

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Karen Drown	Clerk
Michael Higbee	Council President	Public Works Director	Regie Finney
Pam McClain	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Chief Eric Foster	Police Chief
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Chief Andrew Stevens	Fire Chief
Andrew Wright	City Attorney	Sheriff Tom Carter	Twin Falls County
Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer	Concerned Citizens	

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of January 22, 2018: Michael Higbee moved to approve the minutes; Kyle Hauser 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: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Sue Gabardi moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report: Scott informed Council they would have a construction meeting on the February 14th for the ICDBG URA sewer and water project. He added they are about 60% complete and they are finding lots of rock. Regie's team is working on water lines for the homes on Sprague.

Scott also commented that building permits for homes are still up. There would be a Planning and Zoning meeting and Urban Renewal Agency meeting on Wednesday, February 21. He concluding by informing Council that he and Teresa continue to catch up on projects.

Michael asked if there had been any further information on the assisted living center on Fair Street. Scott stated they had retained an architect and they were hoping to start in the spring.

He added that the new subdivision also hopes to start construction in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in and Promotion of Police Officers: Chief Eric Foster presented Armando Arroyo and Britny Damron to receive their oath from Mayor Tom McCauley. Chief Foster then introduced Sheriff Tom Carter who swore in all the officers as special deputies for Twin Falls County Sheriff. Chief Foster presented Kevin Hanners with a promotion to Lieutenant. He stated Kevin had been with the city for 15 years and in that time had earned his Bachelor's degree and attending hundreds of hours of training. Chief Foster also presented Britny Damron with her Basic Certificate and Benny Torres with his Intermediate Certificate. Mayor McCauley stated that he is very proud of the police force that the City of Buhl has and the work that they do.

Presentation for Buhl Airport Fly In: This item was cancelled.

Consideration of Resolution of Intent to Exchange Property: Scott Bybee presented the information in regards to the proposed resolution. He explained he had spoken with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation about relocating the RV Park and as long as it is built with the same features as the current one, they do not have a problem with that. He also stated the city staff had met with Valley Co-Op concerning the property that would become the street. He stated there was a discussion about the current truck parking at the back of their property but with the current design that should not be affected until such time as the land is developed further back. Scott also explained the exchange and the fact that the current city property includes Highway 30 right-of-way. That had also been worked into the resolution so the grounds were equal. The last piece that will be finalized is a point by point agreement on the design and items in the new park. Michael did question the access off of Highway 30 and the possibilities of traffic bottle necking because of the lack of a center turn lane. Scott explained that North Canyon Medical is in communications with Idaho Transportation Department on that issue. The most recent plan was to have a joint access to the clinic property and the church next door by moving the access to the east of the current chamber access. Michael moved to approve Resolution No. 396 the Intent to Exchange properties. Pam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Discussion of Intent to Surplus Fire Truck: Chief Stevens presented to Council the option to surplus fire apparatus 24-102 which is the 1998 Freightliner Engine, owned by the city. He explained that this apparatus had not passed a pump test since 2012 and that it does not draft or

have a pressure relief valve. Mayor McCauley added that the Castleford Fire District had inquired about purchasing the truck. Kyle moved to surplus 24-102 and offer it to Castleford. Michael seconded the motion. Kyle suggested donating the truck and using it as good public relations. It was confirmed that the truck was owned solely by the City of Buhl. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Discussion of Change in Moderator for Joint Fire Meetings: Mayor McCauley stated he had asked for this item on the agenda to discuss the option of having a different moderator for the joint meetings. He had some concerns that there might have been some personal issues at the last joint meeting. He added that he would step aside and is ok with that if Council felt that would be best. It was a difficult meeting but he has hopes for the future with the possible appointment of Glenn Van Patten to the board and Melissa Kippes as legal counsel. There was discussion about Council's feelings that there needs to be someone to keep the meeting on track and not going into left field and that there are already too many players involved. It was noted that the district with a board of three commissioners is a different dynamic than Council. Consensus after discussion was to remain with Mayor McCauley as the moderator.

Review and Approval/Consideration of 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements: Elizabeth presented to Council her annual graphs and charts for review of the information provided in the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements. She explained that operations through departments had been frugal the last number of years. There was discussion about the funds increasing in the utility funds which is because of the capital fees that are billed. Those funds allow us to apply for the grants to help with the projects for water and waste water and also sanitation needs. Michael moved to approve the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kyle had a concern about the track becoming a giant dog park. It was noted that the track is school property so they would have to enforce that. Officer Engbaum stated they could monitor the situation for problems.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There were none.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Michael Higbee moved that the meeting be adjourned; Pam McClain seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk