

## PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL

### Work Session & Special Meeting

April 25, 2011

#### 5:15 PM – Work Session ~

1. ROLL CALL
2. OLD BUSINESS
3. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. AEHI Support Request

Councilor Mussell asked if we knew of any other issues we need to be concerned about. He would like to have the nuclear power plant in the area as much as anyone else, but what are the implications to our citizens if Gillespie gets arrested? Mayor Williams said his personal opinion is this concerns only what they are trying to do with Payette County. The commissioners still need to sign off on the zone change. He suggested that it should only be our opinion of what they are going to do in the County. Georgia agreed, we do support the availability of the land. All councilors agreed. It was decided that a letter would be enough at this point.

#### B. Economic Development at South 16<sup>th</sup> Street

At this point, Mary and I have met with a representative of Mr. Rae, to talk about what we can do to assist the city, and promote that property to as close as we can get to making that property shovel ready. Cordova stated that it was purely a matter of economic development, and handed out the article from USA today titled "If you build it, will they come?" and ways to promote economic development in the City.

Williams said he has represented Noah Rae in the past, and now the relationship is a little strained, but Mr. Rae thought the City was picking on him. Jim Smith is the person who has been talking to him. If the City is in any position to say this portion of your property, say 2 acres, that property along Hwy 95, if the City would spend the money to survey it and identify it, and go back 30 feet with a street. If we could put water to it, and Noah place a price on it, because if the city is going to develop it, we don't want the land owner to raise the price exorbitantly. We set a price, and once it sells, Noah pay back the City for the price of the infrastructure. Councilor Mussell said that doesn't sound too bad. Is there property across the street that we could do this to? Could we do it for more than one? Money is a limiting factor said the Mayor.

Councilor Heleker pointed out that in the past, we had money that we could lure people in. Short of that, whatever we can do will help. Councilor Mussell asked what would we do to Rae's property. City Engineer Argo said that the cheapest way would be to come down the side of the

road with water vs. a bore across the road. Argo said that it sounds like an advance finance district similar to what they have in Ontario. Once it develops, they pay their proportional share back.

Councilor Mussell said he does think we need to give SREDA something to market. Argo stated that we could put together an approximate cost estimate for doing the utility work, engineering and survey work. It would not be exact because we don't know all the pieces yet. The Mayor stated he did not know if we would use Holliday, and we have to keep in mind that the existing driveway has an easement there. Argo said that putting it on the sewer line easement makes the most sense.

Cordova noted that PURA may be available to help in this instance. Mayor said that after talking to Jim Smith this afternoon and said we were interested in the concept, the next step is that Noah Rae determine the value, and Doug can get us a cost estimate. Don't miss the opportunity if it is there. We should take advantage of it if we can.

### C. Beautiful Yard Contest

Mayor informed the Council that the City is going to host a "Most Beautiful Yard" contest this year. Theoretically we would say our second meeting in May, we will announce it is going to happen, and ask that all nominations be in the Thursday before the last work session, and have the winners come down at a council meeting to receive their award. We paid for some signs and are trying to engage people in the Community. We will also have something in the lobby to display all of the winners

## 4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Cordova pointed out Payette is ranked #65 in Outdoor Life Magazine for the top 200 towns in the nation for Sportsmen to live!

Councilor Cochran asked about the fire chief position. Mayor explained to him that we are down to 2 interviews next week.

Cochran asked about the Friday Payette Pride Schedule. Mayor went over Arbor Day and the bbq and clean up schedule. Heleker offered that students still have some community service time left and will be able to help on that day.

## 5. MAYOR'S INFORMATIONAL POINTS TO COUNCIL

Mayor explained to the Council about Operation Freebird. Kit Kamo has to submit this project to the Department of Commerce by next Thursday. It will be to attract manufacturing around the airport.

Cochran, asked about Griffiths property, and getting it cleaned up. Cordova noted that the fire department has offered to help Mr. Griffiths clean up twice, and they have been refused twice.

Dodson stated that his wife recently had a heart attack. If he is dealing with this issue, we should give him some time.

Work Session adjourned at 6:10 PM.

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 6:10 PM by Mayor Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Lee Nelson was excused

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Clerk; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Doug Argo, City Engineer

A motion was made by Councilor Mussell to amend the agenda to include a donation of pool passes to the Apple Blossom Queen and Court, and was seconded by Councilor Hanigan.

After a unanimous affirmative voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Donation of Pool Passes**

Heleker moved to approve and Dodson seconded the donation of 3 pool passes for the Apple Blossom Queen and her court.

After a unanimous affirmative voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### **Set Public Hearing Date for FY2012 Budget**

A motion was made by Dodson and seconded by Cochran to set the FY12 public hearing date for 8/22/11.

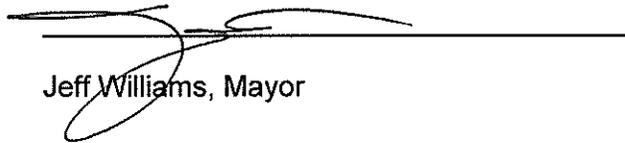
After a unanimous affirmative voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

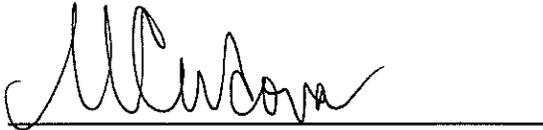
A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to adjourn.

The motion CARRIED and the Council adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2011.

  
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Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Cordova, City Clerk