

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2008**

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, Ivan Mussell, Jeff Williams, Mark Heleker, Georgia Hanigan, Lee Nelson, Les Cochran

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Bert Osborn; Police Chief Mark Clark; Fire Chief Jeff Sands; WWTP Superintendent Randy Schwartz; Police Captain Dave Platt; Brandi Mack, Independent Enterprise; Les Cochran; Allen Massey; Willie Hollis, Street Superintendent; Doug Argo, Holladay Engineering

PLEDGE

Mayor Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 01/07/07 Regular Meeting Minutes

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 01/07/07 with one change noted.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Williams to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$229,285.12.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Oath of Office to New Payette Police Officer Richard Frazier

Payette Police Chief Mark Clark introduced Richard Frazier as the newly hired patrol officer for the Payette Police Department. Mayor Henderson administered the Oath of Office to Frazier.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Library Board of Trustees Presentation to Council ~ John Held

Per Municipal Code 2.48.050

John Held, 2410 Center Avenue, addressed the Council as Library Board President. Mr. Held distributed a sheet of Payette Public Library Statistical Highlights for the years of 2001-2007. Mr. Held explained that the library board is pleased as attendance and circulation have been steadily increasing over the years. He attributed the success to Library Director Colleen Bonnell, and thanked her for her efforts.

Councilor Hanigan asked Mr. Held about the children's program and proposed increased amount of rural dues. They will be asking for an increase in the rural dues in the near future.

Councilor Williams asked if Held had an opinion as to how long you can grow before the facilities will need budget assistance from the City. Held said they are developing a 5 year strategic plan, and putting together a proposed expansion of the existing building, or look at a new facility. The Board wants a plan in place and get it rolling. One of the first things they want to look at is have someone tell us how much it would cost for a new facility vs. expansion. If the growth is going to continue, they will need to expand. Williams asked why the attendance continues to grow. Held said believes it is the assortment of the books and other services the library offers. People see the value, and take advantage of it. They also have a consistent schedule.

Councilor Nelson asked why the children's programs went down this year. Held said what they are doing is trying to take attendance as people swirl in and out. It was asked when people come to the library, are they walking or driving? Bonnell said it is probably 50/50; a lot of the children walk there. Location is important, and they need to stay centrally located. The one-way street helped tremendously with the parking.

Councilor Cochran was surprised at the numbers and thought that the attitude in the library is positive, and is probably a good reason why it is successful.

Williams asked if it is 50/50 kids and adults. Bonnell replied that they usually get a rush at 3:00 when school gets out. The numbers would be greater if they counted the ones they turn away.

Nelson asked if there is a time limit on the computers. Bonnell replied one hour. Williams said he didn't know there is this kind of usage in the library, and it may correlate with the lower income bracket.

Heleker said his family alone keeps the library in business with late fees, and they appreciate their services.

PLANNING & ZONING

None heard.

OLD BUSINESS

None heard.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Steve Borwig** – 125 N. 21st Street, Payette, presented a check in the amount of \$234.94 to the City to be used for maintenance for the hot tub at the municipal pool. The Eagles Aerie 3803, who held a fundraiser to try to raise money to purchase a new hot tub. They did not quite raise the intended amount, but would like the proceeds to go toward the hot tub. They are having another fundraiser during Superbowl Sunday. There will be breakfast and a silent auction with items donated by the Treasure Valley Eagles Aerie 3803.
- B. **Snow and Ice Control Procedures.** Mayor Henderson explained that we have over 50 miles of streets in the City, and to better educate the citizens, an informational flyer was developed to inform residents of the City's snow plan. It will go out with our next water bill. Williams commented that it was an excellent idea.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None heard.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Steve Borwig said he thinks the Council is doing an excellent job, and the now plow guy is doing a great job.
- Williams thanked the Eagles for putting on the breakfast for Nancy Johaneck.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson informed the Council of the following:

- South 9th Street, Terra West was unable to get the road patched before the weather, and now we are trying to maintain it until it can be properly fixed.
- Cochran said he heard a lot of positive comments regarding his snow removal.
- We received word today that they have postponed the courthouse bond indefinitely.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Heleker and seconded by Councilor Williams to adjourn.

After a unanimous voice vote, the Council adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2007.

DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk