

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Michael Higbee	Council President	Karen Drown	Clerk
Pam McClain	Council Member	Autumn Jones	Treasurer
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Chief
		Concerned Citizens	

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McCauley asked the applicant to make a statement. Jackie Frey representing the West End Cemetery Board stated they are opening up a new section at the cemetery. This process is classified as a subdivision. Karen added the subdivision application had been reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board who held a public hearing and recommended it to proceed to Council. There was a discussion about waiving the subdivision application fee, which Karen noted had been done several months ago.

Mayor McCauley asked if there were any questions from Council. There was clarification of the location of the area to be developed, which falls to the north of the newer section. Jackie noted that section was filling up and COVID was part of it. It was also discussed that with the amount of rock it would be excavated as needed for burials because of the cost to remove it.

He asked if there was any testimony in support of the application. There was none.

He asked if there was any testimony in opposition of the application. There was none.

He asked if there was any testimony that was neutral of the application. There was none.

Hearing was closed at 6:06 PM.

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:06 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of September 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting
2. Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment
3. Clerk Report
4. Treasurer Report

Pam McClain moved to approve the consent agenda. Kelly Peterson seconded the motion. Karen updated Council that vandalism was still occurring at the new restrooms in Eastman Park and that it might come to closing the facility all together. There was a discussion about social media challenges possibly causing the kids to do the damages. Frustrations were voiced about this and the fact a nice new facility cannot be appreciated. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of West End Cemetery Subdivision Application: Pam moved to approve the subdivision application for the West End Cemetery District. Kelly seconded the motion. There was a short discussion about the location and the amount of rock in that location. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Utility Rate Resolution: Karen and Andrew discussed with Council how the proposed resolution was a combination of the utility resolution and the industry resolution. This would allow one resolution to be updated if rates are changed and not have resolution referring back to old resolutions. Kelly moved to approve Resolution No. 420. Michael seconded the motion. There was discussion how a change in utility rates affect the industry figures and Karen explained the amount for the usage is figured with the new rate. The rates are also used if any industry has usage over the base bond amount to calculate the additional.

Review and Consideration of Storage Containers: Andrew presented information about a discussion and future consideration of storage containers used for different uses and the zones within Buhl. It was noted there are inquires about them often. Andre added that some city's say no all together and some allow with stipulations. There was further discussion about Council's feelings on these units. The options that need to be addressed are whether to allow them in different zones and the stipulations for them. Andrew said he would work some ideas up for review.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Michael noted he had received an email for Gene Brice and Idaho Milk Transport. He questioned if anyone else had received the same email. Karen explained she had received a phone call asking about apply for the 129,000 route again. She informed the lady from Idaho Milk Transport that the application was on Idaho Transportation Website and to fill it out with any new information since the last request was considered and she would present the new information to Council to see if they would like to rehear the application.

There was further discussion about the speed limits through the construction zone and the safety issues that have been taking place with individuals going around the road close signs.

Sue questioned the hay storage business south on Fair Street. She wondered if the silage was allowed for the property. She also noted the large trucks going through at night. Regie noted that was zoned AG.

Mayor McCauley stated he had received a concern about a flag being flown west of town using profanity in large letters. The citizen was asking if anything could be done about it because school children are going by there seeing it. The mayor stated the citizen was willing to go and talk to the property owner. Andrew was questioned if there were any obscenity laws, he said he would review it. The concern was this is not what our community stands for and it is the first thing as someone comes into town.

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 7:07 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk