

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 8, 2021
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Karen Drown	Clerk
Michael Higbee	Council President	Autumn Jones	Assistant Clerk/Treasurer
Pam McClain	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Scott Bybee	City Engineer
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	

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

REGULAR SESSION called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of February 22, 2021 – Working Meeting
2. Monthly Claims for Payment
3. Monthly Department Head Reports
4. Commission Minutes
5. Clerk Report
6. 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 informed Council he and Regie have been waiting on approval from the National Cemetery and the approval for that project should be coming any day.

He also noted the city is meeting and working with the property owners on Highway 30. Scott informed Council, Regie had been able to get the Idaho Transportation Department involved

with the project. They are planning on funding \$301,000.00 on top of the \$150,000.00 the city has budgeted. The project is being planned for August/September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of ICDBG project: Scott presented the bid results. There were two bidders with the low bid going to Walton Inc. Scott explained the bids came in higher because of the costs being higher. The project received \$454,800.00 from the Department of Commerce, \$400,000.00 from the city and \$250,000.00 from the Buhl Urban Renewal Agency. He explained how the project had been modified to get it under budget and those modification have been reviewed and agreed to by the Department of Commerce and Walton Inc. Scott stated the new target award is \$942,593.50, which is after the reduction of \$467,526.75 to the project. Scott will continue to work closely with Andy Walton on the change order. He also noted the biggest concern of this project is the section of Burley Ave that will be impacted.

Award of Bid for ICDBG project contract: Michael moved to award the bid for the ICDBG project and sign the notice of award. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kelly presented information regarding his position on the airport board. There were concerns from other people on the commission that don't feel he is a voting member. There was a discussion about the history of this code and both Michael and Pam noted when they sat on the board they did not vote. Karen stated she could pull the ordinances that created this code and see if there is any further explanation. Mayor McCauley also asked Andrew Wright to review and make recommendations. The finding will be presented at a future meeting.

Michael questioned the new addition of shipping containers at the property on Elm Street. He also questioned the owner's intent of the containers. Scott and Karen explained no new applications for that property had been received either through the city or planning and zoning but Scott and Andrew were reviewing the code on this situation. Michael noted he was alarmed more had been moved in.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There were none.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Pam McClain moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kelly Peterson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk