

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session & Regular Meeting
January 5, 2015**

6:30 PM – Work Session

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Mark Heleker, Nancy Dale, Ray Wickersham, Craig Jensen, Jeff Sands, and Lee Nelson
Members Absent: None.
Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Administrator; Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; and Tiffany Howell, Assistant City Clerk

A. Non-Conforming Uses –

Councilor Jensen stated that his main concern was that he was surprised about the 25% of the property value portion. I feel that if someone is buying this property and using it for the same use and these “cosmetic” things are holding it up, I just think that would deter someone from improving the property. I have a concern with that limitation. Mayor Williams stated that some cities have limits that do not include health safety issues. Clerk Cordova handed out a sheet of what neighboring cities are doing. Mayor Williams asked if parking is on another lot how do they handle that situation. Clerk Cordova stated that is not the same thing. Councilor Dale what the purpose of limiting the improvements are as far as wear and tear is? Is it strictly just for making them bring it up to code? Councilor Wickersham stated that the 25% is hindering for people. Councilor Jensen stated that it would limit or hinder someone from wanting to buy a piece of property with the limitations. Councilor Wickersham asked what the Council can do if someone wants to take a piece of property and improve it past the 25%. Mayor Williams said that is our ordinance. Councilor Nelson stated that he thinks we need to change the process. Councilor Wickersham asked if we just want to change wear and tear. Mayor Williams stated that is why we are here to figure that out. We have several different options. Councilor Dale asked why we want to limit this at all. Councilor Heleker asked if Councilor Dale is asking if we just want to limit it to the footprint. Mayor Williams stated that right now I am working with some people who want to buy the old Swanson building (Patrick’s Pub building) and I don’t know if you have ever been up stairs but there is a lot of room to make several residential units up there. Right now in our code they can come and apply for a conditional use permit, where as other properties in town they cannot even come in front of this commission. Councilor Jensen said he would like to see this go to Planning & Zoning Commission for recommendation.

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Mark Heleker, Nancy Dale, Ray Wickersham, Craig Jensen, Jeff Sands, and Lee Nelson
Members Absent: None.
Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Administrator; Mark Clark, Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; and Tiffany Howell, Assistant City Clerk

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Erin Haley

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12-15-2014 as with two changes on the 2nd page middle of the paragraph should be repeal instead of appeal.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$187,863.43

At the roll call:

Ayes: Wickersham, Jensen, Dale, Nelson, Heleker, Sands.

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PLANNING & ZONING

A. Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2014.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Library Annual Report

John Held – Library Board

Mr. Held stated that we have had a lot of changes at the library over the last two years. Over the last year we lost our librarian and hired an interim librarian Patty Metcalf and after witting down the applications we narrowed it down to Erin. After staff input we knew we were making the right decision. Mr. Held stated that Erin is only the 4th librarian that he has seen in his 19 years on the board. Mr. Held stated that we had approximately 37,335 people walk through the library doors this year. We have several programs at the library, summer reading program, story time, book checking out, and book clubs. We checked out 90,289 items and 10,591 of those items were electronic. We added 2,792 items to the library and had a total of 345 new accounts with a total of 2,523 active library accounts. We had 169 different events with 6,274 attendees and had a total of 378 “likes” on Facebook. The Friends of the Library have raised \$1,350 for the award section on the children’s section of the library. Mr. Held stated that they now have a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, which I am responsible for, after 19 years I am stepping down from the board. We are now offering an additional weekly story time and are offering “Makers Workshops” with the

application to "Make it Idaho movement". We are also trying to conduct bilingual surveys of patrons and citizens input to make sure we are fulfilling their needs, as well as reaching out the tweens and young adults.

B. Resolution 2014-14 – Appreciation to John Held

Mayor Williams read Resolution 2014-14 aloud and presented Mr. Held with a plaque.

A motion was made by Jensen and seconded by Heleker to approve Resolution 2014-14.

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

C. Agenda Request – AmeriCorps VISTA Introduction – postponed to the 20th of January

D. Donation Request – Friends of the Payette Pool – postponed to the next meeting

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Fire Department – November 2014

B. Public Safety Committee – December 17, 2014

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Williams stated that AIC day at the Capitol is January 29th. We have two new legislators and would be an opportunity to learn a lot of valuable information.

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to see a future work session on the status of the Kiwanis building. Councilor Wickersham stated that he has an engineer coming in the middle of February for a second opinion. Mayor Williams stated that he would like to have a work session the last meeting in February.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

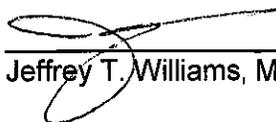
None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:28 PM.

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

Signed this 21 day of January, 2015.



Jeffrey T. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Howell, Assistant City Clerk