

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council President	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Pam McClain	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Department
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Elizabeth Barker confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of August 28, 2017: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi 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; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Monthly Reports of Department Heads: Pam McClain 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.
- ... Monthly Report of City Engineer: Scott stated that he would be attending the Water Advisory Group meeting this coming week. This is the group that is meeting to discuss and deal with the proposed phosphorus standards. It will be the first meeting since May. He also stated that the sewer project will begin October 18th. Additionally there has been a lot of P&Z activity and building requests are still coming in.

Michael asked about the progress with the Assisted Living project. Scott stated that he had been meeting with the involved parties every three weeks or so. He said there were some issues concerning private roads that needed to be defined and he noted that they are moving more toward four-plexes rather than single unit dwellings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of 2017-2018 Appropriation Ordinance: Pam McClain moved to suspend the rule and pass the ordinance upon one reading by Title only. All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 987 and being fully apprised of the content and purpose of said Ordinance, Pam 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 passed upon one (1) reading by Title only. Pam requested a Roll Call Vote on the motion. Michael Higbee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Michael voted yes, Kyle voted yes, Pam voted yes, and Sue voted yes. Tom read the ordinance by Title only. Michael Higbee moved that Ordinance No. 987 be approved. Kyle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Michael voted yes, Kyle voted yes, Pam voted yes, and Sue voted yes. The motion passed. Elizabeth stated that the Appropriations Ordinance will be published once in the Buhl Herald, our legal paper of record, prior to October 1.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kyle stated that he had had some complaints from citizens about weeds in town. Regie reported on Rick Brook's work. It was noted that the administration is in the process of changing our code so that weed problems and other code violations are infractions, rather than misdemeanors. With infractions, a fine is assessed and the issue doesn't have to go to court. The prosecutor's office is not interested in prosecuting weed complaints and code violations. Tom stated that the city approach would still be to gain compliance, not enforce compliance.

Michael asked what progress was being made on the Oasis limited use permit issue regarding the trailers that are parked behind the Oasis. Scott stated that the administration had been unable to find any record of a permit for that area. A discussion followed concerning the problems that were arising in that area of town. Michael stated that he felt that it should be shut down for health issues. There was some discussion as to who the owner of the area is. It was agreed that Scott will talk to District Health and to Andrew Wright concerning this matter.

Kyle asked what progress was being made on keeping Barragan's wrecker yard across from Seneca in compliance. He and other council members stated that there are multiple vehicles parked in the road. After discussion, it was agreed that Scott would send a letter; Regie would contact the Idaho State Police because ITD owns the right of way; and Jeremy stated that the police could tag the cars for towing.

In regards to other businesses which are not in compliance with their permits, Scott stated that they have been sent letters and have been invited to attend the P&Z meeting and explain their non-compliance.

Pam stated that she will not be at the meeting on September 25th. Tom stated that he would be out of the office from Wednesday of this week through Monday.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS – Nils Lundgren and Casey Clements who were attending for Eagle Scout requirements introduced themselves.

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 8:22 PM.

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Barker, acting as City Clerk