

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 27, 2020
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council President	Karen Drown	Clerk
Pam McClain	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Andrew Wright	City Attorney		

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 6:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of January 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting
2. Monthly Claims for Payment
3. Clerk Report
4. Treasurer Report

Michael Higbee moved to approve the consent agenda. Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of 20-minute Parking Request: Mayor McCauley review the history on the item of the 20-minute parking request at 130 Broadway Ave N. He stated after reviewing the minutes there was no final direction from Council to the administration to continue work or not. Michael moved to approve the 20-minute parking request at 130 Broadway Ave N. Pam seconded the motion. Kelly informed the mayor and other Council members that he sat on other board with the individual making the request. Mayor McCauley noted he appreciated Kelly bring that to their attention but they all have connections to other people in the community and set on boards with different individuals.

There was further discussion regarding the original request. It was noted that the 2-hour parking on Broadway is between 8 am and 5 pm, which is posted. There is nothing posted on the side street. It was again noted that it was a mixed-use area with commercial and residential properties.

Mayor McCauley wanted to make sure the request has due process. Michael commented that he hated to take spots away from residents. There was no further discussion and the motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Fund Transfer from Joint Fire Suppression Fund to General Fund:

Elizabeth explained that per the Joint Management agreement the amount in excess would be divided and transferred back to each entity at the percentage contributed. Elizabeth noted that would amount to \$47,542.73 transferred to the general fund and \$59,652.35 written by check to the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District. Michael moved to approve the transfer to the General Fund in the amount of \$47,542.73. Kelly seconded the motion. Kelly confirmed that \$100,000 would remain and just the excess of that is being dispersed. Elizabeth confirmed that statement. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Michael moved to approve a check to written to the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District in the amount of \$59,652.35. Pam seconded the motion. There was not discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of Bank Account signatures: Michael move to approve the bank account list:

Tom McCauley

Elizabeth Barker

Karen Drown

Pam McClain

Michael Higbee

for accounts XXXX4731, XXXX4732, XXXX4736

and removing former council member Kyle Hauser from all accounts. Pam seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Discussion of Future Planning Meeting: Michael moved to have the Buhl Future Planning Meeting at the working session on February 24th. Kelly seconded the motion. Karen noted that before Council asked to invite the Buhl Planning and Zoning Commission and the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Administrator. It was added to invite the Buhl Economic Board and the Chamber of Commerce. Michael explained to the group that Council is looking for community input for future growth and additional planning meeting to have a guide for the future. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Upcoming City/County Meeting: Karen noted that the City of Kimberly was planning the next city/county meeting for Wednesday, February 19th. Karen needs to RSVP for the event. Those attending would be Mayor McCauley, Michael, Pam, Kelly, Karen. Karen stated she would check with Sue if she could attend.

Review of Utilities Comparison Worksheet for 2018-2019: Elizabeth again reviewed the information that she provides each month in the Utilities Comparison Worksheet. This review included the final numbers for fiscal year 2018-2019. She detailed how she watches all revenues and expenses each month to confirm they are on track and that there are funds for the expenses for operating and maintenance and bond payments. Elizabeth and Karen then reviewed the process on the payment history information and collection rate. Karen detailed the process for collecting special assessments, final billed accounts and active accounts that are delinquent.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Pam stated a concern about the condition of Highway 30 outside of Buhl. Regie explained there was a crack sealing project last summer to try and preserve the existing road, but it was a poor idea and the road is failing. Regie also noted the truck loads that are being hauled on the roads are too heavy for the roads to handle.

Michael also asked about the condition of the railroad crossing on Highway 46 because he knew of a gentleman that bent a rim on his car there and because of the damage had to replace all 4.

Mayor McCauley and Regie both stated the Council members needed to contact the state representatives regarding this because there are several House Bills that are being considered that could affect funding for roads.

Regie did inform Council the ICDBG application has advanced to the addendum stage in the process which is a good sign.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Pam McClain moved that the meeting be adjourned; Michael Higbee seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk