

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 7, 2007**

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Doug Henderson, Ivan Mussell, Mark Heleker,
Vallery Klitch, Lee Nelson, Jeff Williams, Georgia Hanigan

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mary Cordova, City Clerk; Jeff Sands, Fire Chief; Kellie McCombs, City
Treasurer; Street Superintendent Willie Hollis; WWTP Superintendent Randy
Schwartz; Captain Dave Platt; City Attorney Bert Osborn; Police Chief Mark
Clark; City Engineer, Doug Argo; Library Director, Colleen Bonnell

PLEDGE

Mayor Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 4/16/07 Regular Meeting Minutes & Public Hearing

A motion was made by Heleker and
seconded by Nelson to approve the public hearing and
regular meeting minutes of 4/16/07.

Hearing no objections, the meeting minutes were APPROVED.

B. 4/16/07 Public Hearing Findings of Fact

A motion was made by Nelson and
seconded by Heleker to approve the findings of fact of 4/16/07.

Hearing no objections, and with Councilor Williams abstaining, the
findings were APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded
by Hanigan to approve the City Bills & Payroll
in the amount of \$658,850.62, contingent on review.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

No comments heard.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Chief Sands introduced new firefighter, Bill Morris. He was voted on by the Rural Volunteers.

A motion was made by Heleker to approve the appointment of Bill Morris as a new fireman for the City of Payette. The motion was seconded by Mussell.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

PLANNING & ZONING

None heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Brandi Mack

RE: Request for Support for Meth Awareness for Youth – MAY

Brandy Mack, 124 S. Main Street, Payette. Ms. Mack stated that she got quotes from different printing companies. The one they would like to go with is Postal Connections. They are the only one who has offered to stand behind the project 100% and provide labor for free. The Independent Enterprise will sponsor the banner. She is requesting \$580 from each City. The funds would be used for flyers, booklets, and promotional materials. \$1740 for everything. They are also going to the school board. The County is not sure if they can help with funding because they are a non-profit within the County. Mack continued that the County may assist with becoming a non-profit, but can't actually fund the program.

Klitch asked how can we approve an expenditure and still be above board. City Treasurer McCombs stated that the City can fund any expenditure they want, and it was her preference to have an invoice. Ms. Mack stated she could provide an invoice.

Councilor Klitch moved to set aside \$600 for the Meth Awareness for Youth program to be dispersed as receipts are received by the City. The motion was seconded by Heleker.

Councilor Williams asked City Attorney Osborn if the County has a problem donating, does the City. Osborn replied no, as long as the City has money budgeted for this kind of thing, you can do it.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

A. John Held ~ Update on Payette Library

Mr. Held provided the Council with statistics regarding the Payette library. He informed the Council that every year the library has to submit a survey to the Idaho Commission for libraries. This year he decided to compile some figures. The figures presented to the Council are a comparison as to where we were in 2002, to the year 2006. In that period of time, the population for the City has gone up 11%. Compared to that, the number of registered borrowers has gone up 70%. With the money the library has been allocated, books, audios and videos, the library has increased its collection by 18% to just over 50,000 pieces people can check out. Mr. Held stated they have had a 70% increase in the patron count at the library too. Held stated that internet usage has gone up 75%. One out of every four people that come in the library stop and use the internet. The total circulation of materials has more than doubled in that period. Held continued that they have paid a lot of attention to the children's programs, story time, and the summer reading program. They have seen it go from under 1,700 people to more than 7,600 people in that period of time.

Across the river, times have been tough for their library. Held stated that they are glad the Council supports the library, and that the library board acts as good stewards of the citizen's money. Especially since during that four year period of growth, the expenditures at the library only went up 7%.

Held continued that the average patron comes in 9 times a year, uses the internet twice, and checks out 20 items, 15 of those books, and 5 are audios or videos. They average 5 users of the internet per hour. That will go up because they received new computers through the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation this year. They are checking in 42 books per hour, and checking out 42. There are things your mother never told you about the library.

Mayor Henderson stated he noticed that resident borrowers went up about 48%, and the non residents went up 257%. Are the non-resident borrowers paying their fair share for the library? Held explained that they are paying \$20 a year for a family library card. They are going to check with Kellie for a comparison as to what the resident pays. In all likelihood, there will be a raise in the non-resident fee.

Councilor Klitch stated she spent Saturday cleaning up the library and park with four seniors from the high school. One of the seniors had to go in to the library to use the restroom, and when she left, she said, "I didn't know our library had so much to offer." Klitch stated that tells her, the girl has been in Payette a while, and wasn't in the library lately. Klitch stated that the seniors decided they would complete their public service in the library.

B. Quality Electric - Change Order for Traffic Light Project

A motion was made by Klitch and seconded by Heleker to approve the change order for Quality Electric in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

C. Application for Beer License ~ Jimbo's Restaurant

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve the application for a City Beer License for Jimbo's Restaurant at 107 N. Main Street.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

D. Confirmation of appointment of PURA members

Councilor Klitch moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the Mayoral appointment of Bill Bommersbach and Gary Youngberg to the Payette Urban Renewal Board.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

E. Eldorado Meadows Development Agreement

City Clerk Cordova explained some small changes to the development agreement. The owner wants to construct all public improvements prior to recordation of the final plat. This is in lieu of posting a bond, and is allowed under our code.

Councilor Williams asked about the elevation change from lowest point to highest point in the plans. Is it a concern that there is an elevation change, and how will it affect the next door neighbor to the west? City Engineer Argo explained that the developer will be collecting the runoff and they will have to retain it on site. There is no retaining wall planned for the site. Argo explained that the development will follow the lay of the land, and he was not concerned with any runoff potentially going on to the neighbor's property.

Mussell moved and Hanigan seconded a development agreement for Eldorado Meadows.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

F. Eldorado Meadows Subdivision Final Plat

Argo stated that the Council will be approving the final plat and construction plans. Klitch asked if the drainage issue had been resolved, and where are they going to push their snow? Argo stated the developer has set aside snow areas within the development that are identified on the plat.

Heleker moved to approve the final plat and construction plans for Eldorado Meadows Subdivision contingent on the completion of all public improvements and approval of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Williams.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

G. Application for Mobile or Temporary Food Service Vendor

Mr. Robert Douglas stated he no longer wanted the permit. No action was taken.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Written reports were presented to the Council.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sollie Callendar, 7th Avenue North, Payette Idaho, addressed the Council. Rather than talking about the citizens and taxpayers, let's talk about Bill and Florence, who don't care if he uses their names, they are long time Payette residents, which means everyone. All spending should be based on real need and not imagined. And then we need to ask if Bill and Florence can afford it. Considering all their other expenses. We can't look at any issue through a straw. Now, let's just look at one major issue in front of us today. For example, the world's bulk capacity of refined oil is 36 million barrels. We are consuming 35. If all works well with no glitches, we have a million a day excess. Of that, the US consumes 21 million, China consumes 7 million. China is one of 12 developing nations. Of those 12 developing nations, they are the smallest. In other words, there are 11 growing much faster than they are. I am told that by this Christmas, world consumption will be at 38 million. That far exceeds the world's capacity produced. Price at the pump will be over \$5. If it isn't January, February, March, it is inevitable. Big change is coming. With change come costs. So, remember, there are so many things to think about. Just think about that one thing. \$5, \$6, \$7 a gallon, it is inevitable. Be sustainable in your budget; don't pass nothing that can't be sustained. It is going to change and we are going to be more like Europe. Budget zero increases. Be lean, be smart. It's coming. Let's not have our head in the sand and be caught and be surprised.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson informed the Council of the following:

- Requested approval from the Council for the delegates for AIC conference.

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Mussell to assign Mayor Henderson as the voting delegate, and Councilor Heleker as the alternate for the AIC Conference.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

- This weekend, 40 high school seniors were involved in a work day. They performed a number of tasks including clearing the greenbelt, weeding and cleaning the City parks, and tasks at the City pool. Mayor Henderson thanked them for their efforts as well as Chuck Kinney and Christy McNeal for their adult supervision. Chuck reported that Councilor Klitch was extremely helpful with this project, and thanked her for her efforts. Mr. Kinney will provide a list of participants and we will be officially recognizing their work in the near future.
- The City hangar lease has been awarded to Byron Smith. The staff reviewed thoroughly all recommendations and received recommendations from the airport advisory board.
- Fire department will be burning the abandoned building on our property across from the high school.
- June 7th is the city picnic at Kiwanis Park.

Councilor Heleker introduced the Youth Advisory Council. This group has been meeting at the high school and working on projects for the betterment of our community. Kendra Knighten, Erin Griffin, Katie Franklin, and Daniel Greif are all officers on the committee. Ms. Franklin is acting president and

was asked to give the Council a rundown. Katie Franklin, on Perry Drive President put it out there that they tied three times stated they had a few meetings, and have decided they want to improve the west side softball fields. They wanted to target a project toward the youth but not at the high school. The fields have some problems. They are planning a fundraiser, but nothing set in stone.

Heleker then commended the department of public safety for carrying out the emergency evacuation drill at the middle school last Friday. Everything ran smoothly, and everyone worked together well. Overall the people in charge felt our public safety department went above and beyond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (c) To conduct deliberations concerning acquisition of an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency, and (f) to consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

Councilor Klitch moved to recess into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (c) To conduct deliberations concerning acquisition of an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. The motion was seconded by Councilor Heleker.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED and the Council recessed at 7:35 PM.

Councilor Heleker moved and Councilor Williams seconded a motion to reconvene into the regular meeting.

After a unanimous voice vote, the Council reconvened at 8:22 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henderson asked the Council to email Mary to let her know of dates they won't be available to have a work session with Jo, the City's auditor.

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

After a unanimous voice vote, the Council adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2007.

DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk