

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2010**

7:00 Regular Meeting

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Williams, Mark Heleker, Katherine Dodson, Ivan Mussell, Les Cochran, Lee Nelson

Members Absent: Georgia Hanigan (excused)

Staff Present: Russ Warden, Fire Chief; Mary Cordova, City Coordinator/Clerk; Tiffany Howell, Utility Clerk; Mark Clark, Police Chief; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Randy Schwartz, Wastewater Supervisor; Brandi Stromberg, Independent Enterprise; Dave Platt, Police Captain; Joe Natal, Narcotics Officer

PLEDGE

Taylor Fry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No Heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 03/01/2010 as written.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Dodson to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$236,311.70

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Dodson, Cochran, Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Arbor Day Proclamation
- B. Mayor read the following proclamation into the record:

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving up paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jeffrey T. Williams, Mayor of the City of Payette, Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2009, as *Arbor Day* in the City of Payette, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and,

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Introduction of new Volunteer Firefighters

- Henry Esquivel & James Burdick

B. Thank You Note from Earlene Morgan

PLANNING & ZONING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. High Desert Task Force – Joe Natal

Mr. Natal stated that he is part of the High Desert Task Force. The task force is a special unit assigned to drug task force interdiction, and the investigation of drug cases. They are geared towards the drug distribution and manufacturing of drugs.

B. American Legion, Boys & Girls State – William Stephan - Request for Donation

Mr. Stephan stated that the Legions are overwhelmed with the amount of students that would like to go to the Boys and Girls State. Since there are no Legions in New Plymouth or

Fruitland they are responsible for those cities as well. Mr. Stephan stated that he is asking for the city to help send these kids to state. Mayor Williams asked if they donated money to this program if they could donate it to the Payette kids. Mr. Stephan stated yes. Mayor Williams asked how much it costs for the students to go to state. Mr. Stephan stated that it is \$300 for the girls and \$350 for the boys.

Heleker moved and Cochran seconded a motion to allocate \$650 for 1 girl and 1 boy to go to Boys and Girls State.

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

C. Request for Curb Cut – 515 16th Avenue

Dave McGehee – 3034 Killebrew Dr; Payette, ID

Mr. McGehee stated that he came into the City to get a permit for an encroachment and curb cut. Mr. McGehee stated after starting the work he was told that the permit was being pulled and had to go to the Council for approval. Mr. McGehee stated that there needs to be a better process than having to go through the Council every time you want to do a curb cut. He asked why the City and the City Engineer couldn't look to make sure it was up to par. Clerk Cordova stated that the permit was not pulled, but had expired. Clerk Cordova stated that the administration staff would like to recommend that Mr. McGehee is approved for his curb cut.

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the curb cut request at 515 16th Avenue North.

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

D. Special Event Permit – Cub Scout Day Camp

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Cub Scout Day Camp on 6/12/10 from 7AM to 4PM in Centennial Park.

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

E. Pay Request #5 – Clarifier Project

Nelson moved and Heleker seconded a motion to approve payment # 5 for the clarifier project in the amount of \$81,313.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Dodson, Cochran, Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A. Treasurer’s Report – February 2010
- B. Payette Police Department Report – Monthly statistics, February 2010
- C. Payette Fire Department Report – February 2010

MAYORS COMMENTS

- Our next regular meeting is Monday, April 5th at 7PM.
- Mayor Williams will be gone from March 17th – 28th.
- Work Session is scheduled for March 22nd at 5:15PM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(f) to consider and advise its legal representatives of pending litigation at 7:37PM

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Dodson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk