

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 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:** Jeremy Nelson, David Louk, Sally Louk, Alban Hatch, Cody Hatch, Ron Roberts

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

**Presentation** Cody Hatch presented his idea for an Eagle Scout project: he would like to plan, execute and donate a sign to the city. This would be a walking, running, or bicycle circuit of historical points of interest in Iona. He would include a paper pamphlet for visitors to take with them, which would be contained in a small box attached to the sign. His plan included fundraising by the Eagle Scouts to pay for the sign.

The Council agreed it would be a nice addition for the City. Cody Hatch asked if the sign could be 4'X8' so it would be easily visible. Council member Gubler suggested it could be attached to the back of an existing sign that is near the tennis courts, which is also 4'X8'. It was agreed to create a new sign for the map along the walking path by the tennis courts. Cody will work closely with Public Works Supervisor Zech Prouse on this project.

**Consent Agenda.** The minutes, financial report, and budget report were reviewed. Mayor Andersen pointed out a misspelled name in the minutes. The Council approved the purchase of a new lawn mower for the current fiscal year; if the mower could not be procured before the end of the fiscal year then the purchase would take place at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Treasurer Ron Nelson will review the budget and current financial reports. The Mayor reported on the Drinking Water assessment.

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

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor.  
Motion carried.

**Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Report** Mayor Andersen reported that a representative, Tanner Woolstenhulme, from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council gave an informative report during the City Council Works meeting. The Mayor explained what that group did and the benefits to both the youth and the community.

**New Park Update** Public Works Supervisor Prouse reported that work on the new park was going well. The sewer system and water system had been installed. The park had been seeded. Mayor Andersen suggested that the Council purchase trees later in the fall to be planted. All agreed.

Mayor Andersen asked for ideas for the name of the new park. He cited that the property was donated by the Barnes family and suggested naming the park after them would be a nice gesture. The Mayor also suggested putting a notice in the newsletter asking for input from the community.

Council member Case asked if parking would be a problem. Supervisor Prouse said the parking area would be set off the road and would not present a problem for the public.

Council member McArthur asked for a discussion to resolve after hours mischief and vandalism at the city park. He described a previous incident of four teenagers hanging out in the park, in which they threw apples at a house near the park. Council member McArthur said he confronted the teens, made a citizen's arrest and the teens were charged with vandalism and disturbing the peace. Council member McArthur then asked if an ordinance could be created that allowed the park to be closed at night with a sign stating so.

Chief Basaraba agreed that there had been an increase in mischief and vandalism throughout Iona this summer. He suggested that extending the hours the park lights were on, and getting brighter lights would help discourage this behavior.

There was a question if posting closing hours of the park would be effective. Chief Basaraba stated that a fine would be imposed for disobeying a public sign.

Council member Gubler suggested surveying the community on the idea of closing the park during night hours.

Council member McArthur suggested there could be seasonal hours, e.g., later during the summer as it stays light longer.

Chief Basaraba said he would write a code proposal for the suggestion.

**Town Hall Meeting Date Discussion** A date, Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was decided for a Town Meeting to meet the candidates running for the upcoming election of city council members. The meeting will begin at 5 o'clock and refreshments will be served. Mayor Andersen read the names of candidates and incumbent members and reminded everyone that the last date to withdraw from the election was Sept. 23, 2011 and the last date for a write-in candidate is Oct 11, 2011.

**Sheriff Contract Discussion** Chief Basaraba reported he had received a contract proposal from the Sheriff's Department that would essentially be a pay per incident/action. He explain the pitfalls of such an agreement would include no limits on hours or manpower used per call and could end up costing more than the original monthly contract. All agreed that there were too many possible scenarios for such a loose contract agreement.

President Shaw asked if revenue sharing might be beneficial. She also asked if there was a precedence set concerning the County Sheriff's Department's responsibility to respond to all areas of the county and volunteered to contact the city's attorney to get that information. Visitor, Jeremy Nelson suggested a Community Watch program be started. Chief Basaraba said he would be willing to train citizens if such a program was instituted.

## **Reports**

**Mayor Andersen** announced there would be an annual Halloween Trunk or Treat party, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 7 o'clock outside the City Building

There will be an Area Impact Meeting on Oct. 12 at 6:30 at the Community Center.

Chief Basaraba presented information on a bid for a new patrol car. He had found this to be the best deal for what he needed.

Chief Basaraba would also like to schedule a date for Emergency Management Training. The Council agreed November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 would be a good time and the Council could try to canvas the votes from the election on the same day at 6:30.

President Shaw made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (a) to consider personnel matters.

Council member Gubler seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Executive meeting began 8:26

Executive meeting adjourned 8:50

Council President Shaw made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.  
Council member ? seconded the motion.

All were in favor

Adjourned 8:51