

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

JANUARY 24, 2022
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pam McClain	Mayor	Karen Drown	Clerk
Michael Higbee	Council President	Autumn Jones	Treasurer
Kelly Peterson by phone	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works
Amanda Hawkins	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Chief
Marla Sisson	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:30 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of February 14, 2022 – Working Meeting
2. Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment
3. Clerk Report
4. Treasurer Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of Nuisance of Property at 816 Broadway Ave N: Michael moved to schedule a hearing concerning the property for 816 Broadway. Marla seconded the motion. Karen explained the timeframe of events that had been included in the Council packet regarding notices and citations at 816 Broadway. She also reviewed City of Buhl Code 3-2-1 to 3-2-7 on the process for Council to consider calling a hearing. There was discussion about the citation

process and the condition of the property. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Planning and Zoning Appointment: Michael moved to appoint Jeff Gabardi to the Planning and Zoning Board. Marla seconded the motion. Michael noted at a previous public hearing Jeff had presented and more prepared than anyone he had seen before Council. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Additional Discussion of JMA Research Discussion: Karen and Autumn presented the research information they had gathered regarding other entities and historical department budgets. Chief Stevens noted the bill to reimburse for Medicaid calls had passed the House and was going to the Senate.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Michael asked if there was a response he should give concerning the recent case in the police department. Chief Engbaum stated the police had released a statement approved by Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb and that should be the response.

An update for concerns had been provided to Council; those included parking in front yards, truck parking in residential neighborhoods and creation of the community services department. There was a discussion about these items; Amanda also stated a concern about public record requests and noted from page 23 of the AIC Newly Elected Training guide. There was further discussion about these and Council concerns in general as this is where Council can ask questions about items not on the agenda. Michael noted these cannot address evaluation of specific employees.

It was reminded there would be the special training on March 7th at 1:00 PM and the special joint meeting at 6:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Michael Higbee moved that the meeting be adjourned; Marla Sisson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk