

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 15, 2013

At 7:00 PM Mayor Dale Lisher opened the regular meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were council members, Jeremy Alexander, Donna Corkill, Mike Morgan and Andy Tweit, maintenance supervisor Steve Howerton and city clerk Barb Wilson. Guests present were Mike & Nadine Towne, Berton Brocke, Val & Rose Norris, Norma Abrams, and Sally Manfull.

Jeremy made a motion with Mike seconding to amend the agenda to include Berton Brocke.

Norma Abrams and Sally Manfull with the JK Arts Committee would like to paint or tile the pump house in Wallace Park. They would also like some benches added. The council would like detailed artwork presented before a final decision is made. It was suggested that if citizens want to donate a bench in memory of someone, that the Lions Club could place the bench in Wallace Park.

Mike & Nadine Towne made a request to have their properties at 801, 803 & 805 East Main Street be rezoned from Commercial to Residential. This issue was tabled at the June council meeting. Mike stated that they would still like to purchase the former Gazette building but have not reached an agreement with the owner. If they do acquire this additional property, they will have to go through the process of having that property rezoned separately. Dale asked about the storage units and Mike said that they had been sold. Jeremy made a motion with Andy seconding to rezone the property to residential. All were in favor.

A discussion from the June council meeting continued and new maps and documents were reviewed for the Brocke Quit Claim. Four easements were updated. The city would like ownership of the property where Steve Brooks currently parks his vehicles. Berton can have Terry Golding re-survey if necessary. Steve said the Army corp. doesn't like the bag house on the dike. Berton said they could possibly put it on a 3 year plan to remove it. Steve said the levy was rail property and he would like the city to have ownership of the property so he can drive his vehicle on the property. Berton asked if they could just give an easement to the city. The council reviewed the Bargain & Sale Deed. We will have a new resolution at the August council meeting.

The minutes from the June 17, regular meeting were reviewed. Jeremy made a motion and Donna seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

The disbursements were reviewed. Mike made a motion and Andy seconded to approve the disbursements. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The city clerk read a letter declaring the Grange Hall a Historical Building.

The city clerk read a letter from Bob Ouderkerken about a tenant that was renting space in the Kendrick RV Park. There have been some issues in town with this tenant and Bob was requesting that the city ask the tenant to leave. The tenant had moved out as of July 15, so it was unnecessary. The city will refund \$100 to the tenant and he will not be allowed to return to the Kendrick RV Park.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Steve looked at the new bench/table that the Lions Club wants the city to install by the pool. Steve said it looks ok, but will need anchors.

John Lynn with USDA Rural Development will be coming on July 23, at 1:00 for an update.

Kevin Johnston located a major leak at the pool and Steve made repair. The pool seems to be holding water. The main leak was coming from a north vertical seem. The water loss is down significantly from last year.

Steve reiterated that we at least need an easement from Brockes for the levy if we don't have ownership.

Steve will paint a base coat on the pump house in Wallace Park.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Barb reviewed the cash flow and quarterly report. A full report was not available as the city computer hard drive "crashed" and was not able to retrieve the information she needed to make a detailed report. The council approved the purchase of a new computer with Microsoft Office for around \$1000 and to have the hard drive sent to a recovery center. If recovery is possible the cost will be around \$1500. The minimum charge will be \$150 if the information cannot be retrieved.

URBAN FORESTRY – Donna Corkill – No Report

PLANNING & ZONING - Mike Morgan – No Report

PARK & REC – Andy Tweit – No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Jeremy Alexander – Val Norris gave a report and said the Fire Dept. was having issues with the repeater from the narrowbanding of the radios. They will ask the county to fund the repairs. They have had complaints about smoke building up in town. There was a report of trash being burned in town. Val responded and informed the resident that burning is not permitted this time of year. Val would like to see the Fire Ordinances revisited. He recommends following the state guidelines that say no burning from May 10 – October 20. We do not issue special permits for burning.

SWAC – Dale Lisher – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning Ordinance 2013-1 from Juliaetta was reviewed. We would like to change our Residential & Commercial descriptions to match Juliaettas. We want to remove the statement on Page 5 of our Ordinance 718 #7.2 that says "Any use permitted in the residential zone". We also want to change the authority so the Planning & Zoning

does not make final decisions but only recommendations to the council. Special Use Permits will not be allowed for zoning changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

The city clerk asked permission to attend the AIC Conference September 18 – 20 in Boise and permission to fly roundtrip from Lewiston to Boise. It will cost around \$200 to fly and it would cost over \$350 to pay mileage reimbursements. Mike made a motion and Donna seconded for Barb to attend the conference and to fly.

The Latah Sanitation Contract was presented. The new contract will be for \$11.50 and will include the roll cart. This is the pick-up side of the garbage that we currently being charged \$6.66 a month for each household. The council had several questions about the contract and would like Amanda Bashaw to attend our August council meeting to answer questions. We will need to raise the pick-up charge to at least \$12.75. Barb will use \$25.00 a month for budgeting purposes.

We will need to raise sewer rates to \$40.00. We will have a public hearing in September to raise both the sewer and garbage rates effective in October.

We received \$1000 from JK Recreation District for the softfall for the playground. Mike made a motion and Andy seconded to spend the \$1216 in the fundraiser account to pay the estimate of \$2216. Steve will order the softfall.

Season swim passes only cover open swim time. Lap swim and water fitness are separate fees.

Jeremy made a motion and Andy seconded to pass Resolution 13-242 increasing pool rates. All were in favor.

Andy made a motion and Andy seconded to pass Resolution 12-241 authorizing the treasurer to transfer \$2000 each month into the sewer savings account. All were in favor.

Mike Morgan purchased the property next to his current house property. The mobile home has been removed. Mike requested to only have one monthly sewer fee and have his monthly water fee removed from the second account and turn the account into a “lawn” account. He would only be charged for the actual water usage. Jeremy made a motion and Andy seconded to allow the request. All were in favor.

At 9:48 Mike made a motion with Jeremy seconding it to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Dale Lisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer