

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2008**

7:00 Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Georgia Hanigan in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ivan Mussell, Jeff Williams, Georgia Hanigan, Les Cochran, Mark Heleker, Lee Nelson

Members Absent: Mayor Henderson (excused)

Also Present: Police Chief Mark Clark; City Coordinator/Clerk, Mary Cordova; Utility Clerk; Tiffany Howell; Fire Chief Jeff Sands; Wastewater Superintendent, Randy Schwartz; Attorney Bert Osborn; Jeff Ward; Independent Enterprise; Alan Massey, Vallery Klitch, Jim Ashley, John Morrison, Jim Smith, Walker Lambert, Zachary Reed

PLEDGE

Georgia Hanigan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 11/3/08 as written.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Cochran to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$251,150.08.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Mussell, Hanigan, Williams, Cochran, Heleker, Nelson

Nays:

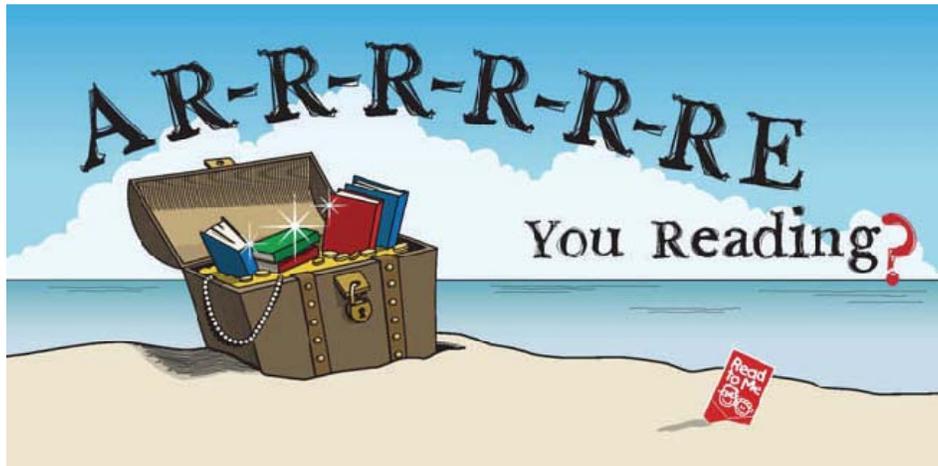
The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Proclamation

-Family Reading Week, November 16-22

Councilor Hanigan read the following Proclamation:



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, reading is key to learning and the foundation of future success; and

WHEREAS, parents are a child's first teacher, preparing them to succeed in learning; and

WHEREAS, research shows that children of all ages who are read to are more successful in school, are better readers and are more likely to remain life-long readers; and

WHEREAS, libraries are the gateway to learning and information; and

WHEREAS, libraries have programs and resources which help parents nurture a child's natural curiosity for learning; and

WHEREAS, reading together is a great way for parents and children to connect; and

WHEREAS, schools, libraries and community organizations across the state of Idaho have planned events to celebrate Idaho Family Reading Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas E. Henderson, Mayor of Payette, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16 through 22, Family Reading Week in Payette and call upon all parents to read aloud to their children every day and to visit their local library for information and materials to help with reading.

B. Presentation of American Flag to the City of Payette by CPT Ashlie Christian

Councilor Heleker stated that last week the Payette High School had a Veteran's Day assembly. Captain Ashlie Christian who was a 2000 graduate of Payette High School, and a 2004 graduate of WestPoint; where she went on a full ride scholarship to play

softball. Ashlie then went to helicopter pilot school, and she just returned from Iraq. She presented to the City of Payette a flag and a plaque. The plaque read as follows:

Certificate of Authenticity

Presented to the City of Payette, Idaho

To certify that this *American* flag was flown on 4 July 2008 aboard a UH-60L Blackhawk Helicopter, during combat operations in Northern Iraq by CPT Ashlie Christian of Darkhorse Troop, 4th Squadron, 6th Calvary Regiment, at Forward Operation Base Sykes near Tall Afar, Iraq. As this flag was flown, it symbolized the sovereign power of the United States of America and the unshakeable resolve to keep our country safe. It is now presented in appreciation of the continual support of my hometown.

COMMUNICATIONS

**A. Letter dated 11/07/08 to Mayor Henderson from Idaho DEQ
RE: HB 586 Vehicle Emissions Testing Control Area Determination**

**B. Letter dated 11/05/08 to Mayor Henderson & Council from LHTAC
RE: Local Federal Air Incentive Program, STP-Urban**

PLANNING & ZONING

None Heard.

OLD BUSINESS

None Heard.

NEW BUSINESS

**A. Holly LaFever-
- Red Zone Presentation**

Mrs. LaFever presented the attached presentation.

Councilor Cochran asked Chief Sands if this has changed the information Chief Sands wants from dispatch. Chief Sands stated no, the data base and mapping system that the County uses is a little tougher to operate. It still has great information in it, but now that we have started to collect data it is no comparison. Chief Sands stated that if you pull up a house on the County system it will show acreage with one dwelling. Our system will not only do that, but it will pull up the face of the house and we will know that it is 1,000 feet to the front of the house from the road. Councilor Williams asked Chief Sands if this ties in with citizens insurance rates. Chief Sands stated no, it does not affect your insurance rates, or your taxes. Councilor Hanigan asked how long it takes to get all the people in the trucks up to speed on the program. Chief Sands stated that it is very user friendly. Eventually we will have enough laptops to put on in every truck. Councilor Heleker asked what area we cover. Chief Sands stated that it goes 1 ½ miles into Washington County, the first 1.3 miles of the freeway, just out past the Fruitland High School, and goes across up towards Little Willow road.

Councilor Williams stated that out of the 1,395 homes that you surveyed are any of those in the Payette City limits. Chief Sands stated yes, off of Iowa, 7th Avenue North, and Center Avenue. Councilor Williams asked Chief Sands if we have this thorough inventory of hazardous infrastructures in the City Limits. Chief Sands stated no, but it is a great tool for it. Mrs. LaFever stated that we could create a new survey, and GPS all the homes. Councilor Williams stated that educating our citizens within the City limits that having an inventory of hazards would be nice. Chief Sands stated

that the City does a good job of code enforcement and it reflects in some of the data that we collected. Chief Sands stated that we could come out to your office and we could photograph your building and put your hazards in the notes. Chief Sands stated that this is just what we gathered with the grant money, and now the program is ours. Councilor Nelson asked Chief Sands how many fire hydrants are in the City. Chief Sands stated that there are 298 hydrants within City Limits.

B. Payette Chamber of Commerce

- Request for PAYCCSY Donation

Councilor Hanigan stated that we were considering donating a 3 month family pass to the City Pool. Councilor Williams asked what the value is of the pass. Clerk Cordova stated that was \$150.00.

Mussell moved and Heleker seconded a motion to donate a three (3) month pass to the City Pool to PAYCCSY.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

C. Economical Development

- Jim Smith

Jim Smith stated that he is on the Payette County Economic Board, and as many of you may know Ron Wrest the executive director turned in his resignation on November 3rd, effective immediately. We are in a position of either getting rid of the program or resuscitating it and keeping the ball rolling. Councilor Williams and I and Kit Kamo met with the Commissioners last week and asked them what their vision of keeping this process going would be, and they are not sure. It hasn't had the amount of stability that we as board members would like to see. Ron has been pre-occupied with his wife's illness, and her subsequent death. He had a number of things in the fire that we would like to see continue.

We would like to see if we would get a buy in from the cities and what would you like to see. In a perfect world what kind of an economic development program could we do with Fruitland, New Plymouth, Payette, and Payette County? Do you have some ideas; we are addressing the cities this week. We would like to take that back to the commissioners for review so we have some idea of how to proceed. It has just seemed like we were always missing a wheel off the car, and we would like to see this all put back together. Basically what I am here for is to see if I can get some feedback from you. Councilor Williams stated that the core question is how do we want the organization of this. For a while all three cities and the county were pulling together. It seems like the last couple of years the County was doing its thing, New Plymouth was doing theirs, Payette, and Fruitland were doing theirs.

In our budget meetings I have heard that maybe we can do it on our own, but is that what this group feels. Can we as a group leverage our efforts and do something even bigger? Councilor Heleker stated that we spent a lot of time and effort getting to the stage we were, and I think working cooperatively is the only to get the biggest bang for our buck. We have to look at this as a county wide thing, and I don't think we can afford to go out on our own. Mr. Smith stated that I think it's essential to have that point of contact, that center piece that is going to be able to reach out to these new businesses. We have small business classes every Thursday in our conference room, and we have not had one person attend. Clerk Cordova stated that there is no doubt that the City of Payette and everyone here is fully on board. However, I do think this topic does merit a work session, and I would suggest to the Council that we have a work session. Councilor

Williams stated that one of the things that we did talk to the Commissioners was we are past our budget year, and maybe we would get something together for next budget year.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A. Payette Police Department – October Monthly Statistics
- B. Payette Fire Department – October Monthly Activity Report
- C. October Revenues & Expenses

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Clerk Cordova stated that our 7th Avenue North project is scheduled to begin December 2, 2008. We are trying to get signs up to tell travelers that the road will be closed.

Clerk Cordova stated that the Treasurer’s Report is on our new software print out.

Councilor Williams asked about the Ordinance Draft for the new water infrastructure. Clerk Cordova stated that we have to meet with the Public Works Committee and we have not come forth with anything yet, but it is on the burner.

Councilor Cochran stated that he had asked Clerk Cordova for a report from the Impact Fee Committee. Clerk Cordova stated that the actual Impact Fee Committee meeting will be scheduled before the 1st of the year. Councilor Cochran asked Clerk Cordova to notify him a couple of days before the meeting, because he has some people who are interested in coming.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None Heard.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to adjourn.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED, and the Council adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2008.

DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk