

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

**6:30 PUBLIC HEARING**

The Payette City Council will meet at 6:30 PM on April 5, 2010, at the Payette City Council Chambers, 700 Center Avenue, Payette, Idaho, to consider public comment regarding the institution of credit/debit card and electronic check fee. Information about the proposed rates may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at City Hall during regular business hours.

Barbara Choate – 735 So 12<sup>th</sup> St; Payette, ID –

Mrs. Choate asked if this was a brand new fee or if we are raising a current fee. Clerk Cordova stated that it is a brand new fee to accommodate our citizens desire to use credit/debit cards.

**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**

Jamie White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None Heard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Heleker moved and Dodson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 03/15/2010 as written.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Mussell to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$260,711.76

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

#### A. Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve the month of April 2010 as Fair Housing Month.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Treasure Valley community Gardening Conference

B. Iowa Avenue Project – Progress Status Report

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Payette Civic League – Jamie White -**

Mrs. White stated that our Apple Blossom Queens contest is coming up soon. We have 11 candidates trying out and interviews are the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. We are asking for the communities support. We have not had the participation in the past that we would have like, but hopefully that is not the case this year.

Della Schroader –

In 1968 Flora Robinson wanted organized the group. We had our first meeting at Maudie's Café on September 5<sup>th</sup> and the name would be the Civic League. We worked closely with the Chamber and they asked if we would take over the Queen's Court for the Apple Blossom. We were the first ones to go weed the "Welcome to Payette" sign, we help pay for the light at the end of town, the cross on the hill, make Thanksgiving Day baskets, and after Christmas we go and buy mittens, hats, and sweats that way if a child comes to school without these items they can provide the child with proper attire. The Queen's Court meeting will be held at the Seniors Center. We would like to have our City leaders to attend.

Mayor Williams asked what role she would like the City to take. Mrs. White stated that just being involved and coming to the events would be great.

#### **B. Change Order Clarifier Project**

Mr. Argo stated that they wanted to upgrade the gate control. Initially it had a card scanner, but Mr. Schwartz would like it to be able to talk with the computer. There are also a few conduits and circuits that need to be added. Also we need a separate circuit for the pump and light pole at the gate. The last change is the weir height for the scum baffles. Councilor Hanigan asked where we are when it comes to the budget. Mr. Argo stated that we are a little above budget. Mayor Williams asked what percent of the project is completed. Mr. Argo stated that most of the construction work is done, so the actual construction is about 85% done. The clarifier mechanism is yet to be completed as well as some grout work. Budget wise we are not at 85% because we have not paid for this yet.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve change order #3 in the amount of \$7,936.71.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

### **C. Howard Seavy – Payette County Noxious Weed Department**

Mr. Seavy introduced the other gentlemen he brought with him. Mr. Seavy stated that you can call him day or night and even on the weekends if you have any weed issues. Mr. Seavy stated that he is in the phone book under Payette County Noxious Weeds, so call me anytime.

### **D. Roger Batt- Idaho Weed Awareness**

Mr. Batt played a slideshow for the council. Mr. Batt stated that when he gives this presentation tonight he wants us to keep in mind that this affects everyone. There are approximately 64 different noxious weeds, and that means that it is not native, it has been brought in from other countries and eventually takes over and gets rid of the native plants. There are 5,000 non native species, and there are 300 different plants in the State of Idaho. If you were to put together all of the noxious weeds in Idaho it would take over 8 million acres of Idaho lands. In 1961 in Banks, Idaho we had the power to stop Russ Skeleton Weed, but instead they decided to spend the weed budget on thistles, and now it is in over 100,000 acres. Leafy Spurge is in this county and Washington County and is very hard to get rid of. This plant causes blindness and dermatitis if rubbed into the eyes and on skin. You can also find these weeds in very isolated areas that are hard to reach and that is what is the most frustrating is not being able to get to this area. White top is here in this area and is almost resistant to herbicide. Poison Hemlock is in all areas of Idaho and can kill you if ingested. Puncture vine is the most commonly know noxious weed in this area. We have the top weed control in the country and we are fortunate we have 41 county weed superintendents out of 44 counties.

### **E. Matt Boyle – Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed laws-**

Mr. Boyle stated that we have a noxious weed statute, and there are three major sections of the weed law. All land owners are responsible of keeping their weeds under control and taking care of them. We are actively looking for the aquatic noxious weeds. We want to have people that do not work for us that say hey that looks like something I have seen in a noxious weed commercial. We have 57,000 acres that are owned by the federal department and we cannot force them to get rid of their weeds. The idea is to blur boundaries so we can get rid of those. We want to encourage every City in the

State to be aware of what is in your community. We would like to create a neighborhood community partnership.

**F. Application for Temporary Food Service Vendor  
- Judy Boyle, Garden Corral**

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion to approve the Temporary Food Service Vendor Application for Garden Corral.

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

**G. Resolution 10-04 A Resolution Pursuant to Title 13 of the Payette Municipal Code Setting Water & Sewer Fees**

Mayor Williams stated that this resolution was from our public hearing earlier tonight.

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve Resolution 10-04 setting water & sewer fees subject to the final approval from the City Attorney and the City Staff

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

**H. Special Event Permit – Apple Blossom Festival**

Mayor Williams stated that he had one comment from a citizen that there needs to be more handicap parking. Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Morin stated yes they did have some parking last year and that they will still have parking this year and they will work on letting the community know about the parking.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Apple Blossom Festival.

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

**I. Ordinance 1312 – An Ordinance of the City of Payette, Idaho, Amending Chapter 5.16 of the Payette Municipal Code by Adding new Sections 5.16.070 Investigation of Applicant; 5.16.080 Unlawful Conduct; 5.16.090 Revocation of License  
- First Reading**

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to introduce Ordinance 1312 by title only.

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

Hanigan moved and Cochran seconded a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 1312 on its first reading.

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

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion that Ordinance 1312 due pass.

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

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report
- B. Water Department Report

Mayor Williams stated that you have something in there about old hydrants. Why would you be replacing them because they are old? Mr. Woyak stated that they do not meet the current code. Some of these were made in 1896, so parts are becoming harder and harder to find.

- C. Payette Police Department Monthly statistics, March 2010

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

- Last meeting we had Mr. McGehee come before us to have some code changes. That will be coming in one of our next work session.
- The bid for the Twin Bridges has been awarded to JC Contractors and work will start in June.
- G&S Excavators has been awarded the bid for the pedestrian improvements.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Dave McGehee –

Mr. McGehee stated that since they are working on the bridge. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Highway 95 are going to be a very bad deal. You are going to have a disaster as soon as it starts, so I would like to see something happen there.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Heleker moved and Hanigan 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 8:07PM

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

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:17 PM with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mary Cordova, City Clerk