

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2011, 7:00 P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER

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

ABSENT: Council member Dan Gubler, Police Chief Shannon Basaraba.

VISITORS: Alban Hatch, Cody Hatch, Sheri Hatch, Ron Roberts, Sally Price, Craig Marshall, Zac Merrill, Adrian Beazer, Josh Fransen, Cory Smith, Andrew Proffitt, Michael Schofield, Adam Astel.

Mayor Andersen welcomed everyone and Council member Case led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognize Scout Cody Hatch. Mayor Andersen asked Cody Hatch to explain his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Hatch said he had created a sign that showed several options for historical walks around the City. The sign was hung by the tennis courts along the walking path.

Mayor Andersen thanked Mr. Hatch for his hard work and efforts. The Mayor explained that volunteerism was an important part of the community and it helped keep the City welcoming and inviting.

Mayor Andersen also explained to the other scouts in the audience the amount of time and diligence the Council members contributed beyond their duties during Council meetings. The Mayor said each Council member had spent much time and labor with helping to keep the City thriving. Mayor Andersen thanked each Council member for his or her efforts.

Consent Agenda. The minutes, financial report and budget report were reviewed. The Mayor pointed out that for the fiscal year 2010-2011 within the general fund 97.23% of the estimated revenue was receipted and 97.02% of the expenses. The water fund had 70.27% of estimated revenue receipted and 58.05% of the expenses. The equipment replacement fund was untouched and the recreation fund had 127.06% of the estimated revenue receipted and 93.55% of the expenses. The total revenue for 2010-2011 was \$827,470 and the total expense was \$782,185.

Council member Case asked why the City had a prosecuting attorney on retainer. Mayor Andersen explained that the Police Chief and Attorney Storer recommended having a prosecuting attorney on retainer since the City occasionally needed the service.

Case also asked about the amount receipted to Keller and Associates for the water study. Mayor Andersen explained that the amount had been held until the study was finalized by the State, which it was in September.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from the Council.

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

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor: motion carried.

Approval of Office Hours and Clerk/Treasurer Position. Mayor Andersen said the Council had held a special meeting at the beginning of the month in which an executive session had taken place to discuss personnel matters. The issue of consolidating the clerk and treasurer positions had been discussed during the session as well as the extending the City office hours to full time. The Council decided the clerk and treasurer positions should remain separate after the current treasurer retired. Mayor Andersen said the current treasurer would like to begin training a new person this spring and become fully retired by June, 2012, and after January 1, 2012 the City would like to hire a deputy clerk to help in the office for 8-10 hours per week.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from the Council.

Council member McArthur made a motion to extend the City office hours to 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning with the next fiscal year on October 1, 2012, at which point the Clerk's position would become full time with training beginning this fiscal year.

Council member Case seconded the motion.

All were in favor: Motion carried.

Council President Shaw made a motion to approve training a new treasurer beginning March, 2012.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

Clerk Keyes recommended the person hired for treasurer position could also be a deputy clerk as well. Mayor Andersen said the City would try to find someone who would be willing to do both.

All were in favor: motion carried.

Park Closure Discussion. The Mayor said according to Chief Basaraba, there was a State Statute in effect for violations and trespassing of closed parks: the City just needed to post signs at the park stating the closure time.

Mayor Andersen said the police Chief recommended a closing time of 11:00 p.m. year-round.

Adrian Beazer asked the Council to explain why the City wanted to close the park.

Council member McArthur explained that vandalism occurred in the park regularly, which cost the City time and tax payer's money with repairs. McArthur said some people who live near the park had also been vandalized.

Council member Case said he was speaking in defense of the people who did follow the rules and just wanted a place to run and play in the evenings during the summer: he did not want to see everyone punished for the deeds of a few. Many people enjoyed the park at night during the summer.

Mayor Andersen said he understood Case's perspective, but the park closure was a recommendation of the Police Chief.

President Shaw said that by posting the closure it would give the Police Chief means for giving a citation if kids were being unruly late at night.

Sally Price asked if the City had a curfew ordinance.

The Council said it did.

Council member McArthur asked if the park closure was on the town hall meeting agenda.

The Mayor said it was not, but it could be added.

The Council agreed to get the opinion of the public regarding closure of public parks.

Clerk Keyes recommended if the park was closed the time should at least be consistent with the Community Center closure, which activities cease at 11:00 p.m. and the renters have until midnight to clean-up.

Approval of Police Chief Training. Mayor Andersen said the Police Chief wanted to go to a 3 week training that cost nearly \$8,000, and the Chief wanted the City to pay for the cost. The Mayor said that since the Council already approved the training cost, then he recommended the Council also require the Chief to sign a contract stating he would stay employed with the City a minimum of two years after the training was complete or repay the expenses if he left before.

Council member Case said it was the Council's job to approve spending, but the Mayor was the Chief's boss therefore, the Mayor should set the stipulations for retention or repayment.

Mayor Andersen said he just wanted to keep the Council informed and wanted their opinion regarding the subject.

The Council agreed with the Mayor regarding setting stipulations for payment of the training.

Council member Case made a motion to authorize the Mayor to set the stipulation on the three week, \$8,000 training for the Police Chief. The stipulations were that the Police Chief must remain employed with the City of Iona for at least two years after the training was complete: if the Police Chief became unemployed by the City before the two years the Chief must repay the full amount of the training money.

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

Fund Raiser Discussion and Approval. Mayor Andersen said there was a member of the community who was having serious health issues. This person and other members of his family had been a vital part of the community for many years. The Mayor said a fundraiser was being planned to help with the expenses accrued from the illness: the Mayor asked the Council if they would be willing to donate the use of the Community Center for the fundraiser.

The Council members agreed to donate the use of the facility.

Reports.

Council President Shaw. President Shaw made a motion to add to the agenda the naming of the City shop.

Council member case seconded the motion.

All were in favor: motion carried.

Mayor Andersen thanked President Shaw for adding the item and explained that the City would like to recognize the work and efforts of retired Public Works and Police Officer Ross Johnson. The Mayor said Mr. Johnson did a lot for the community and many times went above and beyond his regular job duties; he had worked for the City for 35 years and still helped on occasion. Supervisor Prouse recommended naming the City Shop after Ross Johnson.

Council President Shaw made a motion to name the City Shop the Ross Johnson Public Works Building.

Council member Case seconded the motion.

All were in favor: motion carried.

Clerk Keyes reported she had attended the Association of Idaho Cities annual Clerk and Treasurer's training. Keyes said AIC would be holding a training in December for the Council and recommended everyone attend. Clerk Keyes also said she had ordered 16 dozen donuts for the trunk-or-treat event on Halloween.

Council member Case said the historical museum was waiting on some building supplies to finish the outside of the museum.

Council member McArthur said the first part of the pioneer statue was installed and the Lion's Club had two years to try to raise \$20,000 to finish the remainder while the artist was away on a mission.

McArthur said limited edition copies of the painting Ramona Horton created for the City were being made as future fundraiser items.

Council member Case suggested printing the City motto on the matting of the pictures.

Council member McArthur also said the Lion's Club would wait until spring to plant trees at the new park.

Supervisor Prouse reported that the valve and hydrant exercise had been completed and only 3 out of 80 hydrants needed repair.

The new mower should be delivered next week and he was still gathering information on the street light acquisition with rocky Mountain Power.

The Tennis Courts received damage from the impact of the snow last year. Prouse recommended more substantial repairs would be necessary in the future.

Mayor Andersen reminded the Council of the trunk-or-treat event and asked everyone to join.

Mayor Andersen handed out a flyer from the Bonneville County Heritage Association in which they were asking for people to help identify and vote on places and things considered a treasure within the county.

The Mayor showed the Council that the City of Iona had been given a spotlight in the AIC newsletter, and the entire article could be viewed at the Association of Idaho Cities website.

Mayor Andersen said the area of impact meeting had been productive and a tentative proposal had been discussed. The proposal was as follows: From the existing southern boundary extend the impact area east to the section line closest to the intersection of the Bone Road and Lincoln Road; from this point straight north to the existing northern boundary for the Iona Bonneville Sewer District which encompasses Panorama Hills; at this point we wish to follow the northern boundary westward and southward until it meets up with the existing impact area northern boundary line one-half mile north of Telford Road, then due west to the existing western boundary. The City would submit a new request and wait to hear from the County.

Mayor Andersen said he and Supervisor Prouse were working on the annual road report and that he was on the policy board for BMPO. The organization was in the process of trying to find ways to link the bicycle paths between cities.

Sally Price asked who was in charge of watering the Stanger building lawn because the sprinklers were still running every day.

Supervisor Prouse said he would take care of the issue.

Council member Case made a motion to adjourn.

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor: motion carried.

Adjourned 8:40 p.m.