

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2024

203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pam McClain	Mayor	Jazmine Mills	P&Z Administrator
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Jason Scott	Public Works Director
Amanda Hawkins	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Marla Sisson	Council Member	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Karen Drown	Clerk	Concerned Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of November 25, 2024 – Working Session
2. Claims for Payment
3. Monthly Department Head Reports – Fire, Engineer, Police, Public Works, Code Services
4. Commission Minutes – Airport, Library, Buhl Housing Authority
5. Clerk Report
6. Treasurer Report

Marla moved to approve the consent agenda. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, Amanda voted yes, and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Recognition of promotion to Lieutenant for Sergeant Michael Main: Chief Engbaum presented Sergeant Michael Main a promotion to Lieutenant and recognized his growth and career of 5-years with Buhl and his ability to adapt and thrive in his position.

Recognition of promotion to Sergeant for Detective Cody Mai: Chief Engbaum presented Detective Cody Mai a promotion to Sergeant and recognized his dedication and commitment, experience and work ethic, and his search for truth.

Recognition of promotion to Lance Corporal for Corporal Haley Brown: Chief Engbaum presented Corporal Haley Brown a promotion to Lance Corporal and recognized her strength and character in her position as School Resource Officer which he noted as an asset to the community.

Presentation of Idaho State Police Recognition to Sergeant David Katsules: The Idaho State Police wanted to recognize Sergeant David Katsules and K-9 Karma for their help in a recent bust of controlled substances. Chief Engbaum presented Sergeant Katsules with a certificate.

Presentation from representative for JustServe: Kathy Schofield and Scott Dixon presented to Council recognition of the City of Buhl committing to be a JustServe city. Kathy read a statement and noted the recent project of Wreath Across America. She also noted there are 126 other active projects in the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Recommendation to move to Public Hearing for Planning and Zoning Schedule of Uses Amendment to allow Boat and RV Storage as a conditional use permit in B-3 zones: The Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation was to allow Boat and RV Storage as a condition use permit in B-3 zones. Karen explained the consideration was if Council wanted to proceed to public hearing on this matter. Kelly moved to go to public hearing for the zoning amendment to allow RV and Boat storage with a conditional use permit in a B-3 zone. Marla seconded the motion. Kelly questioned if this was not notified. Karen explained that for the planning and zoning public hearing Idaho Code requires that all political jurisdictions be notified. It was reheard by planning and zoning on December 4th. Karen also explained that Idaho Code requires Council consider it before any notice is made for a hearing. Amanda questioned if this was in conjunction with boat storage that was on the agenda before. Karen explained that is why that hearing was canceled previously before Council because code requires Council to recommend it go to public hearing. Amanda questioned if this isn't specific to all B-3 areas. Karen noted the consideration tonight was if Council wanted to go to public hearing. There was a discussion about all the B-3 zone areas on the map. Amanda questioned if Mr. Mason brought this forward at a different meeting. There was a discussion if this goes to public hearing and the amendment is approved by Council then Mr. Mason would have to apply for a conditional use permit with Twin Falls County because his specific property is in the area of impact. Karen explained that if that application goes before Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning the city will be notified and the city can provide comment. There was clarification on the specific code section. Jazmine referred to the recommendation letter from planning and zoning as section 9-8-1. There was no further

discussion. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Amanda voted yes, Kelly voted yes, and Marla voted yes. The motion passed.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor McClain read the below statement.

Marla had a question about Fair Street mail. Mayor McClain stated the administration is aware and is trying to work with the post office on a solution. Karen noted she is waiting on a phone call from the manager of postal operations to answer how to fix this. Mayor McClain noted it needs to be either a walking route or cluster boxes. There was a discussion about delivery walked on Smalley Circle. Scott noted the post office was approached 2-years ago with the plan for this project.

Karen asked about those interested in the City Officials Day registration; the event is January 23rd. The Annual Water Summit is January 22nd. Mayor McClain said if Council could let Karen know by the end of the week.

Kelly noted because over the past 18 months with incidents he has had to rethink his life. He stated that he would be resigning his seat on Council effective December 31st. He thanked the citizens of Buhl who he served and voted for him. He stated that during his time with the city that some of the people were the finest he had ever worked with and that it has been a privilege. Marla stated it has been an honor to serve with him.

Mayor McClain thanked the public works department for the Christmas lights and also Leo in the parks department for the work in replacing the rock around city hall. She also announced that Scott Bybee would be retiring the end of December. It was noted he had been with the city since 1979. Marla and Amanda thanked Scott.

Mayor McClain stated the next meeting would be January 13th and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor McClain stated no one signed up for citizens comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Marla moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk