

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pam McClain	Mayor	Autumn Jones	Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council President	Jason Scott	Public Works Director
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Chief
Amanda Hawkins	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Marla Sisson	Council Member	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Karen Drown	Clerk	Concerned Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor McClain opened the public hearing at 6:30 PM. She asked the applicant to make a statement. Autumn stated the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget amendment was for \$190,000 in the sanitation capital reserve fund for the back/dumper of the new sanitation truck.

Mayor McClain stated no one has signed up to testify in support, against or neutral.

The hearing was closed at 6:31 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of August 28, 2023 – Working Session
2. Claims for Payment
3. Monthly Department Head Reports
4. Commission Minutes
5. Clerk Report
6. Treasurer Report

Michael Higbee moved to approve the consent agenda. Marla Sisson seconded the motion. Amanda questioned a portion of the police department report and Mike Main returning to the city. She questioned why there was an opening. Jeremy Engbaum noted Benny Torres resigned. There was a roll call vote. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, Amand voted yes, and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

MONTHLY CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Scott informed Council that Sage Crest is starting on the cottages west of the current care center. He is working on setting up a meeting with Wilbur-Ellis to discuss the roads. He stated the IDEQ application for the water study is due October 31 and a RFQ would be planned the first of the year. He stated a walk-about for a potential URA Area 3 was scheduled for September 12th with Brent Holland, a URA specialist. He is getting the water/sewer project wrapped up.

Kelly clarified on the cottages at Sage Crest is the development off of Fair Ave. There was a short discussion about the care center which Michael clarified it is a 16 bed which is the maximum size before additional regulations are in place.

Kelly also noted the new home in the Williams subdivision and the speed it has gone up.

Amanda asked about the meeting with Wilbur-Ellis and to let her know the dates of the meeting. Karen noted she would need clarification from Andrew Wright on Council members attending that meeting as a potential application could come before them in a public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Amended Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 1022 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 passed upon one (1) reading by title only. Michael requested a roll call vote on the motion. Kelly seconded the motion. Amanda noted she had not been able to open the file in the council packet; Karen provided a paper copy for Amanda's review. Amanda questioned this was to go to public hearing; it was noted that was the public hearing that was just held. Kelly voted yes, Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, and Amanda voted no. The motion passed.

Michael moved to approve Ordinance 1022, amending the 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget for the purchase of the new sanitation truck back/dumper. Marla seconded the motion. Mayor McClain read the title of the ordinance. Amanda questioned when this had been discussed. Autumn noted the meeting prior the August 22nd as that was the first day the hearing notice was published and Karen specified August 14th. Michael noted that purchasing it out right saved the city \$58,000 in interest. 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.

Review and Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024: All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 1023 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 passed upon one (1) reading by title only. Michael requested a roll call vote on the motion. Kelly seconded the motion. Amanda noted she had not been able to open this file also in the council packet; Karen provided a paper copy for Amanda's review. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, Amanda voted no, and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Michael moved to approve Ordinance 1023, finalizing the 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget. Marla seconded the motion. Autumn noted the layout of this ordinance is different from previous appropriation ordinances due to new requirements of the state central portal. Michael thanked the city staff for all the work on this and the time away from their families to complete this budget. Mayor McClain noted details of the state central portal and a new portal for Transparent Idaho were included in the clerk/treasurer report. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Kelly voted yes, Amanda voted no, Marla voted yes, and Michael voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Door-to-Door Application for Barrier Pest Control: Michael Dean, owner of Barrier Pest Control, came before Council for his application for a door-to-door sales permit. He stated his company has been in business since 2006 and he would like to open up more business in the area. He noted he only hires really nice kids; he added his salesmen are not pushy. He stated he wanted to do process the right way. Marla moved to approve the door-to-door application for Barrier Pest Control. Amanda seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the dates that had been requested on the application. Michael Dean stated he would really like to have the permit for a full year and if the request could be changed, he would appreciate it. Marla amended her motion to allow for a year on the permit. Amanda seconded the amended motion. There was no further discussion. Amanda voted yes, Kelly voted yes, Marla voted yes, and Michael voted yes. The motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Kelly questioned if there were any other door-to-door permits active. Karen noted that DaBella still has and active permit.

Michael questioned the closing on the building. Jeremy noted it closed on August 31st and the utilities had been switched over and insurance had been notified.

Amanda questioned if staff had reached out to Jeanette about the police and fire reports. Karen noted the mayor had spoken with Reme Pullicar and the chamber board had not approved any publications that would include these reports. It was noted if Jeanette or the chamber would like these reports, they would need to complete a public records request.

Amanda noted there had been jetting of the sewer lines and specific notification had not been provided. Karen noted a notice had been placed on Facebook and door hangers had been placed on those that were known to have problems in the past. Amanda noted her home had water on the bathroom floor. Karen noted that public works had stated that if residents were having issues with this, they need to investigate their plumbing as it should not come back into the home.

Amanda questioned an email that Council members had received about an incident with the police. Andrew stated this needed to take the typical process and if they filed complaints or suite then it would be handled accordingly but advised against having a general discussion about it.

Mayor McClain reminded everyone of the town hall meeting at the September 25th Council meeting. She stated it would take place at the Popplewell Elementary Cafeteria and there will be the consent agenda that night as it is the end of the fiscal year and there are bills that will need to be paid.

Mayor McClain also stated there is a contested race for Council. The Buhl Chamber of Commerce will be holding a get to know your candidate's event. Amanda questioned if the city was sponsoring this. Mayor McClain stated the chamber is promoting this.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizens comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Michael Higbee moved that the meeting be adjourned; Marla Sisson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk