

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer
Michael Higbee	Council President	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Pam McClain	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Chief
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Autumn Jones	Billing Clerk
Karen Drown	Clerk	Guests & Concerned Citizens	

Because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic Buhl City Council made this meeting available telephonically.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

A short ceremony was held for Mayor McCauley to swear in officers Haley Brown, Jayson Wheeler and Mike Main. Chief Craig Kingsbury with Twin Falls Police Department swore in Chief Jeremy Engbaum. Mayor McCauley noted that both Chief Kingsbury and Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall, who was also present, were instrumental in the interview and selection process for the chief position. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the swearing in had been postponed until today.

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Claims for Payment
2. Monthly Department Head Reports
3. Commission Minutes
4. Clerk Report
5. Treasurer Report

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

MONTHLY CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Scott reported he had resubmitted the plans to DEQ for the ICDBG project. He noted that this was the second revision they had asked for since the plans were originally submitted. Scott also reported the September Planning and Zoning meeting had been cancelled, the one item that was on the agenda dropped off and Barbra Gietzen and Scott decided that meeting just to meet was not needed with the current concerns. He summarized that building plans are still coming in with Homestead starting their next phase and Sagecrest going well with the decision on fire flow questions and the kitchen hood.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Show and Shine Car Show and Parade on October 3, 2020: Steven and Lisa Belt attended to present a plan to hold a Show and Shine Car Show and Parade to benefit the need in our community to cover lunch expenses for the children who cannot afford lunch. It will be registration by donation along with a silent auction. They would like to hold it in conjunction with the Saturday Farmers Market and extend the road closure on Main Street for the block between Broadway and 9th Ave N. There was a discussion about concerns with closing off that section of Main Street and speaking with the businesses in the area prior to the event. It was noted the Buhl Chamber of Commerce was not co-sponsoring the event but have offered to help. There was further discussion about practicing safe procedures with COVID-19 suggestions. Pam moved to approve the car show and shine for October 3rd for Main Street between 11th Ave N and 12th Ave N. Sue seconded the motion. Michael asked for plenty of signage asking for social distancing and Pam stated she thought it was for a good cause. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Tractors Grille Beer and Wine License: Karen explained this was a new applicant for a general beer and wine license. She was just starting the process with the state and her city license wouldn't be released until both the state and county licenses were received. Michael moved to approve the beer and wine license for Tractors Grille. Pam seconded the motion. There was clarification that this was not the new license the state was allowing. Karen explained the new one the state was working on was for liquor and the new applicant had not applied with the city yet. There was no further discussion and the motion passed

Review and Consideration of Airport Hangar Lease Agreement: Mayor McCauley explained the current lease had some conflicts on how the leases were billed and the time frame that was worked through in sending out the billings. Also, Andrew Wright and reviewed the lease and

there was a conflict between a sentence in the Rental section and the wording under Termination of Lease. Pam moved to approve the revised lease agreement. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Utility Rate Resolution: Michael moved to adopt Resolution No. 410 increasing the water, sewer, operating and maintenance and admin fees by 1%. Pam seconded the motion. Pam questioned if something was missing because of some blank areas on pages. It was explained it was a formatting error and nothing was missing, it would be corrected on the official printed copy. There was no further questions and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of 2020-2021 Appropriation Ordinance: All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 999 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. Sue seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Pam voted yes, Michael voted yes, Sue voted yes and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Michael moved to approve Ordinance No 999, adopting 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget. Pam seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Pam voted yes, Michael voted yes, Sue voted yes and Kelly voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Grant Administration Contract with Region IV Development: Region IV had asked to have this item moved to the next meeting.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Michael asked what the protocol for barking dogs was. He had been approached by a citizen. Karen explained the best course was to have the citizen call the non-emergency dispatch when the dog was barking, an officer would then be dispatched and the citizen would have to sign the citation.

Kelly asked if there had been any mess left or complaints from the Vandal potluck event in Eastman Park. Both Regie and Karen stated they hadn't received any complaints of problems from the event.

It was asked if there had been update on the DMV office. Mayor McCauley and Karen both stated as of that morning there was new information. Brad Wills, Twin Falls County Accessor had emailed and stated they are planning to open December 1st at 330 Broadway Ave North.

Mayor McCauley noted that airport project was complete. They came in under budget and ahead of schedule. With the exception of the process submitting the payment reimbursements to the FAA which will be completed in the next few weeks.

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 7:47 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk