

**PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 7, 2010**

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Les Cochran

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator/Clerk; Jennifer Kelley, Deputy Treasurer; Tiffany Howell, Utility Clerk; Mark Clark, Police Chief; Randy Schwartz, Wastewater Supervisor; Russ Warden, Fire Chief; Doug Argo, City Engineer

PLEDGE

Doug Argo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None were heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Heleker and seconded by Dodson to approve the special meeting minutes of 08/30/2010 as written.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Dodson and seconded by Mussell to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$250,673.73.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Dodson, Nelson, Heleker, Mussell

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

None Heard.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. City of Fruitland – Open House letter
- B. 2010 Liquor Fund Excess Distribution

PLANNING & ZONING

None Heard

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Payette Chamber of Commerce -

Kathy Patrick – Chamber President

Kathy stated that they are working very closely with Fruitland to draft new bylaws for the new Payette County Chamber Office. On July 15, 2010 the members voted to have new bylaws, and that the target date to have these completed is November 1st. The vote is due back November 15th and if it passes they will merge on January 1, 2011 and if it does not pass they will continue as they have in the past.

Ms. Patrick stated that the Chamber will be busy this weekend helping Jim Boyer out with the A&W Cruise Night event. Several of the chamber members will be helping out with a fundraiser breakfast. Kathy stated that with the decrease in people coming to the meeting they would love to see the Council and employees.

October 23rd will be the Payette County Awards Ceremony. This might be the last awards banquet due to the merger. They are also looking for a chamber member to cater the event. Kathy stated that she would like someone from the City to give out the beautification award, since Payette was the recipient last year.

Jeannie Hershey –

Jeannie stated that she wanted to talk about the business development committee. She stated they are borrowing an idea from Caldwell's group called "Showcasing Your Business". What that means is at the Chamber meeting they get to talk about their business a little bit, and then everyone is invited to their place of business for a continental breakfast and drinks. Gary Younberg will be the first one, so we are very excited about that.

Mayor Williams stated that this is a good idea.

B. Pre-Termination Hearing – Lyman Adams 308 So. 12th St –

Clerk Cordova stated that Mr. Adams is disputing his bill and when that happens it goes before the Council and a pre-determination hearing is held. We have to have a hearing and then put that in writing to the owner.

Tony Naillion – Payette Water Department –

Mr. Naillion stated that on 8/11/2010 he met Mr. Adams at 308 So 12th Street, because of a large bill he had received. When they arrived at the complex Mr. Naillion stated that it was running about 4 gallons a minute. Mr. Naillion stated that they walked around the back of the property where there was a hose attached to the house, at which point Mr. Adams removed the hose from the spigot. Mr. Lyman then went into one of the apartments where he found a toilet running. He

fixed the problem with the toilet and when they went back out and looked at the meter it was running ½ a gallon a minute. Mr. Lyman was unable to get into the other units to check and see if the toilets were running but said he would take care of it. On 9/7/10 at 11:38 AM Mr. Naillon stated that he went back out to check and see if the meter was running and it was still running at ½ gallon a minute. Mr. Naillon felt that he has had adequate time to get the situation take care of.

A motion was made Heleker and seconded by Nelson to deny the claim by Lyman Adams at 308 So 12th Street.

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

C. Introduction of New Fireman – Ryan Phalin -

A motion was made Heleker and seconded by Mussell to approve Ryan Phalin as a new fireman.

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

C. Approval of Architect Contract – Library Expansion Project –

Councilor Mussell asked if Attorney Osborn has a chance to review this contract. City Clerk/Coordinator Mary Cordova stated that Bert has been out of the office and has not had a chance to review the items.

A motion was made Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to postpone the agenda item for the next meeting.

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

E. Ordinance 1319 – An Ordinance Entitled Annual Appropriation for the Twelve Month Period from the first Day of October 2010 to and inclusive of the Thirtieth Day of September 2011; Appropriating Ten Million, Six Hundred Thirty – Eight Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$10,638,189) to Pay the Expenses of the City of Payette, Payette County, Idaho, and Specifying the Object and Purpose for Which Said Appropriation is Made –First Reading-

Councilor Dodson stated that she received several calls and a lot of people are stopping to see her. She stated that people are not getting raises, and it is inappropriate for us to give them. The 2% raise for the lowest paid city employee and then asking them to \$25 per dependent, the pre taxed dollar amount is less than what they will be paying, so they will be going backwards. They will be \$75 out of their own pocket. I am not in favor of the 2% raise however in lieu of not getting the raise maybe we not have them pay the \$25 this year. With the \$2,000 deductible, their portion of the deductible would be approximately \$1,100.

Jennifer Kelley stated they would pay \$1,120 for the family, so an additional \$200 per individual and \$400 per family. Councilor Nelson stated that he thought the way he understood it was that it was very important to start the deductible for the employees this year. Mayor Williams concurred.

Councilor Nelson asked if the \$3,000 we are savings what did that get us down to on the levy. Clerk Cordova stated that it brought our levy down .0094. Councilor Hanigan asked Councilor Dodson if the people who talked to her about not giving them an increase, were they also opposed to the health care dependent charge? Councilor Dodson stated no, they were only opposed to the wage increase. Mayor Williams stated that the mass talk was that people were opposed and everyone has to tighten their belts. Councilor Hanigan stated that speaking for herself I was content with the way the budget was. Councilor Nelson stated he feels the same way. Councilor Mussell asked if there as a cap on the number of dependents. Councilor Hanigan stated that this is what we passed previously and we need to make our changes to it correct? Clerk Cordova stated yes.

A motion was made Heleker and seconded by Mussell to introduce Ordinance 1319 by title only.

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

A motion was made Hanigan and seconded by Nelson to approve Ordinance 1319 with the following changes: to create a net effect of \$63,000 decrease in the tax dollars for the City of Payette Budget. \$25 towards dependent health care for full time employees, \$100 towards dependent health care for elected officials. Insurance premiums raised to \$4,000 per family and \$2,000 for individuals.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Nelson, Heleker, Mussell

Nays: Dodson

The motion CARRIED.

A motion was made Hanigan and seconded by Mussell to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 1319 on its first reading.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Nelson, Dodson, Mussell,

Nays: Heleker

The motion CARRIED.

A motion was made Hanigan and seconded by Heleker that Ordinance 1319 do pass.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Nelson, Dodson, Mussell,

Nays: Heleker

The motion CARRIED.

F. Proposed Pool Rate Increase -

Clerk Cordova stated this was just for information purposes only.

G. Proposed LED Crosswalk signal at HWY 95 and Center Ave –

Clerk Cordova stated that with the increase in pedestrian traffic at Center Avenue and HWY 95 we would like to put a LED crosswalk signal up. Clerk Cordova stated that the Street Department has money in their budget to pay for the signal. Street Supervisor Jamie Couch stated that they went out and cleared the readings on the crosswalk by the high school, and in a two hour period the button was hit 60 times.

A motion was made Mussell and seconded by Nelson to approve the LED Crosswalk signal at HWY 95 and Center Avenue not to exceed \$24,656.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Dodson, Nelson, Heleker, Mussell

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Engineers Report – September 7, 2010
- B. Police Department Report – August 2010

MAYORS COMMENTS

- 1. Fire Station bids came in extremely lower than anticipated.
- 2. He will be gone at the next regular meeting on 9/20/10.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Caroline Mattice –

Mrs. Mattice stated that she feels the employees deserve a 2% raise, and she would like to thank everyone for their hard work on this year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Dodson to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Ivan Mussell, Council President

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk