

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

OCTOBER 24, 2016  
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	Jim Schouten	Chamber of Commerce
Sue Gabardi	Council Member		Board President
Bill Nungester	City Attorney		

PUBLIC HEARING #1

Mayor McCauley opened public hearing #1 at 6:00 PM.

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Scott presented the application for the vacation. He explained the application was first presented to the Buhl Planning and Zoning Commission. In the application it was requested to vacate Walnut Street and Hatfield Lane. At the planning and zoning hearing Regie stated he would like to keep Hatfield Lane for a possible road in the future and to allow a water line to loop from Elm Street and go north and connect into the current water line on Juniper. Planning and zoning was recommending to Council the vacation of Walnut but not Hatfield Lane. There was some discussion about Hatfield Lane needing to be 50 feet wide. Scott explained because of the canal that runs through the area there are requirements of separation between that canal and a potable water line. There would be additional space if sewer was added through there in the future also.

Mayor asked if there was any testimony in support of the vacation of Walnut Street, there was none. He asked if there was any testimony against the request and there was none. And there was no neutral testimony.

Mayor McCauley closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

Mayor McCauley opened public hearing #2 at 6:05 PM.

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Scott explained the fees were for applications that required legal publications and mailings which incurred cost that up until now the city was covering. The proposed fees had been researched and are comparable to other cities in the area.

Mayor asked if there was any testimony in support of the proposed planning, zoning and building permit fees, there was none. He asked if there was any testimony against the request and there was none. And there was no neutral testimony.

Mayor McCauley closed the public hearing at 6:08 PM.

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:08 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of October 10, 2016: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; 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; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Discussion of Firearms Ordinance: Michael explained the suggestions made by Chief Foster to change Buhl City Code 4-3B-1 so that it would have to be changed in the future if the state changed their code. Michael move to make changes to 4-3B-1 as presented by Chief Foster. Kyle seconded the motion. Mayor McCauley added that this phrase could be added to any city ordinance because the city falls under Idaho State Code. Bill Nungester recommended adding “now or here after amended under Idaho Law”. There was no further discussion and the motion passed. Bill Nungester will draft and ordinance to come before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Buhl Chamber of Commerce “Buhl Kick-off to Christmas and Night Light Parade”: Jim Schouten, President of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, presented to Council a proposal for moving the annual night light parade to November 26<sup>th</sup>, which is Small Business Saturday. They would like to add a Kick-off to Christmas event during the day. They are

requesting shutting down Main Street from Broadway to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Alden Palmer who owns the old Pioneer Floors building has given them permission to use his building for indoor activities. He added that Farmers Bank had requested access to their ATM be left open. Mayor McCauley added that the police department had heard from Twin Falls County Sheriff will be available to help with street closures for the parade that evening.

Michael moved to approve the Buhl Night Light Parade and Kick-off to Christmas Event pending approval by the Gala Showroom that they do not have an event that night. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of Buhl Housing Authority Board Appointment: A letter from Pam Osterkamp, Director of Buhl Housing Authority, was included in the Council packets requesting Dexter Rogers continue serving on the Buhl Housing Authority Board. Michael moved to approve Dexter to the board for another term. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Consideration of Planning, Zoning and Building permit fee resolution: Michael moved to approve fees in Resolution Number 388 as presented. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed. The new fees will go into effect November 1, 2016.

Michael move to amend the agenda to add Consideration of Vacation of Walnut Street because of clerical error and not making it on the agenda. He requested a roll call vote. Pam seconded the motion. Michael, Kyle, Pam, and Sue voted yes. The motion passed.

Consideration of Vacation of Walnut Street: Kyle moved to approve the vacation of Walnut Street. Pam seconded the motion. There was not discussion and the motion passed.

Karen informed Council that an ordinance would be drafted to come before Council to vacate both Catalpa and Walnut together and quit claim deeds would be drawn up for the property owners that would be getting property.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS** – Pam commented that she is amazed the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit is already taking place.

Pam had a concern about the amount of stray cats in town and if there was anything that could be done. Karen informed Council she had recently been approached by Magicats, LLC about a grant opportunity to work on catching stray and feral cats. The grant would pay to have the cats spayed or neutered and vaccinated. The adult cats would be put back where

they were trapped but kittens would be adopted to good homes. There was a discussion and consensus was to have the Mayor write a letter in support of Magicats, LLC for the grant application.

Kyle had a concern from Alden Palmer about events that take place at the Gala Showroom which is next door to his property. Cigarettes get left in front of his building and burned holes in the carpet.

Kyle also wanted to compliment the Street Department on a good job and how nice the streets are in town.

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 6:52 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk