

**PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL  
Work Session  
February 28, 2011**

**5:15 PM – Work Session**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Katherine Dodson, Georgia Hanigan, Mark Heleker, Ivan Mussell

Members Absent: Lee Nelson was excused

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Doug Argo, City Engineer; Randy Schwartz, WWTP Supervisor; Mark Clark, Chief of Police, Becky Lynch Assistant Clerk

**OLD BUSINESS**

**None Heard**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of Ordinance Repealing a Portion of Paragraph 3 in Chapter 12.17.010—obtaining a permit for a fence:** in 1992 there was a fence permit required when constructing a fence. The council discussed there is no need for a permit as long as the public abides by the regulations in accordance to Payette city code. The Council would like to follow through with the repeal of said paragraph of the Payette Municipal code.
- B. Discussion of Ordinance amending section 16.04.020- substituting the requirement of filing a survey of record in place of filing an amended plat when doing a lot line adjustment:** After some discussion with the council, they would like to move forth with said amendment due to it being more convenient and less costly.
- C. Discussion of Ordinance adding section 15.04.010 E. adopting Uniform Code for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, correcting ISFPWC to ISPWC and re-lettering subsection E and F to F and G:** The council had discussed the adoption of the Uniform Code for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings to be added to the Municipal Code to be dotting the l's and crossing the t's to help with the beautification of Payette city. They had also discussed taking out the F in ISFPWC due to the fact it stands for the word 'for'; the council had moved forth with said discussion.
- D. Pool rate increase correction to 1 year resident and 1 year non-resident for ages 18-63:** There was an error on the new pool rate increase which will now require a public hearing. This said hearing will take place March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers. After public hearing, they will need to pass another Resolution to correct the pool rate.

- E. Discussion of leash enforcement at the Greenway:** A long and lengthy discussion took place regarding dogs being released at the greenway. Councilor Mussell stated there was dog waste everywhere and it gets even worse after the pavement ends. Councilor Mussell being a part of Parks and Recreation committee had said the committee further recommended signs be put up for dog waste. Mayor Williams discussed that people need to pick up after themselves, perhaps if there were more enforcement, and even possibly more peer pressure, that the greenway can stay picked up. This issue had gone in front of the Parks and Recreation committee and they recommended having no dogs running at large at the greenway. Which lead to the subject of having leashes required at the greenway Councilor Mussel also stated that it's a tough situation because those that are responsible with their dogs are going to be penalized. Councilor Heleker mentioned that there are some instances where a dog may run up to you and jump on you. This could cause injury to someone, or if there were a large dog, a child could get hurt. Mayor Williams had said that dogs do need to be on leashes at the greenway. Mark Clark, Chief of Police, had said that this is the only place for dogs to be let loose, and some people do bird-dog training. The council ended the discussion with seeing how the signs for picking up after dogs will work out with the public first, and then will take further action if necessary.
- F. Discussion of Ordinance amending section 15.28.070- non-accessory or off premises signs:** Another long discussion of non-accessory and/or off premises signs that sections A and D of 15.28.070 of city code are contradictive of each other. Section A reads: Nonaccessory or off premises signs are signs which are not related to the property upon which they are located, or to the activities being conducted thereon. Nonaccessory off premises signs include large general advertising signs known as billboards and signs advertising an offsite business and are of a size being four feet by eight feet (4' x 8') or larger. Section D reads: Prohibited signs; there shall be no permits issued for any new off premises signs or billboards for any property within the Payette city limits. Existing off premises signs or billboards shall be allowed to continue subject to the following set out limitations. Those signs or billboards may be moved within the city limits. It was recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission to take out the (4' x 8') or larger, portion of section A. The whole discussion was based on do we want this ordinance to pass to take out (4' x 8') or allow people to have signs off premise? Mayor Williams is all for the beautification of the city, and doesn't necessarily want a bunch of signs littering our city. Councilor Mussell pointed out that the city of Nampa formed a committee specific for downtown. They then discussed possibly having a beautification committee, but Mayor Williams suggested that it is just one more layer of government. The council mentioned if a sign is tasteful, how is that controlled? Councilor Dodson would not like to see any new signs in the city, which left the discussion to delete (4' x 8') portion of section A of 15.28.070.
- G. Discussion of advertising on bus benches:** This discussion was led by Mary Cordova discussing a proposal from the Snake River Transit. According

to Cordova, there are 9-12 benches in the City of Payette which are currently placed at each bus stop for Snake River Transit. The Snake River Transit would like to sell advertising, and the city would then get a percentage of that. Cordova also mentioned that in 2007 the City of Spokane had the same no off premise sign in place, and they took a lot of heat for it. This agreement would be split three ways, one for Snake River Transit, Argus Observer for advertising, and City of Payette to host the new benches for advertisement. There were other points to consider according to Mary, it would be in the public right of way so there would need to be some kind of franchise agreement put in place. If there were benches placed in A-Residential, would that be allowed? Who will maintain these benches; have to consider the snow, graffiti, etc.? Is Snake River going to hire someone to maintain these benches? Councilor Mussell would like a say in it, not Argus Observer. Mayor Williams would like to have business only in Payette. A recommendation by the Planning and Zoning committee was to not go through with it. There would need to be public hearings for stops in residential areas. As of the discussion, no one knew what portion of revenue the city would be receiving which led to an opinion of, is this agreement worth the trouble? Mayor Williams concluded the discussion that the council would need to allow off premise signs for bus benches and to pass it to the Snake River Transit.

- H. **Discussion of buying and selling gold, precious gems, and metals:** The council discussed the matter and was all for it. Mark Clark, chief of police, discussed that there could be a higher crime rate on jewelry; the price of gold is very good right now, and ordinances that can be implemented. He ended the discussion that the business would need to have to be regulated to report what is in the inventory each day.
- I. **General discussion:** Mary Cordova opened the general discussion about the Cable Franchise; House Bill 156 was defeated 10-9, which would have been a huge, and potentially devastating, impact to the cities. The next topic discussed was brought up by Mayor Williams for possible salary increases this fall to the city council and in the fall would be the only time to do it. This must be introduced to ordinance before August. Mr. Mussell ended the discussion stating that he would rather keep benefits than get a raise. Mayor Williams finished the General discussion regarding recruiting fire fighters, and do we need a full-time fire chief or would a part-time fire chief be fine? Councilor Cochran stated that a full time fire chief is more preferable. Councilor Heleker stated a full time fire chief is necessary.

The work session ended at 7:52 PM

### **Immediately Following Work Session – Special City Council Meeting**

A special meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 6:52 PM by Mayor Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Williams, Katherine Dodson, Les Cochran, Mark Heleker, Ivan Mussell, Georgia Hanigan

Members Absent: Lee Nelson

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** ~ Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(1a & 1c), the City Council will recess into executive session to discuss considering hiring a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent and conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by the public agency

At 6:52 PM Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to recess into Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1a & 1c) to discuss considering hiring a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent and conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by the public agency

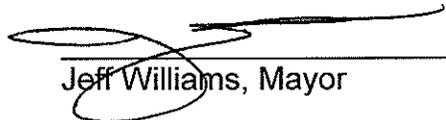
At 7: 20 PM the Council reconvened into regular session.

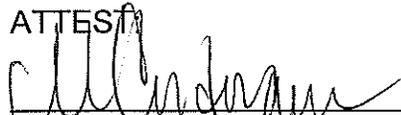
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to adjourn to at 7:20 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

  
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Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST  
  
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Mary Cordova, City Clerk