

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2011 5:30 P.M. IONA
COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Brad Andersen, Council President Jane Shaw, Council member Bruce Case, Council member Dennis McArthur, Public Works Director Zech Prouse, City Clerk Robyn Keyes, Treasurer Ron Nelson, Police Chief Shannon Basaraba.

ABSENT: Council member Dan Gubler.

VISITORS: Clay Blakely, Tammy Blakely, Reanna Blakely, Ross Johnson, Jeremy Nelson, David Louk, Sally Louk, Spencer Reeves, Ryan Reeves, Heidi Reeves.

Mayor Andersen welcomed everyone and Clerk Keyes led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognize Eagle Scout. Mayor Andersen welcomed Spencer Reeves, presented him with a certificate of achievement and asked him to explain his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Reeves said he had calculated the total distance of the walking path in the Square and posted signs for walkers and runners of the distance around the path. He also painted a white stripe down the center of the path to help separate walkers and bicyclists for safety purposes.

Mayor Andersen said the Eagle Scout's projects added much value to the City and thanked Mr. Reeves for his efforts.

Naming of City Shop. Mayor Andersen said Ross Johnson was the Public Works Supervisor and Police Chief for many years in Iona and helped the City operate smoothly. The Mayor explained that Mr. Johnson's typical work day included many after-hours issues, much of which he performed off the clock. Mayor Andersen turned the time over to Director Prouse.

Director Prouse said Mr. Johnson trained him to operate the public works department and taught him to be patient with the citizens when they had problems.

Mayor Andersen and Director Prouse presented a Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Johnson and declared the City shop named the Ross L. Johnson Public Works Facility. The Mayor and Director thanked Mr. Johnson for his years of dedication to the City.

Mr. Johnson thanked everyone and said he enjoyed living and working in Iona.

Consent Agenda. The minutes, financial, and expense reports were reviewed. Mayor Andersen commented that each month the budget report should show an approximate 8.3% of total budget received and expended so the financial report for November should be at approximately 16.6% received and expended.

The Mayor asked Director Prouse if he would help Council member Gubler with finding a home for the old fire truck. Prouse said he would.

Mayor Andersen asked Chief Basaraba how the dispatch and animal control contract was emerging. The Chief said the dispatch contract was agreed upon at approximately \$9,000 for the

year. The Chief said the County did not want to discuss the animal contract without a law enforcement contract in place. Basaraba said he believed the animal control contract should fall under the same statute as the law enforcement contract in that the County was required to respond when called for the service. Chief Basaraba said Attorney Storer was in the process of developing a proposal for the City regarding the issues with the County Sheriff and provisions of services.

Mayor Andersen asked if the wording for the signs in the park had been decided upon. Chief Basaraba said Attorney Storer was drafting an ordinance for the park closure and the signs would be made in alignment with the ordinance.

Mayor Andersen asked Chief Basaraba if the City would be required to pay Whisper Mountain annually for their service with the Emergency Operations Plan. The Chief said the City could choose the training it wanted and control the cost each year. Mayor Andersen asked the Council members to look at the list of available training through Whisper Mountain and give suggestions for training at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from Council.

Council member Case made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Canvass of Votes. Mayor Andersen said even though the City of Iona had one of the better percentages of voter turn-out within the County, the percent was still very low at 26%. The Mayor said he would like to see more people cast his or her votes during election times.

The total canvass of votes for each candidate were as follows: Robert Geray, 110 votes; Dan Gubler, 101 votes; Sally Louk, 78 votes, Thane Price, 81 votes, Jane Shaw, 64 votes.

Council member Case made a motion to approve the canvass of votes.

Council President Shaw seconded the motion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Resignation Approval. Mayor Andersen said he was sad to see Council member McArthur resign but understood the purpose; which was to fulfill a mission for the LDS Church. Mayor Andersen said the resignation letter needed a specific effective date. Council member McArthur said his last day would be January 23, 2012.

Council member Case made a motion to accept Council member McArthur's letter of resignation with the effective date added of January 23, 2012.

Council President Shaw seconded the motion.
All were in favor. Motion carried.

Cable Franchise Ordinance Renewal Approval. Mayor Andersen asked if anyone had questions regarding the cable franchise renewal. Clerk Keyes noted that two major changes were the increase from 3% to 5% in amount of revenue the City received, and the increase in liability insurance carried by the cable company. Council member Case said the other change was the five year review requirement to assess the amount of insurance required.

Council President Shaw made a motion to approve the Cable Franchise Renewal.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

AYE: Council President Shaw, Council member Case, Council member McArthur.

NAY: None.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Declaration of Surplus Items. Clerk Keyes explained the City had items it no longer needed and she would like to either sell or donate the items.

The surplus items were as follows: a pool table, Compaq computer, Oneida Printer, HP fax machine, office desk, and John Deere riding lawnmower.

Director Prouse said the desk should be kept in the extra room in the City building. Clerk Keyes crossed the desk off of the list.

The Council agreed to try to sell the pool table and lawn mower through a sealed bid process and donate the remaining items. Director Prouse said the John Deere was worth at least \$500. Mayor Andersen recommended assigning a minimum bid to the lawn mower.

Council member McArthur made a motion to dispose of surplus items as discussed.

Council member Case seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Reports

Director Prouse, no further report.

Chief Basaraba, no further report.

Council President Shaw, no report.

Treasurer Nelson, no report.

Clerk Keyes reported that she needed a schedule from the choir practicing in the building on Sundays to help avoid conflict of other building schedules.

Mayor Andersen said that typically when the City allowed non-profit groups to use the building the City asked for help with community projects in return.

Clerk Keyes also reported that the City had signed up for a discount program through Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP). ICRMP is the primary source of property and casualty loss protection for Idaho local government and special purpose districts. ICRMP is offering a 5% discount for customers who implement a personnel policy, workplace harassment policy, and vehicle use policy: everyone on the payroll must review the policies and complete online training in order to receive the discount.

Clerk Keyes said she would send the information out at the beginning of the month.

Council member Case, no report.

Council member McArthur said the Lion's Club had 24 Iona limited edition prints left for purchase.

Mayor Andersen said a homeowner had approached him in October regarding an issue with the irrigation ditch in front of the homeowner's house. The issue was that Intermountain Gas ran a gas line to her home two or three years ago and this year water from the ditch followed the gas line trench to her home and flooded her basement. She called the City to have the water stopped, which Director Prouse closed the gate and stopped the water. The homeowner had the water damage repaired and on the last day of the repairs someone (unknown) opened the head gate and let the water flow, which flooded her basement for a second time. The homeowner claimed that initially the City helped her late husband dig the ditch, and she was asking the City to help with the cost of the clean-up.

Mayor Andersen said the problem was the ditch was on City property, but according to the irrigation company, the responsibility of maintaining the ditch fell upon the users, which were homeowners. Because the ditch was on City property the homeowner believed the City had certain responsibility in maintaining the ditch. The gas company would not claim responsibility for digging the trench: their work was warranted for only one year.

David Louk said that because some unknown water user opened the head gate during repairs, it should not be the City's responsibility to guard the gate, or pay for the damage repair. He said paying for a homeowner's repairs could set precedence.

Council member Case said he did not have a problem with paying to solve the problem, which would be correcting the grade and culvert in front of the homeowner's property.

Mayor Andersen agreed: he said the City benefited from homeowners using the ditch to irrigate their lawns in the summer.

Sally Louk commented that the homeowner was an older citizen who lived on a fixed income. Sally said someone from the City probably did help with the ditch, but back then they were probably helping on their own time as a neighborly thing to do. Sally also suggested putting in the newsletter a reminder that maintenance of the ditches belonged to the users.

Mayor Andersen agreed with Mrs. Louk. The Mayor recommended the City help install a new culvert to help solve the drainage issue and then ask Attorney Storer about the damage repair issue. The Council agreed.

Council President Shaw made a motion to adjourn.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn 6:30 p.m.

The Council joined other City workers and the Planning and Zoning members for a Christmas Dinner.