

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 9, 2020
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Michael Higbee	Council President	Karen Drown	Clerk
Pam McClain	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of February 24, 2020 – Working Session
2. Monthly Claims for Payment
3. Monthly Department Head Report
4. Commission Minutes
5. Clerk Report
6. Treasurer Report

Pam McClain moved to approve the consent agenda. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

MONTHLY CITY ENGINEER REPORT:

Scott began by informing Council the ICDBG application was resubmitted on March 6th. He noted the Department of Commerce was concerned with the schedule in the original application. He stated that had been reworked for the second submission. He handed out the Council a map showing the proposed work areas, the schedule and the budget for the project.

Scott noted in the building department new homes permits continue to come in.

Mayor McCauley added additional information to the engineer report concerning the grant that was awarded to the Buhl Municipal Airport. The first one is for \$600,000.00 with a supplemental grant for \$300,000.00 to follow. He stated they are starting the bidding process now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Update from Southern Idaho Tourism: Melissa Berry, director of Southern Idaho Tourism, presented to Council their annual update concerning tourism in the Magic Valley area. She noted they have been working on promoting the rural along with the bigger draw attractions and balancing those for all the visitors to Southern Idaho. She noted they had just recently hired a videographer which they will use to create new videos to draw people to the area. She noted their official request for the coming year would come later in the year.

Presentation of All Hazard Mitigation Plan: Jackie Frey, with Twin Falls County, presented information regarding the Twin Falls County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. She provided a copy of the plan on a CD and once all the cities in the county sign the endorsement; she will provide a printed copy to each city. She stated the plan has to be done every 5 years and is used in grant and funding application. She noted that during the flooding in January of 2017 because of the large amounts of snow this plan has helped cover \$9 million costs so far. Michael moved to direct Mayor McCauley to sign the letter of endorsement. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Arbor Day Proclamation: Kelly moved to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation for April 24th, 2020. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Industry Rate Resolution: Karen explained over the past months the administration had worked with Andrew Wright, city attorney and Brandon Barrett, Wright Brothers Law to draft this resolution that defines in detail how the industry billings were calculated back when the bonds were taken out in 2008. She noted this resolution does not change any of those fees that the industries are currently being billed. Andrew also noted that it defined the industries and the properties they entailed. Michael moved to adopt the Industry Rate Resolution #407. Sue seconded the motion. It was noted that this resolution was proposed because the current rate resolution was very brief on the industry section and in the past five years each one of the industries in Buhl had sold. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Discussion of 129,000 lb. Truck Permitting: Regie explained to Council he had received an application form Idaho Milk Transport to permit 129,000 trucks on Burley Ave. He noted that because of the future grant project for Burley Ave. he had a report and 85 to 90 percent of that road was failing. He stated the trucks hauling 80,000 and 105,000 pounds are beating up the road currently. He also noted the permit is on \$57.00 per year for each truck and that won't even cover patching costs. He stated at this time he will be denying the request. Regie informed

Council the Buhl Highway district had received a request and will also be denying it. There was a discussion about the route these trucks would use and they have to use highway district and city roads to get to Highway 30 and Highway 46. Regie noted the applicant had also inquired about using Sawtooth Ave. He concluded that it is a good theory but the infrastructure just not there right now. Mayor McCauley noted the supporters are saying the more weight is being hauled on more axles and not affecting roads. There is discussion with the Idaho Transportation Department concerning the loads that are running now and many of those overweight and not being legal.

Council Concerns

There was none.

Citizen Concerns

There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pam moved to enter executive session with provisions of Idaho Code 74-206, subsection 1.a, to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent and also subsection 1.f, to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated. She requested a roll call vote. Michael seconded the motion. Sue voted yes, Michael voted yes, Pam voted yes, and Kelly voted yes. Mayor McCauley excused everyone but the council member, Karen Drown, Andrew Wright; and Scott Bybee for the second portion. Executive session was entered at 7:50 pm. Pam moved to adjourn Executive session. Sue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed. Executive session adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Consideration of Department Head Appointment: Mayor McCauley stated after the process he is recommending Jeremy Engbaum for Buhl Police Chief. Pam moved to approve Jeremy Engbaum as police chief. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Pam McClain moved that the meeting be adjourned; Michael Higbee seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk