

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

AUGUST 26, 2019
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Michael Higbee	Council President	Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer
Pam McClain	Council Member	Karen Drown	Clerk
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Sue Gabardi	Council Member		

PUBLIC HEARING called to order at 6:00 PM.

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

Elizabeth explained this hearing was for the presentation of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Budget that Council had been working on since April. She explained she had comparisons to last year that she would review later in the meeting. A copy of the L2 form was included in the meeting packet and would be sent to the Twin Falls County Commissioners once the budget was approved. She noted the final piece would be the annual appropriations ordinance that would be on the agenda for the September 9, 2019 Council meeting.

Mayor McCauley asked if there was any testimony in support of the proposed budget; there was none. He asked if there was any testimony against the proposed budget; there was none.

Mayor McCauley closed the public hearing at 6:02 PM.

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:02 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of August 12, 2019: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Kyle Hauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Pam McClain moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Public Testimony on FY 2019-2020 Budget: Elizabeth reviewed the revenues comparing the fiscal year 2018-2019 and proposed 2019-2020 budgets. She summarized discussions that were had during budget discussions in prior meeting. Those included the update in how the investment earnings are being allocated, the percentage allowed for funding to the library and the \$400,000.00 allocation for the fire truck. She also reviewed the expenditures and the reason for changes in departments that saw an increase.

Michael moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Pam seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Michael voted yes, Kyle voted yes, Pam voted yes, and Sue voted yes; the motion passed.

Discussion of Oasis Trailer Park: Michael started the discussion with concerns over the recent fire that occurred the resulted in the total loss of a recreational trailer and pickup that was setting next to it. He noted it could have been a lot worse. He also added that he is aware that several of the units do not have working bathroom facilities in them which has the occupants using local businesses restrooms for the bathroom and bathing facilities. There was further discussion about the health hazards and code violations that exists. Council directed the administration staff to write a formal letter to the owners.

Karen read the code that addresses RV parks and recreational vehicles and it was noted the ordinance was created in good faith for Seneca and their employees which are now gone. It was noted that the City of Buhl has out grown having this as a welcome to Buhl. It was also suggested to check with Bill Nungester's office to see if they had any previous correspondence on file from the past.

Discussion of Parking Restriction Resolution: Mayor McCauley started by stated he had some mis-giving's about 20 minutes parking. He commented that over the last month of watching the situation at the location at any given time there has been at least two spaces available for his customers. Andrew Wright then addressed his concerns with Council and that according to code each time a request is approve a new resolution would have to be passed. He also stated that the current occupant stated he was not concerned about enforcement but in the future if there is a change in occupants the new one could push the issue of enforcement because the sign is posted.

The discussion continued with the comment that parking is the lowest priority for police and it is a bad idea to create laws that we are not going to enforce. Mayor McCauley also noted that this involves a mixed-use area and that the city needs to consider the whole community. It was discussed that if this parking was restricted the nearest 24-hour parking would be on 9th Ave

North. The area also includes an apartment building who's residents park in the area. Michael noted that he is familiar with the residents and restricting parking could really affect their life.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Michael asked how the project on the water tank was going. Karen shared the photos of the project and the system that was used to do the work. The sandblasting was complete and the coating process was in process.

Kyle noted he felt that the city was headed in the right direction with property cleanup. There was a discussion about the properties that were being cleaned up and the process that involved.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kyle Hauser moved that the meeting be adjourned; Michael Higbee seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk