

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING
February 20, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Honorable Mayor Douglas E. Henderson in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Doug Henderson, Ivan Mussell, Mark Heleker, Georgia Hanigan
Vallery Klitch, Jeff Williams

Members Absent: Lee Nelson was excused

Also Present: Mary Cordova, City Clerk; Jeff Sands, Fire Chief; Chief of Police, Mark Clark;
Colleen Bonell, Library Director; Kellie McCombs, City Treasurer

PLEDGE

Mayor Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2/05/07 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Klitch to approve the public hearing and regular meeting minutes of 2/05/07.

Hearing no objections, the meeting minutes were APPROVED with one change noted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Hanigan to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$171,012.61.

At the roll call:
Ayes: Mussell, Hanigan, Heleker, Williams, Klitch
Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

No comments heard.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Henderson Read the attached proclamation into the record.

PLANNING & ZONING

None heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None heard.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of New Member to Library Commission

Mayor Henderson recommended the appointment of Jean Rudd to the Library Commission.

Councilor Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Jean Rudd to the Library Commission.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

B. Award of Community Transportation & Enhancement Grant RFP to Fruitland Nursery

Dick Bronson, 10136 Vistair Place, Payette, addressed the Council as a member of the Urban Forestry Commission. Mr. Bronson explained that last fall we applied for a Community Transportation Enhancement grant through ITD, and were approved. The plans and the trees were put out for bid, and we received one bid from Fruitland Nursery. The bid is for \$13,500 worth of trees, and \$1,500 of hardscape. This is the third grant we have received.

Mr. Bronson stated that they will save one tree for the Arbor Day celebration on April 27. The more involvement we get from the community, the better it is for the City as far as receiving more grants.

A motion was made by Councilor Klitch and seconded by Councilor Heleker to award the RFP to Fruitland Nursery in the amount of \$15,000.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Written reports were presented to the Council.

Councilor Klitch noted that in reviewing the financial reports, we are a third of the way through our budget year, and some of the line items are exceeding more than one third of the year. For example,

on page 36, telephone and communications are already at the halfway mark. City Treasurer McCombs believes it may be due to underestimating in the budget, but there were also some coding errors which would make it appear to be over budget. Mayor Henderson noted we will look at all line items above 33%.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sollie Callendar, 7th Avenue North, Payette, explained that he read that we may lease the airport to the county. We want to keep control. That is our largest single asset. We don't want to encumber it in any way. As the future which starts in 30 seconds, and runs through the next hundred years, we will be in control.

We are a poor town, and it shouldn't cost the taxpayers one iota. We are a Title 1 school district. The trigger is 31% of the student body being under the poverty level, and Mr. Callendar believed are well into the 60 percentile. We can't do it all. Even if we are a vibrant community, we still can't do it all. Mayor Henderson agreed.

Councilor Williams stated he was the one who brought up the idea after a joint meeting, and sometimes the papers misquotes things. He thought the intention was that we not lease it to them, but there be a sharing of the costs between the city and the county taxpayers. Mr. Callendar believed that would dilute the cost, but ultimately, the airport should be self sustaining. He would not be opposed to a cooperative maintenance agreement if the City is in control.

Kevin Shoemaker, Fruitland, addressed the Council in regards to their consideration of an annexation ordinance. As an engineer it will be great for him, but the practical side says that such an onerous burden, people may gag on it a little bit. Annexation wants to focus on highest and best use. It will cost \$5,000 to get a good boundary survey. But having to submit the equivalent of a preliminary plat with the annexation will cost upwards of \$50,000. It will push a lot of work toward the engineers. It is probably not a big deal with a pro-development Council.

Councilor Klitch stated that she and the City Treasurer have talked about the budget at length, and they are pretty talked out. We want a training session first, and then a work shop. Mayor Henderson stated we have talked about it. If the auditor comes, it would be nice to provide some training. Treasurer McCombs stated that the auditor is looking at March for a presentation on the audit and we can schedule some training at that time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson informed the Council of the following:

- Congratulations to Councilor Mussell for winning the 4 wheeler at the potato feed.
- Had a meeting scheduled with Seneca last Thursday to discuss a new discharge permit, which was canceled at their request. We are waiting to hear from them to schedule a new meeting date.
- RFP went out for the Airport Hangar lease last week. Responses are due back to the City by February 26th at 5:00 PM.
- No definitive answer on a date for the Community Review, but we have been told they are looking hard at the last week in May.

- Bancroft parking lot idea has received a lot of comments. Welcoming any input and any alternative ideas.
- Dewayne Youngberg has found volunteers to paint the city hangar.
- We will be scheduling another council work session on development in the near future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Williams and seconded by Councilor Klitch to recess into Executive Session per 67-2345 (b), To Hear Complaints or Charges Against a Public Officer, Employee or Staff Member of the City of Payette.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Mussell, Heleker, Williams, Hanigan, Klitch

Nays:

The motion CARRIED and the Council recessed at 7:30 PM.

A motion was made by Councilor Williams and seconded by Councilor Hanigan to reconvene into regular session.

After a unanimous voice vote, the Council reconvened at 8:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Williams and seconded by Councilor Klitch to adjourn.

After a unanimous voice vote, the Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2007.

DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk