She added the hope is to extend the lights as much as they can along Highway 30 with the involvement from the communities. The item is people will travel along Highway 30 to see the lights and visit the businesses along the route. Michelle Olsen has been working with Melissa and hoping to get the involvement of clubs at the school to help decorate windows for businesses and have some events to help draw more visitors in. Southern Idaho Tourism will be creating the website and will include maps to attractions along the route. Michelle noted the chamber received a donation from WEMA which was used to purchase more Christmas lights.

Consideration of Chamber of Commerce Harvest Festival: Michelle explained the plan is the same as the previous year to have the two blocks of Main on either side of Broadway closed for the event. Vendors would be on the side with the Senior Center and the car show will be in front of Farmers National Bank. They will have barricades setup to block the streets but leave and exit for those using the ATM at Farmers National Bank. They would also like to hang the large wooden trout on the light poles. Michael moved to co-sponsor the Harvest Festival with the Buhl Chamber of Commerce. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of Beer Garden for Harvest Festival: Rich White presented to Council two options for a beer garden at the Buhl Chamber of Commerce Harvest Festival.

Option #1: The beer garden would include the parking lot for the Senior Citizens Center and both block of Main Street. This would allow people to be patronizing the vendors and also viewing the car show.

Option #2: The beer garden would include the parking lot for the Senior Citizens Center and both blocks of Main Street and up Broadway to include El Cazador and TJ’s Lounge.

Pam asked if there could be an option #3 to be just the parking lot.

Mayor McCauley noted he appreciated Rich’s concern with allowing other businesses to participate. There was further discussion about if the beer is allowed in the whole area then it is not a beer garden.

Pam moved to allow the beer garden to be in the parking lot and the one block of Main between Broadway and 11th Ave. Michael seconded the motion. There was a concern from last year that there were cars in the block that was barricaded off. Michelle explained the barricades were up but someone physically moved the barricades and drove through the area.

Council asked since Rich was in attendance the outcome on the Beers for Buhl Beer Festival. He noted it was figured there were between 250 and 300 people. Security noted that it was a very mellow event. The rough first figures were it raised \$3,993.00 on Saturday plus the sponsorships that came in beforehand. Rich commented that Southern Idaho Tourism gave great support to the event.

Review and Consideration of 2018-2019 Appropriation Ordinance: All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 989 and being full apprised of the content and purpose of said Ordinance, Michael moved that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 which require that said Ordinance be read on three (3) different day, two (2) reading by Title only and on (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. Michael voted yes, Kyle voted yes and Pam voted yes. The motion passed.

Michael moved to approve Ordinance No. 989 the 2018-2019 Appropriation Ordinance. Kyle seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Michael voted yes, Kyle voted yes and Pam voted yes. The motion pass.

Review and Consideration of Utility Rate Resolution: Michael moved to approve Resolution No. 400 the 2018 Utility Rate Resolution. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Discussion of Salary Range Project: Elizabeth explained the data that reports that had been received from Weaver and Associates. From that information a review had been done to identify those employees that were out of alignment. She noted that we are never going to get and apples to apples comparison on every position. At this point in the project administration would like to meet with department heads for recommendations for those that need to be looked at for a reset. There was a question about the raw data that Weaver and Associates had provided and it was asked to be emailed out the council members. Consensus of Council was to have a reset with this study. It was noted that our benefits are more generous that other cities. It was also noted that we have been blessed with small increases on our health insurance in the previous years.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Karen provided an update to information she found out on the pigeon concern. She had contacted the City of Twin Falls but there was no one with the city

that had done any control. She had found several products online but more research would need to be done to see the feasibility of the products for our situation.

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 8:10 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk