

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY OF PAYETTE COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2006, AT 7:00 P.M., IN CITY HALL, 700 CENTER AVENUE, PAYETTE, IDAHO.

MAYOR DOUG HENDERSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

Pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Georgia Hanigan, Mark Heleker, Vallery Klitch, Ivan Mussell, Lee Nelson and Jeff Williams were present.

Councilwoman Klitch moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of an LHTAC project on North Iowa Avenue between Center Avenue and 7th Avenue North. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES: Councilman Williams moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2006, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heleker and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BILLS & PAYROLL: Councilman Nelson moved to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$148,766.57 and that checks be drawn to pay the same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

IDAHO STATE POLICE - Project Choice, HB 602: Idaho State Trooper, Shawn Klitch, addressed the Council with a resolution of support for house bill 602. If passed, the bill would provide a funding source for state police to maintain and retain quality, dedicated employees. State Police has had issues with attracting and retaining well trained personnel because of pay and benefits issues. The funding would come from a \$3.00 fee added on to vehicle registration. Trooper Klitch said Payette County and the City of Fruitland have passed a resolution supporting Project Choice. Councilwoman Klitch asked City Attorney, Bert Osborn, if she needed to declare a conflict of interest. He advised that she did not. Councilman Heleker moved to approve resolution 2006-02 supporting Project Choice for the Idaho State Police. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mussell and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PAYETTE RECREATION UPDATE - Alan Pollock: Alan Pollock, 2410 Julie Lane, addressed the Council with some concerns he has with the recreation district. He had a meeting with members of the board and some coaches from Nyssa, Vale, Ontario and other towns and he felt it went well. They agreed the kids should be able to play and use the facilities in their hometowns rather than always playing in Fruitland. However, the district's website, today, asked if users would like to play out of the area for an extra fee, so he is wondering why they did that when they all agreed to a plan the night before. It costs \$225 to sponsor a team and each player pays \$28 to join a team. Mr. Pollock asked why it costs so much for kids to play and to sponsor a team when it only costs \$10 for a shirt and hat and \$5 per kid for insurance. Where do our tax dollars go? Payette residents paid \$115,000 + last year into the district and all of the money goes to the complex in Fruitland. He doesn't believe it's fair. Councilman Williams said this is a political issue and asked what Mr. Pollock would like the City to do. He said he would like a member of the Council to go to a recreation district board meeting and ask them to explain how they spend our money. Mayor Henderson said he will contact the Payette recreation district commissioner and ask them or a representative to make a presentation during

a Council meeting explaining some financial and logistical issues. Mr. Pollock felt that would be great and thanked the Council for their time.

SENECA FOODS UPDATE: Mayor Henderson said that Seneca is currently putting together some information for Sage. In addition, Sage Community Resources is working on putting together a class to educate the members of the urban renewal district commission.

AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT - Pat King: The Council discussed the lease and had many questions. They thought it would be best for the public works committee to review the City leases available at the airport and bring their suggestions back to the Council. Councilwoman Klitch moved to table the item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heleker and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VISTA HILLS IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT - Lance Fish: Lance Fish, 10587 Silver City Court, Boise, Idaho, was present. He is ready to start moving dirt the end of this week on the Vista Hills III project. The development agreement looked substantially fine, but he requested a few minor adjustments.

Item #3: He asked the construction of the temporary turn a rounds be omitted because they are not applicable in this situation. Fire Chief, Jeff Sands, had been contacted as was the Engineer on the project and both agreed to the change. **Item #10:** The City requires Cobra street lights and he would like to place square lights because he thinks they look better. City Engineer, Doug Argo of Holladay Engineering, said Cobra lamps are a City specification. **Item #12:** He asked for a completion date of November 31, 2006. **Item #8:** He said JUB Engineers and his engineers were working on a pressure reducing valve. He asked that the agreement be approved contingent upon it being agreed upon by our engineer and his engineer. He also asked for a statement allowing him to delay the completion date if the weather turns bad. The Mayor said he can ask for an extension if that happens. Councilman Williams moved to approve the development agreement with modifications to items #3, #12 and #14 as requested and contingent upon the water valve issue being resolved by the City's and Mr. Fish's engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heleker and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SEVENTH AVENUE NORTH PROJECT (tabled): Councilwoman Klitch moved to remove the item off the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mussell and passed by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Henderson said he met with ITD earlier this month and they agreed to place a stop light at the intersection of 7th Avenue North and Highway #95 this summer. We have to obtain the necessary right of way for the light and the state has diverted the necessary funding for the project. He said we also have to agree to accept the delay on the 7th Avenue North Project and rescind the motion to place a 4-way stop at the same intersection. Councilwoman Klitch moved to accept the delay on the 7th Avenue North Project as presented by LHTAC and rescind the Council decision to place a 4-way stop at the intersection of 7th Avenue North and Highway #95. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heleker and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

WATER RATE REVIEW: The Council received information from engineer Doug Argo in their packet. He explained the difference between the rates in Weiser and the rates in Payette. He said Weiser has a large bond to pay off for their water reservoir and they have a water

treatment plant. It costs substantially more to operate a plant rather than operating wells. He spoke with our auditor, Jo Bolen, and she said we have a \$147,000 reserve/surplus in water rate revenue which isn't a lot. If we have a project coming up, that isn't going to go far. Mr. Argo said the rate study completed in 2004 was sufficient and in line with costs at that time. Councilman Williams said Weiser charges a base rate for water even if the service is not on. He questioned if we could do something like that. It was suggested the public works committee take a look at our water rates and report back to the Council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: The Council received written information from the engineering and police departments. Councilwoman Klitch asked the status of well #23. Mayor Henderson said that project is being headed by JUB Engineers and drilling will begin in 10-15 days.

DISCUSSION REGARDING AN LHTAC PROJECT ON IOWA AVENUE BETWEEN CENTER AND 7TH AVENUE NORTH: Mayor Henderson said the County applied and was awarded a grant to rebuild Iowa Avenue between Center and 7th Avenue North. It is similar to the 7th Avenue North project through LHTAC where 92.66% is funded by a grant, 7.34% is funded locally and will start in a couple of weeks. The project will cost 2 million dollars and the County has requested we share in the local match of \$147,000. If we are willing to participate LHTAC needs a deposit of \$10,000 to begin the project and the County would like us to pay half. Councilwoman Klitch moved to approve the city's responsibility of the project and pay \$5,000 of the \$10,000 deposit as requested for the Iowa Avenue project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heleker and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN: Councilman Heleker moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and passed by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.

Mayor

Douglas E. Henderson,

ATTEST: _____
Kellie McCombs, City Clerk