

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 01, 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, Georgia Hanigan, Les Cochran, Lee Nelson

Members Absent: None

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

PLEDGE

Jeff Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Held –

Mr. Held stated that there was a grant announcement from the USDA for rural communities for libraries, and we have looked through it. We had a special meeting with the library board and things look very encouraging and we will be bringing it in front of our regular meeting next Tuesday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 2/16/2010 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 Hanigan to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$159,776.37

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Dodson, Cochran, Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Mayoral Proclamation Honoring Gene Gray

Mayor Williams presented Gene Gray with the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION HONORING

Gene Gray

WHEREAS, in November of 1999 the Payette Community Forestry Commission was formed with five members; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gene Gray was one of the five original appointees, and as the Chair of the committee helped achieve the City's first Tree City USA award in 2000; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gene Gray has served continuously and with distinction on the Community Forestry Commission for the past ten years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gene Gray's countless hours of volunteer work have helped to preserve and protect the trees of the City of Payette, particularly in its parks, and other large historical trees throughout the County; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gene Gray is the living embodiment of the words of British scholar Thomas Fuller, who said, "He that plants trees loves others besides himself";

WHEREAS, the City of Payette Mayor and City Council are honored to have this opportunity to recognize the personal commitment and public service of Mr. Gene Gray.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Payette Mayor and Council that Mr. Gene Gray is commended for his outstanding public contributions and exemplary service to the City of Payette, Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that Friday, April 30, 2010, is hereby proclaimed Gene Gray Appreciation Day in the City of Payette.

B. Presentation of Plaque and Key Commemoration the Capitol Restoration
- Idaho State Controller Donna Jones

Mrs. Jones presented the City of Payette with a wooden key and read the following:



January 4, 2010

From: Idaho Capitol Commission
To: The People of the City of Payette
Re: Key to the State Capitol

Dear Idahoans:

The Idaho Capitol Commission believes that the Idaho State Capitol Building is the most historic and prominent building in all of Idaho, and the center of Idaho's government - a government that serves all citizens.

Our Capitol's extensive renovation and restoration is complete, and it officially re-opened on Saturday, January 9, just prior to the commencement of the 2010 legislative session.

After being closed for nearly three years with painstaking attention given to every detail, an outstanding workforce restored this century-old building to its original splendor, increased public access, and added state-of-the-art technology so that the Capitol can meet the needs of the people of Idaho for the next hundred years.

Major milestones like this have been infrequent in our state's lifetime, with the Idaho Centennial Celebration in 1990 being the last historic statewide event. The Commission believes the re-opening of our century-old Capitol deserves a celebration and it is now time for all Idahoans to celebrate!

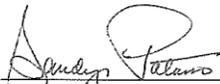
The Idaho Capitol Commission hereby extends an invitation to all Idahoans to visit their State Capitol in 2010 and join in celebrating the restoration and preservation of this magnificent treasure.

We present you, the people of the City of Payette, the enclosed plaque and key to commemorate the restoration, rededication, and reopening of your Idaho Capitol. The commemorative plaque was made by Representative Max Black of wood from the historic Harrison Tree - an oak tree planted on the Capitol grounds in 1891, by President Benjamin Harrison. We hope you will display this plaque in a prominent location for all citizens to view.

This key serves as a reminder that, like receiving a symbolic 'key to a city', all citizens of Idaho shall forever hold a 'key' to their Capitol. The State Capitol belongs to all the people of Idaho - that is why it's called "The People's House" - and in this house of state government, everyone is welcome!

Respectfully yours,


Andrew C. Erstad, Chairman
Idaho Capitol Commission


Sandy Patano, Co-Chair
Idaho Capitol Celebration Committee


Martin L. Peterson, Co-Chair
Idaho Capitol Celebration Committee

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PLANNING & ZONING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SREDA Update

Kevin Coates -

Mr. Coates stated that he would like to introduce members of the SREDA group that are here tonight. Doug Lamm with Nichol's Accounting, Jim Smith with the Department of Labor, Harry Flock Mayor of Nyssa, Ken Bishop Mayor of Fruitland, and Mike Hanigan with Hanigan Motors.

Mike Hanigan stated that SREDA stands for Snake River Economic Development Alliance. The economic professionals felt that there was an opportunity do something better, so they met and brought different people to the table and brought about an idea do something like this organization. It includes Malheur, Payette, and Washington counties. One of the very first things we did was look at SIDO and it is the Jerome area and they formed this organization 10-15 years before and have attracted 22 different employers to the area. Payette and Malheur County are in double digit unemployment rates, and Jerome area is at about 6%. We spent 2009 setting up all the legal.

We set up two boards. There is a board of representatives and it is made up of 45 people, so every city and every county has a seat on it. Then we have the board of directors made up of 12 individuals, its 2 elected and officials 2 business people, and we also have someone from the TVCC board and I would have to say we wouldn't be able to do this without having a community college at our backdoor.

Our goal is to create jobs for this community and that is why I am so passionate about SREDA. What we are hoping to do in 2010 is start pooling the limited resources we have and do a better job in marketing the tri county region. We are out in front of the business community, city councils, and county commissioners. We are asking that we add what little we can to this marketing effort so we can be at trade shows, advertise in specialty magazine, and make sure we follow every lead that is out there. What we are asking from the municipalities is that you a lot a dollar per citizen. We are asking that you have a line item for \$7,500. What we are asking for is not a donation, but an investment that will eventually pay off. About 60% of the money we project to receive is from the business community. So what I'm asking for is if there is an opportunity in the current budget that you could invest that money in SREDA, we would appreciate that, and going forward we would also like to see that in the upcoming budget. We promise that we won't come back next year and ask for more money we will keep it the same.

Mayor Williams stated that we did put aside \$7,500 out of our current budget for this group. Please bring me an invoice and we will cut you a check.

Jim Smith stated that the big success is Robert Weed Wood Products. It is manufactured over here and sent over to the Treasure Valley. If we bring these manufactures into this area we will increase revenue everywhere.

Harry Flock stated that we have a lot of people in Nyssa that have lost their jobs and anywhere in this area that we can get a plant or any type of a job that people from my city can get a job at. When it comes down to it we need this in our area.

Ken Bishop stated that he is curious as to why there aren't more of these businesses in our community. I personally think that people just don't know what we can bring to the table. I want to reach out to these people and let them know that we can bring items to the table and we have a great place to live.

B. Appointment of Additional Parks & Recreation Committee Member

When I was putting together these committees I forgot to add someone from the pool, so at this time I would like to appoint Linda Fanning.

Nelson moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to appoint Linda Fanning to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

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

C. Appointment of Historical Preservation Committee

Mayor Williams stated that with the help of Ann Curtis and Mary Cordova they have come up with a list of people who would like to be on the Committee. Mayor Williams stated that he would like to appoint Ann Curtis, Patty Theurer, Karen Pollock, Mary Mejia, Don Belvoir, and Linda Williams.

Heleker moved and Cochran seconded a motion to appoint Ann Curtis, Patty Theurer, Karen Pollock, Mary Mejia, Don Belvoir, and Linda Williams to the Historical Preservation Committee

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

D. Restaurant Application

Clerk Cordova asked that this item be tabled to the next meeting.

Grady Hansen – 317 3rd Avenue North; Payette, ID

Grady Hansen stated that he wants to do the same thing as TIPS. He wants to create a smoke free restaurant, and that he has separated his building so minors are not in the bar area. Mr. Hansen stated that he has met with the Fire Chief and he has everything on board with the safety and access. Basically it is a steak house and restaurant to increase revenue. Councilor Heleker asked about the passageway, would be between the two establishments? Mr. Hansen stated that the main entrance would be for the restaurant and minors to enter and that the back door in the alley way would be for the bar patrons. He stated that there is a floor to ceiling swinging door set, which separates the bar from the restaurant. I have had the State Lieutenant come out and inspect it and there is a sign that states not minors. The restrooms are in the restaurant section so they don't need to go through the bar area. Councilor Mussell asked what the seating capacity is. Mr. Hansen stated that it is about 40 people. Mayor Williams asked if the Southwest District Health Permit is for the restaurant or all of it. Clerk Cordova stated that it is for the bar and grill. Clerk Cordova stated that it is the suggestion of the administration that we post pone this to the next meeting. There is an issue with a commercial hood system that is not in place above the fryers, and we received a floor plan from ISP and it is not to the same specs as what the building looks like. Mr. Hansen stated that the hood system is in and he just

needs to get the suppression system installed and that they should have the correct floor plan. Due to the cost of the suppression system I want some time to get the money to put that in. Councilor Hanigan asked if Mr. Hansen was serving food prior to this application. Mr. Hansen stated that he has had a SWDH permit for a couple of years now and once a week they have a taco Tuesday. I want an area that allows minors to come in and for families. Councilor Nelson asked if Chief Warden has a different idea for the suppression system. Clerk Cordova stated that it is our practice to adhere to fire code and we have done that to other businesses before opening. I think there is an issue of what is and isn't being served. Again, I would like to post pone this to the next regular meeting.

Mussell moved and Heleker seconded a motion to table this item to the next meeting.

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

E. Approval of Extension of Building Permit Application -Bryan Smallwood

Clerk Cordova stated that per our code he is only allowed 3 120 day extensions.

Bryan Smallwood –

Mr. Smallwood stated that he was laid off from Sav-On lumber and just now graduated from school and that was his income he was using to finish this project. Mayor Williams stated that the reason you want an extension is financial. Mr. Smallwood stated yes. Mr. Smallwood stated that it is 80% complete and then he needs a final inspection to complete. He needs to get a state inspector out there and a final on my electrical, and everything had been wired and has been done other than the molding and soffit and vents in the foundation. Councilor Mussell asked if this extension would help you complete it. Mr. Smallwood stated that yes.

Nelson moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to grant another 120 day extension to Bryan Smallwood at 806 North 8th Street.

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. Treasurer's Report

Mayor Williams asked what the JAG grant was. Clerk Cordova stated that this was from the Department of Justice for police equipment.

Councilor Dodson stated that the percentages on the revenues don't add up and it needs tweaked a little.

B. Engineer's Report

Councilor Cochran stated that the VFW Memorial is on indefinite hold.

MAYORS COMMENTS

- Saturday is the PAYCCY dinner and auction starting at 5:30 PM.
- We will have a work session on 3/8.
- I will be gone for the work session on 3/18

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Heleker moved and Mussell 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 8:02PM

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk