

CITY COUNCIL WORKING MEETING

MAY 22, 2023
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

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| Pam McClain | Mayor | Autumn Jones | Treasurer |
| Michael Higbee | Council President | Jason Scott | Public Works Director |
| Kelly Peterson | Council Member | Jeremy Engbaum | Police Chief |
| Amanda Hawkins | Council Member | Andrew Stevens | Fire Chief |
| Marla Sisson | Council Member | Concerned Citizens | |
| Karen Drown | Clerk | | |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of May 8, 2023 – Regular Meeting
2. Bi- Monthly Claims for Payment
3. Clerk Report
4. Treasurer Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services Pool Party Even Request:
Karisha Renaldi explained she works with foster parent training and retention and they are looking for events for the foster families to do and build connections. She noted her family enjoys the city pool and came before Council to ask to hold an event at the city pool. She is estimating about 50 participants and possibly a food truck. They are looking at holding the event on Wednesday, June 21st. Karen explained this was on the agenda because the request she had

received also asked for a discount. Amanda moved to approve the MVYAS pool party in June. Marla seconded the motion. Kelly noted at events like this not all the adult's swim. He also questioned if there could be a pre-registration and Karisha could notify us a week in advance to allow scheduling enough lifeguards. Discussion included reducing the children's cost to \$1.00. There no further discussion. There was a roll call vote. Kelly voted yes, Amanda voted yes, Michael voted yes, and Marla voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of the final document for the "Cooperation and Reciprocating Fire Service Agreement" with the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District: Kelly moved to approve this final agreement and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Marla seconded the motion. It was stated that everything was adjusted accordingly to the last joint meeting discussion. Andrew Wright stated he had reviewed the agreement and the changes and was good to move forward. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote. Marl voted yes, Amanda voted yes, Michael voted yes, and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Budget Discussion – Council Spending Priorities: Marla began the discussion with noting her agreement with the 10-year plans for the administration, parks, streets, and library, in police she would also like to meet with the school board about an addition SRO position. She stated she would like to see the employee survey. In planning and zoning she would like to look at the comp plan and updated code and would like to hire someone to look it over. She would also like to have a review of retention for employees. Amanda question if retention is a benefits issue? Mayor McClain stated the survey is great; Michael added he would also like to have the survey sent to employees.

Michael stated one of his goals is to maintain and retain competent staff and look at more staff. He noted one of his goals has always been sidewalks but we are finally doing it. In planning and zoning he would like to hire a consultant. Mayor McClain stated there might be a need to look at time of planning and zoning meetings. Michael also stated to encourage department heads to be creative and be more efficient. There was a discussion about the change to the upcoming school year going to four days a week, Tuesday-Friday. Michael noted Wendell has coverage for Mondays for families that need it in their district.

Amanda would also like to look and the needs for planning and zoning. She added she is excited about the survey. She noted there have been a lot of changes in the last year and a lot of work coming.

Kelly noted employee retention is the number one thing to look at this year. He would like to also look at planning and zoning to help plan for growth of the city as he would like quality. He would like to look at consultant and include a knowledgeable citizen panel. He gave an example in Oregon that a citizen panel is part of the budgeting process. He noted retention is important but historical felt it was by popularity/cliue which has effects on employee morale.

Autumn noted the next meeting will be “piece of the pie” discussion. She noted historically they have looked at a 3% cost of living increase.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Michael moved to enter executive session with provisions of Idaho Code 74-206, subsection 1.c to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. He requested a roll call vote. Amanda seconded the motion. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, Amanda voted yes and Kelly voted yes. Those that remained for executive session were Marla Sisson, Michael Higbee, Pam McClain, Amanda Hawkins, Kelly Peterson, Andrew Wright, Jeremy Engbaum, Karen Drown and Autumn Jones. Executive session was entered at 7:15 PM.

Michael moved to adjourn Executive Session. Marla seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, Amanda voted yes, and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed. Executive Session adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Consideration of Executive Session Discussion: Kelly moved to purchase the property at the counter offer price. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Michael moved to put an executive session for this topic on the agenda in one month for the working session in June. Marla seconded the motion. It was noted to give time to look a more specifics. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, Amanda voted yes, and Kelly voted no.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Michael Higbee moved that the meeting be adjourned; Marla Sisson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk