

CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 19, 2011, 7:00 P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Brad Andersen, Council President Jane Shaw, Council member Dennis McArthur, Council member Bruce Case, Council member Dan Gubler, Public Works Supervisor Zech Prouse, Police Chief Shannon Basaraba, Treasurer Ron Nelson, Substitute Clerk Kathleen Keyes.

ABSENT: City Clerk Robyn Keyes.

VISITORS: Sally Price, Bette Lovinus

Mayor Andersen welcomed everyone and President Shaw led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda. The minutes, financial report, and budget report were reviewed. Mayor Andersen noted that the minutes from June 28 should read the fiscal year was two-thirds finished instead of one-half.

Council member Case made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Preliminary Budget Approval. The preliminary budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year was reviewed.

The proposed budget is as follows:

- General Account revenue and expense \$480,000
- Water Account revenue and expense \$327,000
- Equipment Fund revenue and expense \$90,000
- Recreation revenue and expense \$20,500

Mayor Andersen asked the Council their thoughts regarding renewing the contract with Bonneville County Sheriff's Department. The County contract amount is \$86,000.

Chief Basaraba suggested the City let a judge decide if the contract amount was fair. The Chief said the City of Ucon was interested in co-operating with Iona regarding negotiations with the County Contract issues. Chief Basaraba recommended the City did not renew the contract with the County.

Council President Shaw and Council member McArthur agreed the County had not delivered the services promised with the current contract.

Mayor Andersen said the City needed to be cautious and not put the citizens and employees at risk. Council President Shaw said the County already put the citizens and employees at risk by not providing adequate service and patrol.

Chief Basaraba suggested there would be a conflict of interest regarding the dispatch fees and the City Attorney.

Chief Basaraba said the City should know if the grant to hire more police officers was approved by September.

Council member Gubler suspected the cost to hire an attorney to negotiate with the County would be more than the County was asking in contract fees.

President Shaw recommended not renewing the Sheriff's Contract but leave \$20,000 in the City's account as reserve for law enforcement services.

President Shaw recommended reducing the budgeted expense for dispatch fees to \$14,500, increasing police payroll to \$61,000, increasing police retirement to \$7,000, increasing police health insurance to \$12,000, and increasing police travel and training to \$8,000.

Chief Basaraba suggested the City budget an eight year cycle for purchasing a new police vehicle. The Chief said if another officer was hired the City should change the buying cycle for new police vehicles to four years.

Mayor Andersen asked about water improvements and expenses for next year's budget.

Supervisor Prouse said the estimated cost to extend Denning Avenue was \$55,000, which included extending the water and sewer lines.

Mayor Andersen said he spoke with the City of Ammon regarding its public pool. Ammon provided positive feedback regarding the pool and said there was typically \$6,000 in revenue generated after operating expenses with the pool. The Mayor would like to present the idea to the community and look into possible grants.

The Mayor said the cost of a small splash park was approximately \$100 per square foot. The Mayor would like to present the idea to the public as well and look into possible grants to fund the project. Mayor Andersen recommended installing a larger water line that could accommodate either a splash park or a pool. The Mayor also recommended installing a picnic shelter.

Council President Shaw recommended hiring a pool manager if the City decided to install a pool.

Council member Gubler recommended running a water tender test; perhaps the water line could be considered a hydrant.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from the Council regarding the preliminary budget.

Council President Shaw made a motion to approve the preliminary budget.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Ordinance 161-10-11 Approval. Ordinance 161-10-11 was tabled until we receive a letter from the developer stating all patio homes will have basements.

Council and Mayor Compensation Approval. Mayor Andersen said the Council had not received a pay raise since 1991. The Mayor said the pay raise was not only about the money, but more importantly, it was about incentive to retain professional minded individuals for the Council.

Mayor Andersen recommended raising the Council's monthly compensation from \$100 to either \$200 or \$250.

Council member McArthur made a motion to raise the Council's monthly compensation to \$200 per month and the Mayor's monthly compensation to \$450 per month.

No second was made. Motion died.

Council member Case was in favor of raising the Council salary for future Council members, but not for himself.

Council President Shaw made a motion to raise the Council's monthly compensation to \$200 and the Mayor's monthly compensation to \$500.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Reports.

Council member Case said the Historical Society would like the City to help pay for the soffit and fascia on the Museum. Case asked the Council to give the Historical Society \$2,000 for the soffit and fascia project.

Council member McArthur said the City just spent \$700 on tree removal at the museum.

Council member Case made a motion to approve payment of \$2,000 to the Historical Society for the soffit and fascia on the museum.

Council member Gubler seconded the motion.

All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Council member McArthur reported the Lion's Club raised \$2,200 at the 4th of July breakfast for the pioneer statue.

Mayor Andersen recognized citizens from the floor and asked if they had any questions.

Bette Lovinus asked if the parking lot would be installed this year for the new park. Mayor Andersen said this year the City would focus on the water and sewer hook-ups and the sprinkler system; the parking lot would be funded next year.

Mrs. Lovinus suggested the City plant flowers and plants throughout the new park and the City for beautification.

Mayor Andersen said grant money could be used for planting vegetation.

Mrs. Lovinus asked if the bicycle path would be extended through the entire City.

Mayor Andersen said that was a good suggestion, but it would need to be completed in the future.

Mayor Andersen said the library wanted to exchange area with the police chief. Chief Basaraba was against the idea and stated the police area was smaller in size than the existing library.

Police Department Business.

Council President Shaw moved to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345 (1)(b). Council member Case seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Executive session opened 9:02 p.m.

Executive session closed 9:25 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.