

CITY COUNCIL WORKING MEETING

MARCH 28, 2022
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pam McClain	Mayor		
Michael Higbee	Council President	Autumn Jones	Treasurer
Kelly Peterson by phone	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works
Amanda Hawkins	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Chief
Marla Sisson	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Karen Drown	Clerk		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

HEARING – 816 Broadway opened at 6:30 PM

Mayor McClain stated this hearing was to receive testimony for the purpose of determining whether a nuisance in fact exists at 816 Broadway Ave North.

Before Council appeared Angel Lopez, owner of the property at 816 Broadway Ave North. Michael asked Mr. Lopez if he would like to clean up the property. Mr. Lopez stated yes he would like to fix it up and renovate the property. He stated the house is costing him financially and would like to clean it up. It was questioned if any items belong to him and he confirmed that none of the items on the property were his. He agrees it is a public nuisance and added the inside is really bad, with just paths through the piles of stuff. Andrew Wright advised Council they could officially consider it a nuisance during the action item under new business.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of March 7, 2022 – Training Meeting
2. Minutes of March 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting
3. Bi- Monthly Claims for Payment
4. Clerk Report
5. Treasurer Report

Michael Higbee moved to approve the consent agenda. Amanda Hawkins seconded the motion. There was discussion and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Testimony at hearing for 816 Broadway concerning Nuisance:

Michael moved to declare 816 Broadway Ave N a public nuisance. Marla seconded the motion. Michael questioned if this only addresses the outside of the property and Andrew Wright confirmed yes it does. There was discussion and if this declaration is made then a date would be set and if between the owner and the tenant the property is cleaned up not further action would be taken. But if the property is not cleaned up in that timeframe the city would hire a company to clean it up with a bill for that cleanup being sent and a lien placed on the property. There was no further discussion and the motion to declare 816 Broadway Ave N a nuisance and give the owner and tenant thirty (30) days to clean passed.

Review and Consideration of Budget Amendment Proposal: Autumn reviewed the information for the departments that were needing to have budget amendments. The library for a total of \$34,500.00 for the Twin Falls Health Initiative Grant, grant applications, and donations to purchase book processing supplies. The street department for \$301,000.00 for the Highway 30 turn lane project for funds to come from ITD. And the airport for \$300,000.00 for AIP funds for a design only project for a new runway and taxi way. She noted the publication dates of April 1, 2022 and April 8, 2022 with a proposed public hearing and amended appropriation ordinance to be considered on April 11th. Michael moved to start the budget amendment process with the presented information. Marla seconded the motion. Amanda asked if the Highway 30 project was a grant. Regie explained it was not a grant but a project in conjunction with ITD with the City of Buhl coordinating the design of the project, plans, and construction. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration Fair Housing Proclamation: Michael moved to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing month in the City of Buhl. Amanda seconded the motion. It was noted that this proclamation is part of the required process for the ICDBG grant. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Karen noted that AIC will be holding their annual spring training in Burley on April 14th. If anyone is interested let her know and she can get the registration complete.

Amanda had asked about the consolidated Joint Fire meeting minutes. Karen pulled up the City of Buhl website and showed where to locate those and how to search for items in them.

Amanda asked about the citizen concern at the last meeting and noted it wasn't in the minutes that was presented at this meeting. Karen noted she had overlooked including those in the minutes. She would go back and complete that omission.

There was a discussion about the next joint fire meeting and what Council would like to present to the joint board. Consensus was to have this item on the April 11th Council meeting to finalize the city's recommendation.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Michael Higbee moved that the meeting be adjourned; Amanda Hawkins seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk