

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

OCTOBER 26, 2015
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Bill Nungester	City Attorney
Kyle Hauser	Council President	Elizabeth Barker	Clerk/Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council Member	Karen Drown	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer
Sue Gabardi	Council Member		

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:05 PM.

Elizabeth Barker confirmed a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of October 12, 2015: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion; the motion passed.
- ... Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Michael Higbee moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Maker Program: Amanda Hatfield gave council members an overview of the Maker Program and the summer camps that were done with summer school students and the Boys & Girls Club. She explained that the students have to be creative but they walk away with a finished project or design. She added the Maker Program works along with the STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Program but our library is adding art for ASTEM. Amanda also informed council she is working on getting the 3D printer working but there have been some bugs to work out and it has taken time. She is currently looking at the newer 3D printer that is being given out to Maker Programs which seems to work better. She explained that a library is not just books anymore and librarians are teachers, hobbyists and educators now.

Association of Idaho Cities Fall Academy Training attendance discussion: Elizabeth asked who would be able to attend the training by AIC on November 17, 2015. Kyle and Sue would not be attending Michael and Mayor McCauley would confirm with Karen on Tuesday, October 27th.

Brief Review of Utility Comparison Information Spreadsheet: Elizabeth went briefly over the utilities comparison spreadsheet. She compared this year's revenues to last year's to compare where the city has come. There was a discussion about the reserve fund balance for the enterprise fund and how that relates to capital projects that have been done and possible ones for the future. The discussion continued with possibility of future grant opportunities and having funds available to leverage additional money to keep the city on track with repairs to infrastructure. Mayor McCauley explained the Department of Commerce likes to support communities who are working their way out of needing their help.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Michael stated he was interested in seeing the minutes that Tom and Elizabeth were the only ones that attended the Joint Fire meeting when the district made a big deal about meeting even if there wasn't going to be a quorum. Mayor McCauley informed council that he had proposed that he and Neal meet to go over information and numbers before meeting with the joint boards. He also explained he would like to see a proposal of the contract that was an agenda item for the last meeting prior to the meeting. Mayor McCauley stated he had made public records requests to the district to provide information and minutes of district meetings. There was a discussion about figures of staggered schedules and 24/7 coverage and how that will affect quality of care. It was stated that the joint group needs to get back to the big picture and look at what is the best way to provide fire and EMT protection to the citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Michael moved to enter executive session pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 74-206, subsection 1.b. to consider evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. He requested a roll call vote. Kyle seconded the motion. Michael voted yes, Kyle voted yes and Sue voted yes.

Michael moved to adjourn executive session; Kyle seconded the motion. Executive session adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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 7:10 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer