MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session & Regular Meeting
July 7, 2014

6:30 PM – Public Hearing

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Mayor Jeff Williams, Mark Heleker, Nancy Dale, Ray Wickersham, Lee Nelson, Craig Jensen and Jeff Sands
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Administrator; Doug Argo, City Engineer; Bert Osborn, City Attorney;Tiffany Howell, Assistant City Clerk; Chief Clark; Chief Castenada

A. An application by Mark Costello for a Variance Application to allow for a side setback of 6' at 625 North 18th Street, Lot 25, Block 1 Uehlin's 3rdReplat of Replat. The property is zoned A-Residential.

Mark Costello – Mr. Costello stated that he is wanting to come into the setback 2' to build a garage to house his boat. Councilor Jensen stated that he personally has always thought 8' is a little much. Mayor Williams stated that everyone is good neighbors until an issue arises. Mr. Costello stated that his neighbor has not objection to this building and is actually going to help him build it. Councilor Jensen asked what type of material he is using. Mr. Costello stated that he is using metal. Councilor Sands stated that you might want to check with the covenants of the subdivision before you start building.

Jim Newman; 521 No 10th St; Payette, Idaho

Mr. Newman stated that he does not see an issue with a fire. There is an easement behind the property that could easily be access to put out the fire. The front of the property will be stucco or whatever the covenants say.

B. To consider public comment regarding the institution of new or increased municipal fees for the Library rural patron dues.

Mayor Williams stated that there is a statement in your packet as to why we need the fees raised. Mayor Williams stated that a county resident pays less than a City of Payette resident.

Work session ended at 6:45pm.

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Mark Heleker 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, Lee Nelson, Craig Jensen and Jeff Sands
Members Absent:	None.
Staff Present:	Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Administrator; Doug Argo, City Engineer; Bert Osborn, City Attorney;Tiffany Howell, Assistant City Clerk; Chief Clark; Chief Castenada; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor

PLEDGE

Erica Bazil led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Sands and seconded by Heleker to amend the agenda to add item I under new business – Fee Increase – Hardin Sanitation.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to approve the Work Session & Regular meeting minutes of 06-16-2014with amendments page #1 knox box comment was not mentioned by Mr. Heleker. On page 7 #A is an awkward sentence and page #8 second to last sentence does not make sense and Special Meeting Minutes of 06-26-2014 as written.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Helekerand seconded byJensen to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of $108,457.30

At the roll call:
Ayes:
Nays:Wickersham, Dale, Heleker, Nelson, Jensen, Sands

The motion FAILED.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of $260,524.09.

At the roll call:
Ayes: Wickersham, Dale, Heleker, Nelson, Jensen, Sands
Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS
None.

PLANNING & ZONING
A. Meeting Minutes – June 26th, 2014

OLD BUSINESS
A. City of Fruitland – Mutual Aid Agreement

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #2014-09 – Fee Increase – Library Rural Dues –

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded byNelson to approve Resolution #2014-09 .

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

B. Variance Application – Mark Costello

A motion was made by Jensenand seconded by Wickershamto approve theVariance Application by Mark Costello for a 6' side setback.

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

C. Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation – Agreement – Boat Ramp Phase II

A motion was made by Nelsonand seconded by Daleto approve the Phase II Boat Ramp Grant with the Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation in the amount of $65,854.69.

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

D. Paramedic/Ambulance update discussion – Steve Mozingo

Mr. Mozingo stated that we now offer two paramedic rigs that are on call 24/7. Mr. Mozingo stated that we are currently running 2,000 calls a year. Mr. Mozingo stated that the levy is only for supporting the Payette County Paramedics. We do not operate with only two paramedics and have hired ones that do not just meet the minimum qualifications. These paramedics are the only paramedics that have met critical care requirements. Mr. Mozingo stated that when I started everyone was doing their own thing and that doesn't work; it needs to be cohesive, and that has been my goal. Mr. Mozingocontinued that your paramedics are now EMR's, which is huge for your area and we are now reaching 5-8 minute response times. Mr. Mozingo stated that we have added ventilators that are the same as what the hospital has. Our medics know that customer service is number one. If the patients feel good, then the community feels good. We have paramedics that are in excess of 3,000 hours of education. Mr. Mozingo stated that Chief Castenada has mentioned to him that they have the means to house our paramedic crew, and he has never been opposed to that. Mr. Mozingo stated that we are looking for a 2% increase per year. Councilor Nelson asked who he reports too. Mr. Mozingo stated that he reports to the City of Fruitland and also reports to the County Commissioners. Mr. Mozingo stated that his money is paid through the City of Fruitland and revenue comes back into the ambulance budget. Mayor Williams stated that as the business person he wants to know if this is feasible to us and how much more equipment do you need. Mayor Williams asked do we have the demand. Mr. Mozingo stated that yes, we do have the need, out of 2,000 calls we have used heart machine 100 times.

Mr. Mozingo stated that staffing wise he would need two more people, and we also need to be able to replace equipment. It is just to supply the system and help it grow. If you were to break it up by zones, Payette would be the most needy, Fruitland, then New Plymouth area. Councilor Sands asked what the hospital aspect is going to be, is this going to pull away from here to do transfers. Mr. Mozingo stated that the flow will not be any different, as we already do transfers now. We figure we will do a transfer a day and if we up that number and you add a 12 hour car. Mr. Mozingo stated that ambulance services bread and butter is transfers.If you don't do them you are not generating any revenue for your department. Councilor Sands asked if the money from the hospitals for transports goes to the Payette County Paramedics, or the general budget. Mr. Mozingo stated that it goes back to the Payette County Paramedics. Councilor Jensen stated that everyone in this room knows that hedoed not like levy increases, have you looked at any other way to cut your expenses or any way to not raise the levy rate. Mr. Mozingo stated that if we raise our rates we see that people do not pay their bills, but if you raise the levy and not increasing the fees people will pay. Councilor Sands asked Mr. Mozingo how many full and part time employees he has. Mr. Mozingo stated that he has 12 full time and 10 part time employees. If he was to get this he would go from 12 to 14 full time employees. Councilor Nelson asked how much a new ambulance costs. Mr. Mozingo stated it is from $120,000 to $150,000. Councilor Dale that her concern is that you had to adjust your rates for the demographic, that maybe your dreams need to be adjusted. Councilor Dale stated that her concern is the aggression to serve St. Luke's and what it will do to St. Al's. Councilor Dale stated that for her to be comfortable she would need to see the budget. Councilor Dale stated that you are asking for the max to be available and that would put you at 1 and a half million dollars and we are just coming into the budget season and I don't know if that will happen. Councilor Dale stated that she was shocked to find out that you do not have a backup plan and that is not acceptable to me. Councilor Dale stated that you have the reputation of paying your paramedics very well and I think maybe we need to come back down to the ground. Mr. Mozingo stated that we want to be at the national standard. Councilor Dale asked if you are below standard. Mr. Mozingo stated that no, we are not. Mr. Mozingo stated that he does not get input on how his department runs from the Mayor or the City Clerk from Fruitland. Councilor Dale asked if Mr. Mozingo is stating that Fruitland is subsidizing the budget. Mr. Mozingo stated no, they are the contract provider. Councilor Sands asked if the contract provider being Fruitland is concerned is that what you are saying. Mr. Mozingo stated yes. Councilor Sands asked if the PCP is on a yearly contract. Mr. Mozingo stated he is unsure. Mr. Mozingo stated that he will be doing just as many transfers from St. Luke's and St. Al's, there is no favoritism. Mayor Williams asked if Payette County will be trying to sell it or is the City of Fruitland advertising it? Mr. Mozingo stated that the County Commissioners will be trying to sell it. Chief Castenada stated that Mr. Mozingo is a man of his word and he has been a big help to this community.

E. Donation Request – Lifeways Inc.

A motion was made by Helekerand seconded by Nelsonto take no action on this agenda item until further information is brought to the Council.

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

F. Curb Cut Application – Kaylynn Edwards -

A motion was made by Wickersham and seconded by Dale to approve the curb cut application by Kaylynn Edward at 335 North 20th Street.

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

G. Special Event Permit Application – Hot August Nights – Patrick's Pub

Don Belvoir stated that he would like to close 1st Avenue South from Main Street to the alley for a street dance. We would like to have it from 8-11pm and have the street closed from 6-12pm. We are doing this for a buck, but we are also in it for providing the people of Payette a place to be able to come and do something, and we are lacking that. We picked the date of August 9th because it is in conjunction of the Payette County Fair and this might keep money here in town. We are very familiar with crowd control, as we did the Car Show at Cruise Night. We would have staffing to ensure that only individuals with bracelets would be allowed to have alcohol as well as no glass containersin the street. Councilor Jensen asked if the drinking would be in the barricaded entrances and they will be guarded. Mr. Belvoir stated that he would like this to be a family friendly event and have a booth set up for the minors to get soda and water.Don stated that we would really like the City to co-sponsor to help provide some barricades. We would also like the catering fee and Special Event Permit fee waived. Clerk Cordova stated that we have an ordinance that prohibits alcohol on the right of way. If we let one, we will have to let everyone.We have to have a level playing field for everyone. Cordova stated that your catering permit has to be away from your business and if it is on your business it has to be part of your site plan. Councilor Wickersham asked Bert's opinion. Bert stated that we do have an ordinance but this body has the option to approve this.

H. Center Avenue Property –

Mayor Williams stated that we have a lot at the corner of Center Avenue and North Iowa Avenue and we have an accepted offer for the property. I am now bringing this back to this body for approval. This property will be for our storm water needs for that area. Mayor Williams stated that we are here tonight to approve the purchase of the property.

A motion was made by Sands and seconded by Wickersham to approve the purchase of a 75x90 lot on Center Avenue for the amount of $8,000.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

I. Price Increase – Hardin Sanitation – Jonny Cochran –

Jonny Cochran stated that he is here asking for a cost of living increase of 2.5% for all lines of business; this will not affect the residential cart rate, just the service itself. I do want it on the steel containers and from speaking with Darrell who used to own Hardin Sanitation we have not had an increase for the past 6 years. Mr. Cochran stated that he would like to implement this on September 1, 2014. Councilor Sands stated what is the life expectancy on carts? Mr. Cochran stated 10 years is the life of a cart and I pay about $47. Councilor Sands asked if we are over charging the rate payer for the cart. Mr. Cochran stated that he is here to make money too, and he has a lot of costs. He is not opposed to looking into ways to save money. Mr. Cochran stated that 2.5% is the smallest he has seen, and he looks over 25 different city budgets.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

A. Police Department –June 2014 – no comments heard.

B. Parks & Rec Committee – July 1st

Councilor Nelson stated that we talked about the budget a little bit and mostly what Kim Bruce presented tonight. Councilor Nelson stated the only other thing was adding rock stabilization.

C. Public Works Committee – July 7th

Councilor Heleker stated that we went through budgets and I think one thing that impressed me was that our departments work well together to save the tax payers money.

D. Admin & Finance Committee – July 7th

Councilor Sands stated that we talked about the budgets, a lot, and one thing that came tonight was the catering permits. We are seeing a lot of catering permits that are coming in Friday at 4:50pm and we want to add a more detailed and descriptive catering permit application.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Williams stated that the 49 slough where it dumps into the river by the pool is still closed. We should have proposals to get that repaired soon. Mayor Williams stated that should be at least $50,000 plus, so we need think of how we will be coming up with this unexpected repair.

Mayor Williams stated that we are getting closer to the McCain ball fields concession stand being built.

Mayor Williams stated that they are going to do an overlay on the overpass starting July 14th. There will be one lane open on each side at all times. The job is to be completed within 90 days.

Mayor Williams stated that Anne Marie Kelso's daughter is battling cancer and they would like to put a banner on the fence up at Gateway Park.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Kathy Patrick – stated that she is have a "Thanksgiving in July". The fee will be $10 per plate in advance and $12 at the door. Kathy Patrick stated that she would like to have this put on the sign board. Ms. Patrick stated that they would like to see all of our community members at this event, or at any of their lunches.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Helekerand seconded byJensento adjourn the regular meeting at9:47PM.

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

Signed this 22 day of July, 2014.

Jeffery T. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Howell, Assistant City Clerk