

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
July 20, 2015**

12:00 PM – Special Meeting – Joint Session with Admin & Finance Committee

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Mark Heleker, Nancy Dale, Craig Jensen, Jeff Sands and Ray Wickersham

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mary Cordova & Bobbie Black

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Join Session with Admin & Finance Committee on Budget 2015-2016
Mayor Williams stated the purpose of this meeting is to talk about strategy and what are our priorities. What priorities have been the last few years, because of our area and being a border community is strong police and fire presence. Also beautification, our corridors, and trying to do whatever we can for economic development. The levy rate has been a focus, and there has been an increase in values. We need to talk about what is important to everyone. Mr. Coats asked if HTC did a study as to what the priorities are within the community. Mr. Massey stated it is still in process of developing. Once they have approval on the grant they can move forward. In talking to the community he sees priorities are police and fire. The fire department has been saving for a truck for the last several years. Public Works is maintaining the infrastructure that we have. Downtown revitalization for economic development is another priority. We need to continue to market ourselves. Mayor Williams stated in two weeks from today we are supposed to adopt a tentative budget. Do we have projects that we want to get accomplished? Discussed about funding downtown revitalization. Jensen stated it is hard to set a budget without revenue figures. He did receive from figures from Betty Dressen. Mayor Williams stated it is the best we have at moment, we are using the same as last year. Dale stated that the downtown seems to be important, we can make things look better, with HTC coming forward at this time we can let some of these organizations run with these projects. The Council discussed the City's responsibility to enforce ordinances. Dale asked if Ordinance Officer Silva is overwhelmed, and do we need to put on another officer. Our parks need a lot of work, and our pool needs maintenance. We need to put our house together beyond curb appeal. Dale stated sometimes we end up taking ownership of projects that have been started by other organizations. The Council agreed that Police, Fire, downtown revitalization and economic development are top priorities. Heleker stated that recent development is along Highway 95, and is glad the council had the foresight to install water and sewer. Mr. Coats stated our problem is area and size of building that can come to Payette. Dodson stated the PMDCI has acreage for development. Heleker stated Highway 95 is a prime location for a hotel. Mr. Massey stated he would like to see someone market our town. We have to have something here that keeps people here. Mayor Williams asked should we have some budget money to fund a billboard to tell what our amenities are? Do we want seed money for a boys & girls club? Mr. Coats stated over the years we have seen material that promotes our town and brochures were provided to SEREDA. Mayor Williams is trying to give staff some direction on what to put in the budget.

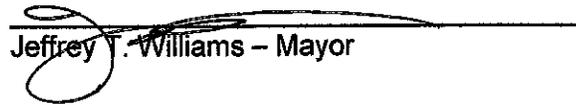
CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

The Special meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM

Signed this 3rd day of August, 2015.


Jeffrey T. Williams – Mayor

ATTEST:


Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk