

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 10, 2015
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Elizabeth Barker	Clerk/Treasurer
Kyle Hauser	Council President	Karen Drown	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer
Pam McClain	Council Member-by phone	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Michael Higbee	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer/Building Inspector
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	

PUBLIC HEARING opened at 7:00 PM.

Elizabeth Barker confirmed a quorum.

Mayor McCauley explained the hearing was to consider testimony concerning the proposed 2015-2106 Fiscal budget. He asked Elizabeth to speak for the applicant. She explained the proposed budget was drafted by council and it had been published two times in the official Times News newspaper and it showed the revenues and expenditures tentatively approved by council.

Mayor McCauley asked for testimony in support of the proposed budget; there was none. He then asked for testimony against and there was none. He concluded by asking for any testimony that was neutral and there was none.

Hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:03 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Elizabeth Barker confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of July 27, 2015: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Claims for Payment: Michael Higbee moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

- ... Monthly Reports: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly department head reports; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Michael Higbee 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 that the ICDBG project was going well. The past couple weeks they had been working in the McCollum area which falls in the Urban Renewal Agency area for funding. He stated the project would be wrapping up the middle of September even with the additional work that had been added. He also informed council that there had been several areas found where irrigation water had been entering the system. He added that the crews had been doing a great job.

Scott informed council that he was discussing the GIS system with the company that he had been talking with earlier so when the time comes in the new budget year things could be already underway.

He added that work in the building and planning zoning department had been going well with a number of new homes. He informed council that Teresa, Karen and Elizabeth have been a great help in the process.

Finally Scott informed council that the Urban Renewal Agency was working with their attorney regarding the final figures for the Seneca lawsuit. These figures have not yet been received but once they have been, the next year's budget could be completed.

Michael asked if any projects were planned for this winter. Scott stated that there were no projects planned but there are some that will be planned which will use URA funds in the McCollum area for water and sewer lines and possibly complete Katherine Street.

- ... Sewer Service at 4225 N 1400 E: Mayor McCauley asked council for direction for administration in regards to Mr. Lent and his concern. Consensus of council was that a letter to Mr. Lent was appropriate but the situation had been taken care of appropriately and that administration had followed city code. Sue added that Mr. Lent had not asked for anything to be done specifically.
- ... Budget Review: Kyle moved to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Pam seconded the motion. Michael stated he was uncomfortable with some overall salary increases. The vote on the motion was Pam, Kyle and Sue voting aye and Michael voting nay. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Event Permit for Buhl Chamber of Commerce for Beer Garden in McClusky Park:

Michelle Olsen, director of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, presented to council a proposal to have a BBQ Contest and Beverage Garden in McClusky Park on September 19. She explained she had talked to the police about security and confirming attendees' ages before serving and the serving area would be roped off. She had also cleared it with the fire department and keeping the fire lane open for access. She stated that all contestants would be cooking in enclosed grills and would have fire extinguishers at their booth. No open fire pits would be allowed. Michael moved to allow the special permit to allow the BBQ contest and beverage garden in McClusky Park. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Michael had a concern about a letter he had received from the Assistant Fire Chief after the last joint fire meeting and the fact that citizens' concerns had been missed during the meeting. All council members stated they had also received a letter. Mayor McCauley stated he had talked to the Assistant Chief and apologized for missing that item.

Michael also stated he had been approached by a citizen over the concern about citizens watering during the heat of the day and the wasting of water. There was a discussion with Regie and Scott about the possibilities and also the enforcement of such policies. Discussion also continued with why some citizens do water during the day. Council stated they would take it under advisement and research the benefits of a conservation policy.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – Brent Flint, Buhl, Idaho, presented to council concerns with several items which included being penalized for using more than 12,000 gallons in the summer months, two a week garbage pick-ups when only one is needed, the railroad crossing on 12th Ave South and potholes on several streets. Mr. Flint detailed his concerns on these topics and Mayor McCauley stated he would discuss them with the department heads and bring them back to council. At that time a letter would be sent to Mr. Flint.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Kyle moved to enter executive session pursuant to provision of Idaho Code 74-206, subsection 1.b to consider evaluation of staff member and 1.f to communicate with legal counsel; he requested a roll call vote. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous. Executive session was entered at 7:40 PM.

Michael moved to adjourn executive session. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion and executive session was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer