

CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2010, 7:00 P.M. IONA COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Brad Andersen, Council President Dennis McArthur, Councilmember Steve Elliott, Councilmember Jane Shaw, Councilmember Dan Gubler, Treasurer Ron Nelson, Public Works Supervisor Zech Prouse, Police Chief Shannon Basaraba, City Clerk Robyn Keyes.

VISITORS: Dana Izatt., Bruce Case, Merodene Case, Brian Belnap, Dallin Belnap, Helen Elliott, Ron Roberts.

Mayor Andersen welcomed everyone and Councilmember Elliott led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda. The minutes, financial report, and expense report were reviewed. Mayor Andersen asked when the Intermountain Gas franchise payment would be received. Treasurer Nelson said it was typically received by this time, and perhaps it was on the way. Treasurer Nelson said property tax payments were on the way as well. Mayor Andersen thanked Treasurer Nelson for writing explanations for each expense.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from the Council.

Councilmember Gubler made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

Dana Izatt audit report. Mr. Izatt went over the audit report he had prepared and explained the break down of the report. Mr. Izatt said the City was doing a good job of balancing its revenue and expenditures, and the City was operating in the black. Mr. Izatt cautioned the City that part of its savings were over the FDIC amount for insurance and suggested that the City move some of its money into a different savings account for insurance purposes.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from the Council.

Councilmember Shaw made a motion to approve the audit report.

Councilmember Elliott seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andersen thanked Mr. Izatt for his time and input.

Council President McArthur thanked the council members, the Mayor, and employees for working together to help the City run effectively and efficiently. Mayor Andersen reiterated President McArthur's remarks.

State of the City Address. Mayor Andersen gave his State of the City Address. See attached Appendix A.

Mayor Andersen recognized Council member Elliott for his dedicated work for the City. The Mayor said he had always looked up to Mr. Elliott and appreciated the time he had spent with Mr. Elliott on the Council. The Mayor told Mr. Elliott that his presence on the Council would be missed.

Mr. Elliott thanked the Mayor and said he enjoyed working on the Council, and he would remain available for Iona Days and the Historical Society. Mr. Elliott said he had lived in Iona his entire life and couldn't think of a better place to live and raise a family.

The Council called a recess at 7:50 to wish Councilmember Elliott good luck and thank him for his time, and welcomed Council member Case onto the City Council

8:05 the Council reconvened.

Swearing in of elected officials.

Clerk Keyes swore Mayor Andersen into the office of Mayor. Then Mayor Andersen swore Dennis McArthur and Bruce Case into their offices of Council members. The Oath and Certificates were signed by the Mayor and the two Council members.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion to approve Robyn Keyes as City Clerk.

Council President McArthur made a motion to approve Robyn Keyes as an appointed official city clerk.

Councilmember Gubler seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion to approve Ron Nelson as City Treasurer.

Council President McArthur made a motion to approve Ron Nelson as an appointed official city treasurer.

Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion to approve Dale Storer as City Attorney.

Councilmember Case made a motion to approve Dale Storer and as appointed official city attorney.

Councilmember Gubler seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andersen handed out the meeting schedule for 2010 and the Council assignments. All agreed to their assignments. The Mayor suggested that the City try a Halloween event

this next year by showing a movie in the building and offering the parking lot for trunk or treat. The Council agreed.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion to enter into executive meeting.

Councilmember Gubler made a motion to enter into executive meeting under Idaho Code 67-2345(1).

Council President McArthur seconded the motion.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:22 p.m.

Executive session discussion was over proper council ethics.

Executive session adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Regular meeting convened at 8:50 p.m.

Councilmember Gubler made a motion to adjourn.

Council President McArthur seconded the motion.

Adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Appendix A

CITY OF IONA

State of the City Address
By Mayor Brad Andersen
January 19, 2010

We are here to discuss the State of the City. Before we reflect on last year's accomplishments, I would like to personally thank Robyn Keyes, our City Clerk; Ron Nelson, Treasurer; Dale Storer, Attorney; Zech Prouse, Public Works Supervisor; Shannon Basaraba, Police Chief; Bob McBride, Building Inspector; our P/Z Commission (e.g. Dan Garren, Lance Ellis Adrain Beazer, and Roy Hobbs); and all of the other committees and volunteer's that make Iona great. We also would like to recognize City Council members: Dennis McArthur (President), Steve Elliott, Dan Gubler, and Jane Shaw for their service and commitment to making Iona a great city. Once again, I would like to especially like to thank Robyn, Zech, and Shannon who are in the trenches everyday and make us look good.

On behalf of the City I would like to recognize and thank Councilmember Steve Elliott for his past four years of service. October, 2009, Mr. Steve Elliott decided to retire from the City of Idaho Falls. Since he was retiring from his full time job, Steve decided not to seek re-election, so that he could spend more time with his family. Mr. Elliott has been instrumental in improvements to our parks/recreation (e.g. bathroom), Historical Committee liaison, and entertainment for Iona Days. Mr. Elliott will be missed and we hope that we can persuade him to still help out with the entertainment for Iona Days.

Mr. Case will be taking Mr. Elliott's council seat. The City would like to welcome Mr. Bruce Case as the newest member of the city council, and we look forward in working with you the next four years.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. 12th Annual City Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 11th. Robyn Keyes chaired and coordinated the event with assistance from Chief Basaraba, Zech Prouse, and Ron Nelson (food).
2. Established a Police Office under the direction of Chief Basaraba.
3. Tree Committee – Robyn Keyes and committee sponsored Arbor Day Celebration on May 15. Also, the tree committee completed a tree inventory of City Trees.
4. Approval of two grants from the Safe Routes to School Program. One was for \$28,000 for installing lights and signs in front of the Iona School. The other is \$99,000 for extending the bike and pedestrian path along 55th Street and Iona Road.
5. The annual City Spring Clean Up was held on May 2.
6. A new drinking water fountain was installed in the Square.
7. Iona's T-Ball, pitching machine, and girl's softball program continued as it has in the past. Thanks go to our Program Coordinator Kaylyn Resendez.
8. A new slide and skate board equipment was installed in the Square.
9. Repair and resurfacing of the City's tennis courts was completed.
10. Repairing the City's Water Tank under the supervision of our Public Works Supervisor Zech Prouse - saving the City almost \$60,000.
11. Iona's Lion's Club continued to have the 4th of July breakfast, and the Iona Day's breakfast, and provided service to the community through donations, time, and labor.
12. Veteran's Monument was installed headed was up by Dixie Hunting.
13. Establishment of a movie in the park in the summer, two events this summer.

14. A new City Home Page was developed with City Code, minutes from the Council meetings available for viewing.
15. There were many Eagle Scout Projects and service projects that saved the City money and enhanced the community.

VISION: My vision for the City of Iona for this year and the future is as follows:

1. Manage the growth of the City and enforce strict development requirements.
2. Bring well #3 online and build a new well house this year. Continue to upgrade our water system and ensure it is adequate for our community now and in the future.
3. Keep Iona as a family community and manage commercial growth.
4. Eventually establish an outdoor swimming pool and/or water park.
5. Continually improve our parks each year.

If you are like me, people want to get down to the nuts and bolts and what is the State of the City. The City of Iona is not a little village anymore. The growth and more people coming into the area also brings unexpected events, like the bomb scare that we had this last year. Also, with the shortage of snowfall and the prediction of a dry spring, we need to learn to be water conscious. The average family uses over 45,000 gallons of water each month. This is approximately three times more than the national average. We need to change our old habits and start to conserve our most important resource, which is our water.

I am very optimistic that the future for Iona is very good. Even though worldwide and statewide economies look bleak, the City of Iona has a bright future. Our budget is in the **black!** The City of Iona has approximately \$800,000 in savings that will let us operate as a city, maintain the quality of life that we enjoy, upgrade the City's infrastructure, and provide a nest egg for unexpected events. Nationwide and Statewide the economy in 2010 will probably be as tough as it was in 2009, but by being conservative with our spending and working together as a community, I have faith in the people of Iona that we can wait out this storm and move forward. However, we will need to work together as a community.

Once again I would like to thank all of those wonderful people of Iona who did some kind of service in 2009 for the City. For the rest of the people of Iona who did not get involved in 2009, I would challenge each family, in 2010, to do something for the community. Whether it is being a good neighbor or doing some kind of service for the City, please volunteer and do some kind of service. For service is the rent we pay for living here.

Sincerely, Brad D. Andersen, Mayor