

PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session
January 24, 2011

5:15 PM – Work Session

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Les Cochran and Lee Nelson were excused

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator/Clerk; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Doug Argo, City Engineer; and Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Ordinance Regarding Liquor Licenses for Elected Officials or Employees:** This was discussed a couple of weeks ago and the Council wanted to gather more information. The Council asked Ms. Cordova if she knew of any history regarding why this had been put in our City Code and she stated no. The Council discussed about the potential conflict of interest and if changed that Councilor would have to abstain from any and all discussion and decisions regarding liquor. There is nothing in Idaho Code, each City is different. Discussed what the potential harm would be and couldn't find anything. Council would like to see staff come forth with an amended ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for De-annexation:** Several years ago the City annexed along River Street and 2 additional properties including the Boren's. Chad Boren is asking to be de-annexed. The Council requested that Chet Boren the property owner asks to be de-annexed. A public hearing would be held and the Boren's would be given due process.
- B. Payette Tax Levy Comparison:** The Council was given statistics of where the City was after our last levy rate and we are no longer in tenth place, so we are headed in the right direction. We need to keep in mind that we have the County seat in Payette and we receive no tax base from those buildings.
- C. Discussion of Political Participation by City Employees:** Discussion followed that the City does not have a policy on political participation, it is just common sense. If an employee wants to support a candidate, they should not be in fear of losing their job. The Mayor stated that City employees think things have gone better than anticipated after election. It was discussed that maybe political participation should go both ways for employees and the candidate running for office. Whatever is decided the intent needs to be clear

for future candidates. The Council will send this back to the Admin & Finance Committee for recommendation.

- D. Fuel Tank at Airport:** The Council was informed that the City purchased a dual fuel tank from the City of Chubback for \$5,000. The City is responsible for getting the tank. With Weiser & Ontario airports being closed for runway renovations, this is a good for the City to have fuel. The Street department is donating old bollards from the old RV dump to be placed around the tank. The tank will be placed where the courtesy car is parked now. The City needs to think about if they want to get in the fuel business. The Airport Commission will make a recommendation to the Council to sell or contract the fuel.
- E. Payette County Chamber of Commerce Request for Dues:** Discussion followed that if the City doesn't support the Chamber, it might not look so good. The chamber is supposed to support its members. The Council would like to see equal partnership for both Payette and Fruitland to the Chamber. Council would like to see invoice on next bill list for the Chamber dues.
- F. General Discussion:** Ms. Cordova stated that she had met with the County Commissioners on the Iowa acquisition and they did agree with the City. The negotiator has acquired 3 of the 4 properties left.

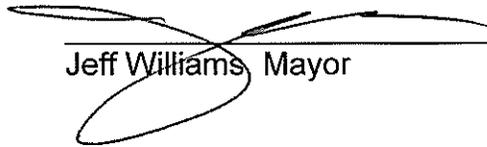
February 2, at 9:30 am the County is holding a meeting on hydro-fracturing. The County wants to gather more information on how it happens and how to protect our water supplies. Council was encouraged to attend.

- G. Mayor's Informational Points to Council:** Mayor Williams reported that the unemployment report from Dept. of Labor was out and we are at 9.2%, it is still not great, but better than neighboring counties.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to adjourn to at 6:07 PM.

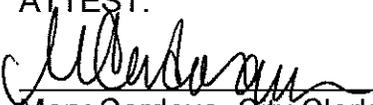
The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 7th day of February, 2011.



Jeff Williams Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Cordova, City Clerk