

**MINUTES  
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL  
Special Meeting  
July 11, 2014**

**12:00 Noon – Special Meeting**

A special meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 12:00 Noon 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, Jeff Sands, Ray Wickersham

Members Absent: Craig Jensen was excused

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Administrator

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Special Event Permit – Street Dance Fundraiser for Payette County Museum**

Sands stated if we allow it, we test the water. Mayor stated that cruise night started small. It is more of a community event as a fundraiser for the Museum. It will be a one dollar entry fee, and donation boxes set up. Mayor expressed concern with the over and under events opening doors for other bars doing something like this. We specifically asked Chief Clark how this worked at last year's beer garden, and he felt it went fine. Wickersham liked that the fundraiser was going to be for the museum. He added that they should pick up their own barricades. Heleker said this is a fundraiser for the museum which makes sense because it is right next door to the museum.

A motion was made by Dale that we allow the hot august night street dance fundraiser for the County Museum, approval of the chief, and Belvoir's are responsible for their own barricades. Heleker seconded.

In discussion, Heleker stated that in regards to waiving fees, we weren't going to before, but we are now because it is a fundraiser. Mayor stated that this is a trial thing; maybe they should put forward a security deposit. Wickersham stated maybe their event fee should be donated to the museum.

Dale amended the main motion to add that all fees are paid to the City as required, and the City will donate the application fee to the Museum, security deposit be included and returned after they have cleaned up after their event.

It was clarified that they are still making money during the event. They will have to pay the fee, and the City will donate it to the Museum.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion to amend CARRIED.

After a unanimous voice vote on the main motion, the motion CARRIED.

## **Discussion on Proposed Ambulance 2% Permanent Tax Levy Override.**

Nelson commented that Steve Mozingo sounded sincere. Mozingo insinuated that if they don't get the override, they will be turned over to the County. If there is a shortfall, then the City of Fruitland has to come up with the funds, so does that mean that if there is an excess of revenue, Fruitland gets that too?

Sands recalled that the County does not want to have to deal with it, but it needs to be a county wide ambulance district. It needs to be more equitable. It concerned him when Steve Mozingo said he answered to the Fruitland City Council.

Dale added that when it was asked of the Commissioners, after Watkins said it's not our problem, it seemed a naïve response from the Commissioners. Dale said that the reply to the shortfall, Shigeta seemed shocked that they were responsible for the books. She is hesitant to hand over another \$500,000 to someone who doesn't know who is controlling the money.

Sands said that we have an obligation the City. He didn't like the carrot of putting an ambulance over here 'if they can afford it'. Heleker stated that if it didn't pass, then it goes back to being governed appropriately and we have a better chance. Dale said they asked the question of who is going to sell the bond, and the County Commissioners asked if they have considered the political fallout, and Watkins answered 'not his problem'.

Wickersham wanted to see their budget first. Nelson stated that he liked the comment about if the community can afford the increase. Most of the time we have to wait 23 minutes, is it going to be the same with a 2% override? Mayor Williams went back to the very first time this came up, he said that the response times are a bit better, but that is because the Payette taxpayers are making it look better by creation of the Rescue program.

Dale asked what the proper way to approach this? Can we all sit down and resolve it? Wickersham said he wants to see their budget first. Mayor said if we are in support that is a big portion of the County voters. Heleker said he did not like how this happens on the heels of the mutual aid agreement, and we look bad, when Fruitland is the ones that want things to be different. Sands said they can say what they want, and the Fruitland Mayor's comments were way out of line. Sands added that the Fruitland Fire Chief used to ask us to call them on mutual aid calls so they could get practice. Heleker stated our primary concern is the City of Payette, and then we want to help in the County.

Mayor commented that maybe the thing to do is as each Councilor has a chance to interact with the County Commissioners, tell them that there is not support in Payette for this, and ask at the same time what their backup plan is. Sands said maybe there needs to be a new District including the whole county. They did not give us an option on the mutual aid agreement. We have more population, but they have more business. Let's look at dollars.

Sands added that we should all be proud of our County. If they would have wanted to stay within Payette County, we would not be in this situation. Dale said it causes her to question if they are wanting to get out of all of their contracts.

### **Mayor's Informational Points.**

Otter is doing a fundraiser at the band shell, Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.

Tiffany informed the Mayor that they added four more flower pots downtown in the City's beautification efforts.

Gas and Oil proposed ordinance, Cordova noted that we did not include the water testing element as included in the County ordinance in our ordinance when we passed it on to the Planning & Zoning Commission, so we would like to include it. The Council had no objections. Cordova stated that we did not get it in the paper for the July P & Z meeting.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Dale to adjourn the special meeting at 12:47PM

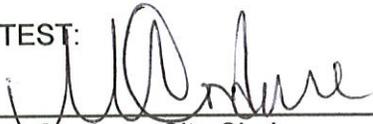
The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 22 day of July, 2014.



Jeff Williams, Mayor

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Mary Cordova, City Clerk