

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 9, 2021
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Autumn Jones	Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council President	Regie Finney	Public Works
Pam McClain	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum by phone	Police Chief
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Reba Punte	Library Director
Karen Drown	Clerk	Concerned Citizens	

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McCauley asked the applicant to make a statement. Karen Drown stated this was for the ordinance to reduce the airport board from six to five members and remove the council member from this board.

Mayor McCauley asked if there were any questions from Council. There was none.

He asked if there was any testimony in support of the request. There was none.

He asked if there was any testimony in opposition of the request. There was none.

Hearing was closed at 7:06 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of July 26, 2021 – Working Meeting
2. Monthly Claims for Payment
3. Monthly Department Head Reports
4. Commission Minutes
5. Clerk Report
6. Treasurer Report

Pam McClain moved to approve the consent agenda. Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. Pam questioned about the special assessments and the weed special assessments that were referenced in the clerk report. Karen explained that if a property is cleaned up at the cost of the city, then a lien and special assessment are placed on the property tax roll by August 1st. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Monthly City Engineer Report: Scott stated the public works crews are doing a fantastic job with the current ICDBG project. They are looking at submitting a new ICDBG project this fall. The current project has to be 80% down to submit the next application.

Planning and Zoning and Urban Renewal will be meeting on August 18th and be discussing the new cemetery plat.

There was a discussion about the veteran's cemetery. Scott noted the city has not heard anything from anyone since early spring.

Pam asked about commercial businesses looking at projects and was wondering if there was a way Council could be notified before they are approached by members of the community. There was a discussion about this and the fact that a property might have a number of inquiries once it is put on the market. Scott explained a lot of times it is realtors asking very general questions as to all the different uses for the property. He added the city is putting that back on the realtor to figure out by providing them the code and zoning for the property in question. Scott said he would look at sending out a report updating Council members on business activity. Scott did update Council on the work being done at Wilbur-Ellis which should help with noise, smell and dust when complete. He also noted they will continue to submit plans for upcoming project for the capital plans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Buhl Housing Authority Re-Appointment: Michael moved to approve the re-appointment of Dave Klug to the Buhl Housing Authority Board until April 1, 2023. Sue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of airport board ordinance: All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 1004 and being fully apprised of the content and purpose of said Ordinance, Kelly moved that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 which require that said Ordinance be read on three (3) different days, two (2) readings by

Title only and one (1) reading which shall be in full, be dispensed with and that said Ordinance be pass upon one (1) reading by title only. Kelly requested a roll call vote on the motion. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Sue voted yes, Michael voted yes, Pam voted yes and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Pam moved to approve Ordinance No 1004, amending code to reduce the airport board from six members to five members and remove the Council member from the board. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There was a roll call vote. Sue voted yes, Michael voted yes, Pam voted yes and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Mayor and Council members compensation ordinance: All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 1005 and being fully apprised of the content and purpose of said Ordinance, Michael moved that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 which require that said Ordinance be read on three (3) different days, two (2) readings by Title only and one (1) reading which shall be in full, be dispensed with and that said Ordinance be pass upon one (1) reading by title only. Michael requested a roll call vote on the motion. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Sue voted yes, Michael voted yes, Pam voted yes and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Pam moved to approve Ordinance No 1005, correcting the mayor and council compensation ordinance to include the line that mayor and council shall receive the same employee benefits as any full-time city employee except for accrual of paid time off (PTO). Michael seconded the motion. Karen explained this line was in the draft ordinance from the Idaho Secretary of State's office and had not been included when the ordinance was considered in 2019. There was a roll call vote. Sue voted yes, Michael voted yes, Pam voted yes and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Budget Discussion – Review of Final budgets for Admin, Planning & Zoning, Community Service, Police, Parks & Rec, Police Forfeiture, Streets, Library, Airport, General Fund Contingency, Water, Sanitation, Wastewater and Utilities grant funded projects Budgets: Pam moved to approve the final budget as presented, she requested a roll call vote. Kelly seconded the motion. Autumn did note the budget for utility grant funded projects did include \$425,000 in water and \$425,000 in wastewater if the National Veteran's Cemetery does come back to the city and want to do that project. That was the budget would not have to be amended. Michael noted he did vote against several of these budgets at a prior meeting but noted they are voting as a body but still has reservations about concerns with proposed salaries. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote. Sue voted yes, Michael voted yes, Pam voted yes and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kelly wanted to express his gratitude at how well the pool was being operated this year. He commended Leo on the great job and stated to Regie he hoped he could get him back next year. Regie stated he did one better and hired Leo to fill the recently empty parks position.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There were none.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kelly Peterson moved that the meeting be adjourned; Pam McClain seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk