

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2010**

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ivan Mussell, Mark Heleker, Lee Nelson, Kathy Dodson, and Les Cochran were present

Members Absent: Mayor Williams and Georgia Hanigan

Also Present: Mark Clark, Chief of Police, Russ Warden, Fire Chief and Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE

Council President Ivan Mussell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting minutes of 08-16-10, regular meeting of 09-07-10, and special meeting of 9-13-10 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 \$198,856.72.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Cochran, Mussell, Nelson, Heleker, Dodson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

None Heard.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Information on Water Rights – Mr. Dick Bronson: Dick Bronson addressed the Council. He informed the Council on the Payette Heights Irrigation Company that was started in 1910 by General Patch. The original project was to take in 3,000 acres East of Payette, as part of the Carey Act. He is trying to get interest in reviving the project. Mr. Bronson started his research in

2008. There has been many problems with the ditch over the years. The land is flat and sandy and there had been several disputes between the Payette Irrigation Company and Payette Heights Irrigation Company. In 1947 there was several attempts to restart the project, but due to the Korean War the money was not available. Then in 1960 Harry Starks and Harry Sloan tried to start it again. Many land owners drilled wells to irrigate. Today we have individual companies serving 30-40 acres. The canal was planned to be 8.2 miles long and it is quite twisted. The new map that was developed has a different route. Mr. Bronson stated they found the original project in achieves. He showed the competitive analysis and cost analysis for the project. He has estimated that the annual assessment would be around \$110.00 per acre to maintain. There is shared technology available today that wasn't available in years past. Idaho Power has already looked at the line. Mr. Bronson showed pictures that could be irrigated land from this system. He stated that this water is not going to be available forever. This is a short lived opportunity to use this water. The new water rights were filed in 2008 and there is a seven year window before the water rights are lost. The new line is designed to go across dry land and that would make it easier in obtaining easements. Mr. Bronson stated that the canal ends about 3/8 of a mile North of 19th. The pipeline is not engineered yet, it is just in the conception stage. If it doesn't get started it would be a huge mistake down the road. The Council asked about funding and were told that grants, LID's and individual property owners would be the source along with government agencies. It is about a \$1.5 million dollar project.

NEW BUSINESS

None Heard

PLANNING & ZONING

None Heard

OLD BUSINESS

None Heard

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Heleker and seconded by Councilor Dodson to adjourn.

After a unanimous voice vote, the Council adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Signed this 20th day of September, 2010.

IVAN MUSSELL, Council President

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk