

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 12, 2015
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Bill Nungester	City Attorney
Kyle Hauser	Council President	Elizabeth Barker	Clerk/Treasurer
Pam McClain	Council Member	Karen Drown	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Concerned Citizen	

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Elizabeth Barker confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of October 12, 2015: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the minutes; Pam McClain 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: Pam McClain moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no 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.
- ... Monthly Report: Regie stood in for Scott Bybee and updated council members on the current ICDBG project which should be completed in 2 weeks, possibly 3 weeks if a little additional work is added. He added that the next possible project would be a grant through the Urban Renewal Agency. The current Burke & 11th Street project is being finished with edge work and the budget did real well. Up to date numbers will be available soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Status of Fire Truck repairs: Regie informed council that the truck would be at the Public Works Shop on Tuesday and Jason will install new seals. When the pipe is opened at that time it will be determined what repairs might be needed on the pipe. Regie stated if any welding was needed a certified welder would be brought in.

Report on Status of Infra-Structure Repairs and Replacement: Scott Bybee was ill so this item was postponed to a future meeting.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kyle stated that he had a concern regarding the emails between the fire commission and council. He added that council and district are all here to serve the citizens not themselves.

Mayor McCauley called a short recess to gather information from his office. Upon his return he read from an email that was sent from Neal Gier about an agenda item requesting a discussion about a contract between the district and the city for EMT services.

Mayor McCauley added that he had been working with Elizabeth on reviewing the ESCI study figures for the projected tax revenues that would be raised if the city was annexed into the district. Elizabeth explained that according to her figures the net market value they are using for the city is land and structures and if the city was annexed it would be based on only the structures. Her figures show there would be a decrease in revenues not the increase the ESCI study showed.

The discussion continued with Mayor McCauley stated he was asking the district to present the information they had gathered on annexing the city. He also stated that he was approaching the concern about the on-call hours as a grievance so the information would be retained in case it ever went further than the discussions currently taking place. Mayor McCauley also detailed conversations that he had had with Mark and Andrew Stevens about their concerns. He informed council that he would draft notes of his meeting with Mark and they would review them together so they both are working off the same page. He has asked Mark for suggestions for the 24/7 shifts, staggered schedule, concerns on FLSA on-call, and the new station and the costs involved using Rock Creek Fire as an example. According to Mark the new station is a vision of the district.

There was a discussion about the interviewing process to fill the position left by Megan Myers. The position had been designated as an administrative assistant, EMT, Firefighter which added the Firefighter portion which Megan did not have. Mark felt the position required additional compensation for the additional designation.

Council then discussed the vision of the joint group. In regards to a future meeting Michael suggested November 9, 16 or 23; Kyle stated he would like to see the district information before they meet.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – Dave McClain, Buhl, Idaho, brought a concern to council about U-turns on Main Street and whether they are allowed. He explained one example of people cutting across Main Street to park in front of the Post Office. There was a discussion about the law requirements for painting of lines and the fact that lines wouldn't matter to those who do cut across the lanes unless they are enforced. Regie explained that U-turns are illegal on Broadway because it is a state highway. Mayor McCauley stated he would talk with Eric about possible solutions and Regie would look into striping possibilities. Kyle also would like to see enforcement of cross walk violations.

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 7:55 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer