

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

MAY 8, 2017
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	Cynthia Toppen	Library Director
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Andrew Stevens	Fire Chief
Andrew Wright	City Attorney	Scott Bybee	City Engineer

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of April 24, 2017: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Claims for Payment: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Reports: Sue Gabardi moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Pam McClain moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Report of the Engineer: Scott informed Council members that Mayor McCauley, Regie and Scott had attended meetings concerning the phosphorus level regulations that EPA is looking at changing. Consensus of those attending the meeting is the regulations won't be good for anybody. There was discussion about EPA wanting Buhl to measure the amount at the end of the pipeline and not where the water enters the Snake River. Scott explained that Buhl cannot be compared to Twin Falls who dumps directly into the river. There was a discussion about the options the city has going forward and the possibility of third party lawsuits. Council was also informed that the City of Twin Falls is estimating it could cost them \$100 million to comply with the possible new standards. Mayor McCauley is questioning what is Idaho Code or the regulations that define the standards that are being proposed. Mayor McCauley added there had also been

discussions about low cost treatment alternatives and those are being looked at in addition to the meetings.

Michael arrived at 7:15 PM.

Scott informed Council that he is working on the letters of concern for the conditional use permits and reviewing the restrictions set in those permits and violations. He will have draft letters for Council to review at the next meeting.

He updated Council on the URA sewer project which should start advertising for bids in the next couple weeks.

Finally he informed Council that he would be installing AutoCAD on the GIS computer which will allow for project plans to be printed here at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Airport Lease Amendment: Karen explained the amendment was to clear up a typo in the original lease that left out “per 100 square feet” for the lease equation. It also clarified that the lease term would run with the city’s fiscal year. Michael moved to approve Mayor McCauley to sign the amendment to the lease. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

General Fund Projected Revenues Allocations for Fiscal Year 2017-18: Elizabeth reviewed the General Fund revenues and the sources of those revenues. She explained there was an additional \$66,602 in revenue to allocate over last year. There was discussion concerning the one time major needs from last year and those that have been discussed for the 2017-18 budget. Elizabeth explained that the pieces she needed from Council were: how they would like the additional funds allocated, the major needs that Council would like to see taken care of and the final piece would be the direction in regards to salary. Michael suggested on salaries that each department head look at their budget and the salary portion not increase more than 3%. There was discussion about how to achieve the goal of not allowing salary increases to limit the extra amount available for O&M needs. There was further discussion about the costs of health insurance and it was noted that until information about new rates is received in the middle of July the salaries will not be set.

Council discussed the major needs that they would like to see taken care of in the budget. Those included \$65,000 for a sidewalk along one side of Eastman Park and redoing the parking lot at the swimming pool. The Police Department was authorized to look at a part-time staff member for a clerical position. In Library the recommendation was to add \$600 for computers. There was

a discussion about funding for a Quint fire truck and it was stated the truck would be used as much in the district as in the city. The Council's vision is to purchase a Quint and to budget \$400,000 towards that purchase.

Utilities Fund Projected Revenue Review: There was discussion about revenues in the utilities fund. Consensus of Council was the utility salaries would not increase more than the 3% increase tentatively approved for the general fund departments.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Karen reminded everyone of the retirement luncheon for Bill Nungester on Wednesday, May 10th at 11:45 am to 1 pm.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There was none.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kyle Hauser moved that the meeting be adjourned; Pam McClain seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk