

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2024
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pam McClain	Mayor	Karen Drown	Clerk
Michael Higbee	Council President	Jazmine Mills	P&Z Administrator
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Amanda Hawkins	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Marla Sisson	Council Member		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of July 22, 2024 – Working Session
2. Minutes of July 29, 2024 – Special Session
3. Minutes of July 5, 2024 – Special Session
4. Claims for Payment
5. Monthly Department Head Reports – Fire, Engineer, Police, Public Works, Code Services
6. Commission Minutes – Airport, Library, Buhl Housing Authority
7. Clerk Report
8. Treasurer Report

Michael moved to approve the consent agenda. Marla seconded the motion. Amanda questioned the returning of impounded dogs and some months the amount impounded and released don't equal. Karen stated it is probably a timing issue at the end/beginning of the month. She added if dogs are not successfully returned to their owners, then they are transferred to the animal shelter or a local animal rescue. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote on the motion. 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:

Update on 829 Aiken Nuisance Hearing: Karen updated Council that a hearing was not scheduled for this as planned as the property had been cleaned up. She referenced the photos that were included in Council members packets and stated it is in compliance with City Code.

Review and Consideration of August 21st Special Meeting at 6:00 PM for Comprehensive Plan Workshop: Kelly moved to hold the Special Meeting on August 21st at 6:00 PM. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There was a roll call vote. Michael voted yes, Amanda voted yes, Kelly voted yes, and Marla voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of TRIBE Back to School Movie Night Event in Eastman Park after Closing Hours: Alisa Atkinson presented the plan for the TRIBE Movie Night which will be like the last couple of year. She noted the kids will vote for the movie at to watch at the elementary open house day. She requested the bathrooms be available for the event and noted they will have the monitored every 15 minutes. Marla moved to approve the TRIBE Movie Night in Eastman Park. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There was a roll call vote. Amanda voted yes, Kelly voted yes, Marla voted yes, and Michael voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Acceptance for Buhl Airport Grants AIP and BIL from Federal Aviation Administration: Karen noted this is the final step in acceptance of these funds which locks in the necessity of funding the project. Michael moved to accept the AIP and BIL grants from the Federal Aviation Administration. Marla seconded the motion. Kelly questioned Neil and Kent if they were still at the same point for funding. Kent noted a letter and contact was made with a new guy at the state which is being reviewed and he is still diligently looking for funds to help with additional match. Neil noted they have a construction start date of September 3rd; he added he will be coming to the September 9th meeting with an update and keeping Council updated throughout the project since it is a joint effort to get this done. Amanda asked if the airport is used for the wild fires, Neil noted they have to pay for the use. During construction helicopters might be able to use the taxi way if needed. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote. Kelly voted yes, Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, and Amanda voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration to move forward to Public Hearing on October 14, 2024 for Fiscal Year Budget 2024-2025 Amendment for Buhl Airport Grants: Michael moved to set a public hearing for October 14, 2024 for an amendment to the 2024-2025 Budget. Kelly 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.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor McClain read the below statement.

We need to make sure that we comply with the law with regards to employee privacy issues. If a member of City Council would like to discuss any issues pertaining to complaints, discipline, etc. of a city employee, those will first need to be discussed with the mayor, who is the chief city administrator per Idaho Code 50-602. After review of the complaint, discipline, etc. if it needs to go before City Council it will be listed under an executive session on the upcoming meeting agenda.

There were no Mayor or Council Comments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Doug Fritz, Buhl, ID presented a concern regarding the parking of a Class C motorhome by his neighbor that parks in front of his house on Clear Lakes Road. He stated it is difficult to get out of his driveway. He added the neighbor had an accident at their own house. Mayor McClain noted she had spoken with Chief Engbaum about this situation. Doug added she leaves it there for 72 hours and then takes it down to Oasis then back to the fish plant and then parks it back in the same spot. Andrew noted it is not out of compliance with city code. Doug questioned even for safety. There was further discussion about the safety aspect. Mayor McClain noted the meeting for the comprehensive plan the updating of city code. Kelly stated Doug had contacted him a few months ago; he had that she is very well aware of the parking parameters. There was further discussion about looking at options with time limits or no parking as it is a state highway. Mayor McClain asked Karen to send out the current ordinance for parking to Council members.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Marla Sisson moved that the meeting be adjourned; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk