

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 2009**

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

Members Absent: None

Also 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, Chad Atnip, Kathy Dodson, Alan Massey, Dick Kendall, Linda Williams, Janelle Henderson, Steve Castanada, Darwin Decroo, Bobbie Black, Karen Sands, Zoey Allen, Evelyn Sands, Barbara Choate, Tim Folke, Don Gillespie

PLEDGE

Mayor Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heleker moved and Mussell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 12/07/09.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Cochran and seconded by Hanigan to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$307,273.02

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Introduction of new Fireman Rod Hemingway –

Heleker moved and Williams seconded a motion to approve Rod Hemingway as the new fireman.

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

B. Mayoral Proclamation-

Mayor Henderson read a proclamation honoring Fire Chief Jeff Sands.

PROCLAMATION HONORING

Fire Chief Jeff Sands

WHEREAS, Chief Sands began his career in fire service in October, 1984, as a volunteer at the Payette City/ Rural Fire Department, and as a result of hard work and dedication, rose through the ranks to be appointed to the full time position of Fire Chief in December, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, during his 25 years of service, Chief Sands has strived to provide a balance of innovation and preservation to make sure the Payette City and Rural Fire Departments was not left behind technologically ; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of his outstanding dedication to the public and community service, Chief Sands was awarded the distinguished "Citizen of the Year" Award by the Payette Chamber of Commerce; and,

WHEREAS, despite what was demanded of him administratively, he never forgot that the safety of the citizens of Payette and the men and women of his department was his principal mission; and,

WHEREAS, Harry S. Truman once said "Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." There is no doubt Chief Sands has clearly articulated through his actions that the fire service has improved over the years, and he has taken every opportunity to make necessary advancements to insure a strong future and safe community for us all.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that January 29th, 2010 is hereby proclaimed Chief Sands Appreciation Day in the City of Payette.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009

Douglas E. Henderson, Mayor

Georgia Hanigan, Councilor

Lee Nelson, Councilor

Jeff Williams, Councilor

Ivan Mussell, Councilor

Les Cochran, Councilor

Mark Heleker, Councilor

COMMUNICATIONS

A. AIC Day at the Capitol

PLANNING & ZONING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Payment #2 – Clarifier Construction

Councilor Heleker asked if the work is moving as fast as the payments are coming in. City Engineer Doug Argo stated that the payments will be coming in monthly.

Mussell moved and Cochran seconded a motion approve the second payment for the clarifier construction to JC Constructors, INC in the amount of \$133,000.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

B. FY 2009 Audit – Tim Folke, CPA

Mr. Folke stated that the Payette Urban Renewal Agency has caught up on the accrued interest and paid down \$38,500.00. As far as the city audit goes, what we look at is if it's following city code; is the grant money being used for what we received it for, are they approving the budget on time, and everything is in compliance. I want to mention that this was one of the best budgets I have ever seen.

On the governmental fund the general fund dropped \$502,000 and at that rate we would have exhausted it at the end of 09/10 budget year, but that is with a transfer out into our capital improvement fund. The street fund dropped \$154,000. We did transfer \$668,000 into capital improvement. The water fund is up \$27,000 and the sewer fund is up \$650,000 and the sanitation fund is down \$12,000. Overall I would say the city did ok this year, and I'm not raising any red flags or warnings.

Councilor Williams stated that last year when doing the budget the City Clerk expressed some concerns that the budget was getting a little slim, do you have some concerns that the general funds reserve are low. Mr. Folke stated that he would like to see it a little higher. I would like to see it stabilized this year at \$500,000.

Clerk Cordova stated that this is at the September 2009 is that \$500, 000 figure. We did include using \$73,000 so that brings it to \$440,000. So that would bring us down to 20% which is the lowest we have been.

C. Alternate Energy Holdings, Inc. – Done Gillespie, President & CEO

Don Gillespie – 911 E Winding Creek; Eagle, ID

Just a little history, the United States of America stop making these plants 30 years ago. My company would like to see these come back. We had a group of farmers come to us from Owyhee County that stated the farming was too expensive in Idaho.

I would like to show you the benefits of bringing this kind of a company to your town. The company by law has to give you money to enhance your facilities. We will have police and fire on site, but we have to give you money to make sure your infrastructures can back us up. This plant will be a 2,800 megawatt plant which is more than enough to power Idaho and the rest will be exported to the west coast. I believe we need to be energy competitive in this country, and that is what my company is trying to do. Your county will get 2.3 million dollars from this company coming to this area. This will bring 500 jobs at the plant and 1,500 supporting jobs. The life of this plant is 60 years, so we plan on being here for a couple of generations.

Mr. Gillespie answered questions from the council.

D. Approval of 2010 Business Licenses -

Hanigan moved and Nelson seconded a motion to approve the business licenses to those who have supplied the complete paperwork, and approve those who have not submitted up the receipt of proper paperwork.

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

E. Approval of 2010 City Council Calendar-

Mussell moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve the 2010 calendar as written.

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

F. Ordinance 1310- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, IDAHO, ADDING SECTION 2.04.110 IN CHAPTER 2.04 OF TITLE 2, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; ALLOWING PUBLICATION IN SUMMARY FORM; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING A REPEALER.

Mussell moved and Cochran seconded a motion to introduce Ordinance 1309 by title only.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Nelson, Cochran, Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan

Nays: Williams

The motion CARRIED.

Mayor Henderson stated that I don't expect this to pass as written; it was just an item that was asked to be put on the agenda. It is something all of us have said that we need to address but we are not sure how to address it.

Councilor Cochran stated that he had no idea that this was a topic of discussion, and I don't know if I can support this. Is it in effect in any other jurisdiction? Mayor Henderson stated that we did check and there are cities that do it both ways.

Councilor Mussell stated that he cannot support this Ordinance and neither can Councilor Williams.

More discussion followed.

Mussell moved and Heleker seconded a motion to move 1309 to its second reading.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Mussell

Nays: Williams, Nelson, Cochran, Heleker, Hanigan

The motion FAILED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Engineering Status Report

Chief Sands stated that he has moved the fire grant administrative powers over to Clerk Cordova.

Clerk Cordova stated that the Street Department is done with fall clean up, and they took over 400 dump truck loads of yard debris to the dump. So we had a huge turn out this year.

MAYORS COMMENTS

- Wishes everyone a safe and happy New Year.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Councilor Mussell stated that he spoke with some ladies from Weiser and they wanted to give some kudos to the Payette Pool. They like all the friendly employees that work down there.

Councilor Cochran stated that he has been working with the veterans on their memorial they want to build at the airport.

Councilor Mussell presented a community covenant supporting Armed Services.

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Cochran to approve Mayor Henderson to sign the covenant supporting the arm services.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2009.

DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk