

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2010**

7:00 Regular Meeting

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Henderson, Les Cochran (via phone), Mark Heleker, Jeff Williams, Ivan Mussell, Georgia Hanigan

Members Absent: Lee Nelson

Staff Present: 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, Russ Warden

PLEDGE

Mayor Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 12/21/09.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Hanigan to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$235,400.49

At the roll call:

Ayes: Cochran, Heleker, Williams, Mussell, Hanigan

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

Heleker moved and Williams seconded a motion to adjourn sine die.

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

Doug Henderson stepped down as Mayor and new Mayor Williams left his Council seat for the Mayor's chair. Mayor Henderson said he is honored to serve as Mayor of the City of Payette.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk Cordova administered the oath of office to Georgia Hanigan, Ivan Mussell and Jeff Williams for their 4 year Council/ Mayor term.

Mayor Jeff Williams called his new council to order at 7:10PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Williams, Les Cochran (via phone), Mark Heleker, Ivan Mussell, and Georgia Hanigan

Members Absent: Lee Nelson

Staff Present: Jeff Sands, 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, Russ Warden

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Resolution 10-01 Honoring Mayor Doug Henderson

CITY OF PAYETTE, IDAHO Resolution 2010-01

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MAYOR DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON

WHEREAS, MAYOR DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON has served as a member of the City Council for the City of Payette since 2004, and as Mayor from 2006 to 2010; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mayor Henderson contributed to the economic stability and success of the City by improving parks, public facilities, roads, public services, and public safety; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Henderson provided vision and leadership which resulted in many positive projects for the City of Payette such as the South 9th Street road improvements, expansion of local industry, addition to our Wastewater Treatment Plant, and procurement of grant funding for a new Fire Station, and, building upon the efforts of previous Councils, saw the fruition of a new stoplight on Highway 95 and completion of the 7th Avenue North road project; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Henderson has contributed freely of his time, energies, and abilities toward the promotion, growth, and development of the City of Payette, and his efforts received the constant support of his caring wife, Janelle; and,

WHEREAS, the Payette City Council wishes to acknowledge the diligence and dedication with which Mayor Henderson represented the people of Payette.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Payette City Council does hereby recognize Mayor Doug Henderson's years of service to our community and wishes to express the appreciation and thanks of the citizens of Payette for such service.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 5th day of January, 2010.

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve Resolution 10-01.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PLANNING & ZONING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of New Council President

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to appoint Councilor Mussell as Council President.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion approve Councilor Mussell as Council President.

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

B. Appointment of Officials

Mayor Williams offered the following appointments for Council approval: Bert Osborn as City Attorney and Mary Cordova as the City Clerk/Treasurer.

Hanigan moved and Mussell seconded a motion approve Bert Osborn as City Attorney and Mary Cordova as the City Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Mayor Williams nominated Kathy Dodson for appointment to fill the Council vacancy.

Mussell moved and Hanigan seconded a motion approve Kathy Dodson as the appointment to fill the Council vacancy.

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

Clerk Cordova gave Councilor Dodson her Oath of Office.

C. Appointment of Standing Committees -

Mayor Williams made the following committee assignments:

Public Works:

Councilor Cochran, Councilor Heleker, Councilor Mussell, Stan Clements, Dick Kendell, and Taylor Fry.

Mussell moved and Hanigan seconded a motion approve the appointment of Councilor Cochran, Councilor Heleker, Councilor Mussell, Stan Clements, Dick Kendell, and Taylor Fry to the Public Works Committee.

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

Public Safety:

Councilor Heleker, Councilor Nelson, Councilor Hanigan, Alan Massey, and Sharry Kendall.

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion approve the appointment of Councilor Heleker, Councilor Nelson, Councilor Hanigan, Alan Massey, and Sharry Kendall to the Public Safety Committee.

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

Parks & Recreation:

Councilor Mussell, Councilor Nelson, Councilor Cochran, Les Sweeney, George Mattice, and Carolyn Mattice.

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion approve the appointment of Councilor Mussell, Councilor Nelson, Councilor Cochran, Les Sweeney, George Mattice, and Carolyn Mattice to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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

Admin & Finance:

Councilor Hanigan, Councilor Mussell, Councilor Dodson, Kevin Coats, Mike Phillips, and Craig Jensen.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion approve the appointment of Councilor Hanigan, Councilor Mussell, Councilor Dodson, Kevin Coats, Mike Phillips, and Craig Jensen to the Admin & Finance Committee.

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

D. Appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Members -

Mayor Williams appointed Tom Ladely, Jim Franklin, and Gary Younberg to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Tom Ladely, Jim Franklin, and Gary Younberg to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

E. Appointment to the Library Commission-

Mayor Williams appointed Kathy Dodson as the Library liaison.

Mussell moved and Heleker seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Kathy Dodson as the Library liaison.

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

Mayor Williams appointed Kathy Dodson as Council liaison and Duane Youngberg to the Airport Commission.

Mussell moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve the appointment.

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

Mayor Williams appointed Councilor Cochran as the Council liaison to the Payette Community Forestry Committee.

Mussell moved and Heleker seconded a motion to approve appointment of Councilor Cochran as liaison to the Payette Community Forestry Committee.

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

Mayor Williams appointed Councilor Hanigan as Council liaison to the Historical Preservation Committee.

Mussell moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve appointment of Councilor Hanigan to the Historical Preservation Committee.

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

Mayor Williams re-appoint John Held to the Library Commission.

Heleker moved and Cochran seconded a motion to approve the re-appointment of John Held to the Library Commission

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

F. Resolution 10-02 Authorizing Signatures for Banking Services on Behalf of the City of Payette.

Hanigan moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve Resolution 10-02.

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

G. Approval of Local Professional Services Agreement - Center Avenue Overlay Project, US95 Iowa.

Clerk Cordova stated that Holladay Engineer is going to be considered as the engineer on the project. Mayor Williams stated that he would like some explanation on the cost breakdown and why some are 155% of the payroll amount. Mr. Argo stated that every two years we are audited by the state and they have rules as to what is allowed and what is not allowed from low of 140% - 190%. This one is 12% and yes that is the profit and that is set by the state, we don't get to put in the number. Mayor Williams stated that he did some rough estimates and wants to know what the percentages go to. Mr. Argo stated that he would love to sit down with you and go over this with you. Mayor Williams asked if this is normal that engineers make 155% above cost. Mr. Argo stated that this is pretty normal. Mayor Williams would like Mr. Argo to come and do a presentation on how these fees are broken down.

Mussell moved and Heleker seconded a motion to approve the Local Professional Services Agreement for the Center Avenue overlay project with Holladay Engineering not to exceed \$33,809.68.

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

H. Change Order for WWTP Clarifier Project.

Mr. Argo stated that this is changing the ground cover from dirt to rock and changing a lateral box to include an extension to make repairs easier. The other item is widening the wall under the walk way.

Hanigan moved and Heleker seconded a motion to approve change order #1 on the clarifier project in the amount of \$9,430.

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

I. Change Order for 7th Avenue North Project.

Mayor Williams asked why the \$20,000 change order was overlooked. Councilor Hanigan asked if the amount is set in stone or could it be more. Mr. Argo stated that the work is complete but it will not exceed that amount. Clerk Cordova stated that the \$297 oversight was brought to the Council a couple of months ago when we realized there was a problem. As far as the \$21,125 change order we had two different engineers look over the plans and there was still an oversight, no set of plans is perfect.

Hanigan moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve change order #9 not to exceed \$297, and approve change order #10 not to exceed \$21,125.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Engineering Status Report

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to have once a month a verbal departmental report.

Clerk Cordova stated that she would like to give kudos to the Street Department on keeping the roads clear during the snow season. This is the first year since I have been here that we have received more positive calls on snow removal than negative.

MAYORS COMMENTS

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 PM

Mayor Williams read the following statement to the Council.

Opening Statement as Mayor

First of all, I would like to thank my family, close friends and the residents & businesses of Payette for assisting me with my vision of getting the Citizens of Payette in control of running this City. I can hear people say, okay Williams now that you are responsible "what are you going to do?" To that I say the same thing that I said throughout my campaign - "Together, we will Serve our Community."

What does that mean? That means that we will have more Citizen and Council involvement in Government. By ordinance the City has a Library Board of Trustees, a Payette Airport Commission, a Planning and Zoning Commission, a Historic Preservation Commission, a Traffic Safety Committee and a Payette Community Forestry Commission. Previous Mayors and Councils have also appointed a Public Safety Committee (which has taken the place of the Traffic Safety Committee), a Public Works Committee and an Administration and Finance Committee which have been Council member only committees. It is my intent to add Citizens to all of these Committees and to appoint Councilors to be members of the Library, Airport and Forestry Committees. I also intend to add a Parks and Recreation Committee and to include Health Insurance and Ordinance Modification under the Administration and Finance Committees. With more involvement by Council Members and input by Citizens it is my intent to have better communication at all levels of Payette City Government. Council members will be required to attend more meetings and Community members will be allowed a more active role in their City's Government. Will it work perfect? Probably not, but we will work on a system that allows Government to be run by the People and for the people. I intend to represent the voice of the people. As of right now, this government is open for the business of the people of Payette.

During my campaign, I heard people ask me why everything has to pass over Ms. Cordova's desk. After numerous meetings & discussions with Mary I realize it is because she was encouraged and allowed to do that by previous Councils and Mayors who didn't take as active of a role in the day to day dealings of a City as what I intend to ask my Council to do. I am going to ask this Council to do more than show up for 2 meetings a month. We will have work sessions on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. This will allow opportunities for Council Members to share ideas on challenges that lie ahead.

Speaking of challenges, here are a few that lie before us:

The 2011 Budget - with revenue from the State projected to be less than previous years I can not promise to lower taxes... but I do Promise to Cut Spending. At this point in time, other than every day operation expenses there will be no purchases (even if in the budget) until the Administration and Finance Committee has had a chance to review the condition of the City's budget and the projected revenues. The Council will be apprised of any expenses other than payroll and utilities before those expenses are incurred.

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Opening Statement as Mayor

The City of Payette has the 10th highest tax levy rate out of 191 Cities in Idaho. This is a function of being a border community. My administration will not spend time complaining about our Sales Tax disadvantage. What we will do is communicate with, and educate our tax paying Citizens as to why we have a tax levy rate that is 95% higher than all of the other Cities in the State of Idaho. The City of Payette has to figure out ways to attract more businesses and increase our tax base. Idaho Code prevents us from giving tax any incentives to businesses. However, we can offer streets, water or sewer to entice businesses to come to Payette.

I don't think our Citizens want to have one of the highest levy rates in the State. We must attract more businesses and lower our taxes. If our Citizens don't want new business in Payette and they still want lower taxes; we will then have to ask our Citizens "what services can you do without?" There will have to be sacrifices: things can not stay the same as they have been in Payette, Idaho for the last 40+ years.

An update on the Fire Department –

Chief Sands was a vital part of securing the Grant for the New Fire Station and I applaud him for his efforts. Chief Sands is also to be commended for leaving a staff that is fully trained and able to carry on the day to day requirements to protect our Community. Likewise, the City of Payette is to be commended for having an organization that allows a leader to further his or her career and ascend to the State Fire Marshall's office. Since Chief Sands' departure, we have had an Interim Fire Chief. We had three (3) Payette Fire Fighters interview for the Permanent Fire Chief's position. I am proud to announce that Russ Warden has been selected to be our Permanent Fire Chief.

Since the election, I have met with several members of the Payette City Fire Department and the Board of Directors of the Payette Rural Fire Department. The grant to construct a new Fire Station is a joint City and Rural Fire Department effort; without both entities we would not have been awarded the Grant to build our New Fire Station. The Mayor, the City Clerk & her staff, the Council members and both Fire Departments are aware of what it will take to move forward with the construction of the new Fire Station. I look forward to working with Russ and Mary Cordova to get our new Fire Station constructed.

After the Administration and Finance Committee has had a chance to review the budget - I intend to make some changes to the City's website and to help develop a news letter that is informative and educational for our employees, businesses and Citizens. I will also start a program that the 4th Saturday of the month is the day to meet with the Mayor at City Hall.

These are some of the things to look forward to during my administration. Thank you and I look forward to moving this City ahead and leaving behind better leaders than what I inherited.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk