

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 12, 2018
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEARING #1 opened at 7:00 PM

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Kathy Uker from Region IV presented information on the progress of the Idaho Community Development Block Grant project and funding to date. She added the civil rights plan is complete and documents have been updated. Mayor McCauley asked if the city had been reimbursed from the Department of Commerce. Kathy stated they are waiting on a copy of the contract. Pam questioned when a project complete date was scheduled. Scott stated they are hoping for late March or early April depending on weather and the asphalt plant.

Mayor McCauley asked if there was any testimony in support of the project update; there was none. He asked if there was any testimony against the project update; there was none. He asked if there was any testimony neutral and there was none.

The hearing was closed at 7:05 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 opened at 7:05 PM.

J' Dee Adams with North Canyon Medical Center Inc. presented the proposed plan to exchange the current RV Park property for property directly behind the Chamber of Commerce. He stated this has been a project in the works for the last couple of months. He added that a ground breaking was planned for March 29th.

Mayor McCauley asked if there was any testimony in support of the exchange of property; there was none. He asked if there was any testimony against the exchange of property; there was none. He asked if there was any testimony neutral and there was none.

The hearing was closed at 7:07 PM.

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:08 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of February 26, 2018: Michael Higbee moved to approve the minutes; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed. Michael noted that he appreciated detailed minutes since he wasn't at the previous meeting.
- ... Monthly Claims for Payment: Michael Higbee moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Reports: Michael Higbee moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report: Scott informed Council of a site visit that took place on Friday at Seneca with fifteen representatives from different agencies and two from the potential company. He detailed the tour of the facility and the amazing job that Bob Severa and his crew have done to clean up the property for potential buyers.

Planning and Zoning and Urban Renewal will meet next Wednesday. Planning and Zoning have a lot of activity on multiple projects.

Scott updated Council on the progress of the ICDBG project. He stated it has gone well but they have found more rock than expected. He added that Regie had made changes that have improved the project. They had also extended the water line on Elm Street an additional 120 feet to provide service to the eastern Seneca property.

Pam questioned when URA would be reimbursed. Scott stated it should come in the next 10 to 14 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Use of Buhl City Pool for Special Olympics State Summer Aquatics Games: Mayor McCauley presented to Council the request for the Idaho Special Olympics to use the City of Buhl pool for their Summer Aquatic Games. Kyle move to allow the Special Olympics to

use the city pool. Pam seconded the motion. Karen added they had been informed city staff there would be approximately 200 athletes plus support staff and family members. Kelly Peterson, head of the Buhl Parks Department, stated he thought it was a great idea that would bring a lot of people to town and once it was approved through Council they would discuss details for the event further. Consensus of Council members was it was also a great idea and there would be no cost for the use of the facility. There was a vote and the motion passed.

Consideration of Lease Rates on Airport Hanger Leases: Mayor McCauley explained the Airport Board had held several meetings regarding increases to the hanger leases and the Ag spraying leases. He added they would like to continue to make improvements at the airport and to do that they need to look at their revenue. Kyle moved to increase the hanger leases and the Ag spraying leases per the recommendation of the Airport Board. Pam seconded the motion. Michael commented that he is usually not in favor of doubling a rate but if it is recommended by the board he understands. There was a concern if a public hearing would need to take place for the increase. Mayor McCauley asked City Attorney Andrew Wright to review that concern. There was a vote and the motion passed pending legal review.

Consideration of Resolution to Exchange Property: Michael moved to approve Resolution No. 398 for the exchange of land with North Canyon Medical Center Inc. Kyle seconded the motion. Michael asked if there was additional information in regards to plans at the site. J' Dee presented to Council a proposed plan for both the new RV Park and also the new clinic. He detailed some of the points and stated they are currently working with the church on setting up a joint access. Michael stated he had talked to 50 to 100 people and all were in favor of it. It was noted that the RV tenants will probably like the more private area away from Highway 30. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Mayor McCauley stated he had spoken with Bob Bulkley with Castleford Fire District concerning the donation of the fire truck. He stated it had been cleaned up and they couldn't be more excited over the donation. Mayor McCauley noted they would like to present it to them Wednesday, March 14th at 2:00 PM if Council could make it.

Mayor McCauley updated Council on the discussion concerning the school resource officer. He commented he had a conversation with his grandson who told him there had been more police at the school and he thought that was cool. Chief Foster presented to Council additional information regarding the possibilities of the position and the conversation he has been having with parents. He noted that the department has a vested interest because every officer currently has children. It was also noted that 1300 of our citizens are in that location during the day. Consensus was that hiring another officer would be discussed during budget discussions.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There was none.

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 7:40 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk