

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
August 5th, 2013**

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Georgia Hanigan, Mark Heleker, Lee Nelson, Jeff Sands and Ivan Mussell.

Absent: Craig Jensen

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Jennifer Kelley, HR; Mark Clark, Police Chief; Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; Becky Lynch, Administrative Services Clerk; Jamie Couch, Street Superintendent; John Plaza, Police Captain; and Doug Argo, City Engineer

PLEDGE

Mayor Jeff Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes of 07-15-2013 and work session and special meeting minutes of 07-30-2013 as written.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Heleker to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$318,432.76

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Sands and Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Most Beautiful Yard – August 2013

Paula & Roland Davidson 1035 1st Avenue South won honorable mention for this month's beautiful yard contest. The Mayor presented a plaque to Mrs. Davidson and a picture was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Thank You – Pape Family

B. Idaho Association of Museums July 2013 Newsletter

PLANNING & ZONING

A. Meeting minutes of July 25, 2013

OLD BUSINESS

A. Planning & Zoning Appointment

Mayor stated he would like to appoint and approve the nomination for Jodi Henderson to the vacant spot on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to appoint Jodi Henderson to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Library Strategic Plan

John Held, member of the board of trustees of the Payette City Library, addressed the Council stating that 5 years ago the commission had made a strategic plan to expand the library and they have exceeded that as you can now see. The information for the next five year strategic plan is provided in the council's packet, a discussion followed.

B. 2nd Avenue South Water Line Award

Doug Argo stated the Warrington Construction was the lowest bid; in the council packet further explains information.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Heleker to award the bid to Warrington Construction of a price not to exceed \$113,786.00 for the 2nd Avenue South Water Line project.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Sands and Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

Mayor Williams asked if this bid is for phase 1 or for both phases of construction, City Engineer, Doug Argo, replied it is for both phases of construction.

C. Adopt Tentative Budget

Jennifer Kelley presented a Power Point to City Council explaining and reviewing the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2014, a discussion followed.

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Nelson to approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Sands and Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

D. Special Events Permit – A & W Cruise Night

Stan Clements is standing in for Jim Boyer who is out of town. Stan stated that this event will be on the 6th and 7th of September and the event activities haven't changed from previous

years of applications approved. Stan asked, as a favor of Jim Boyer, to please waive the application fee for the special event permit.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to approve the special events permit, to waive the \$200 fee, as well as donate \$500 to the event; contingent upon City administration receiving the proper liability insurance.

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

E. Revolving Loan Fund – Downtown Improvements

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to approve the Downtown Improvements Policy, to change the date of the policy to August, 2013, and to include that the improvements must be visible from the street, which does not include the parking lot.

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

F. Payette Senior Center – Raffle Request

Marion Kershner stated to the council that she would like to thank the City and Tiffany at City Hall for the donation of \$200 to the Senior Citizens. Miriam explained to the City Council of her raffle event; the drawing will be on Wednesday August 28th, 2013 at the Senior Citizen Center. Mayor Williams mentioned that anyone can go down there during the week for lunch, it is a \$5.00 donation and you can guarantee you won't go away hungry.

G. Building Permit Fees – Price Reduced

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Hanigan to reduce the building permit multiplier to 45% for new construction to be in effect from September 1st, 2013 through August 31st, 2014.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Nelson, Heleker, Mussell

Nays: Sands

The motion CARRIED.

H. James Mundell complaint

James Mundell addressed the Council stating that the City has an overuse of herbicides. He saw a huge tank spraying weeds down the road from his property and asked the street worker what they were spraying; the response was Round-up and 2,4-D. Mr. Mundell stated that 2,4-D is anything but safe and then provided information to the Council of its dangers. Mundell stated that he feels that it's a waste of money to tax payers to dump thousands of gallons of weed killer randomly down the street, which eventually goes into the storm drain which to his understanding goes into the watershed. His wife has a de-generating kidney disease and that is why he brings this issue up to the Council. The smell of chemicals hurts her kidneys to the point of crying. Round-up is not bio-degrade-able and it takes a lot of time

to break down. Mundell stated that he feels that there should be notice of the weed spraying being done or even have neighbors opt-out of having their weeds sprayed at the curb. Mayor Williams commented that he wished everyone's alley looked as good as Mr. Mundell's; he would recommend to have the city develop something or possibly have property owners post a sign on their property to ask not to spray at the property. Councilor Sands asked if a notice would suffice being on the water bill; Mundell stated that would be fine to have that kind of notice, every resident has a water bill, it's the resident's responsibility to read the notice. Jamie Couch explained to Mr. Mundell that if we mail out on the water bill of the notice spraying weeds, that would be okay, as long as it doesn't rain; if it rains then the street department has to spray again. Jamie let him know that they don't use the big truck with the large tank on the back to spray, which is a water truck. Jamie informed Mundell that the street department uses 60 gallons of weed killer for the whole year, for the whole town. Jamie informed Mr. Mundell that 2, 4-D does have a smell, he also wanted to inform him that the mosquito abatement company sprays for mosquitos around town and has no idea what they spray up in the air. Jamie said if he had a notice to not spray at Mundell's property, the street department won't do it; but if the neighbor across from you in the alley wants their property sprayed, the chemical would still be around Mr. Mundell's property.

I. Employee Incentive Program

Mayor Williams stated this hasn't been discussed in the department head meeting yet; which is scheduled for tomorrow morning; this item will be moved to the next regular meeting.

J. Action on 6th Avenue South

Mayor Williams informed the Council that there is a letter from LouAnn Freeburg dated July 12th, 2013 along with an email from Barbara Choate dated June 24th, 2013, which have been passed out to the Council and reviewed.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Hanigan to take LHTAC recommendation to close 6th Avenue South to through-traffic and install bollards that are appropriate at the intersection.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Sands and Nelson

Nays: Heleker, Mussell

The motion CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- A. Fire Department – July 2013
- B. Library Commission – July 2013
- C. Admin & Finance Meeting – July 17th
- D. Public Safety Meeting – July 17th
- E. Public Works Meeting – July 17th
- F. Parks & Rec Meeting – July 24th
- G. Admin & Finance Meeting – July 24th
- H. Engineering Status Report – August 5th

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Next Monday there is an American Legion meeting at 6:30 pm which is to thank the City for sending youth to State. Need to discuss more of budget at work sessions and would like to find out from Council what date would be best; the next work session will be on August 12th, 2013 at 5:30pm.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

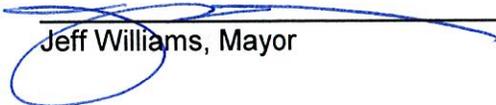
Liz Amason is a participant in the Hometown Competitiveness Group, and is also Chapter Activities coordinator for Modern Women of America They provide activities for their members and I am one who helps with activities like ice cream socials and activities of that nature. We have partnered for the Hometown Hero, Sheri Schuster had been selected as Payette's first Hometown Hero winner. This award will be given out at the Portia Club on August 18th in the afternoon, snacks will be provided and everyone is invited to come celebrate.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

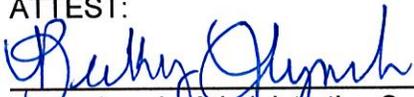
After a unanimous roll call vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

Signed this 19th day of August, 2013.



Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lynch, Administrative Services Clerk

LouAnn Freeburg
4823 Lake WA Blvd NE #6
Kirkland, WA 98033

July 12, 2013

TO: City of Payette

c/o Mary Cordova mcordova@cityof payette.com

700 Center Avenue

Payette, Idaho 83661

My family own 51 acres in Payette. The northern boundary of our property is Sixth Ave. South. The Eastern boundary is Highway 52. The Western boundary is Highway 95. We own approximately 25% of the property on Sixth Avenue South between Hwy 95 and Hwy 52.

We want to once again, express our strong opposition to closing the connection between Sixth Ave. South and Highway 52.

- 1] Closing the connection to Highway 52 would devalue our property. Having property that is accessible to two highways is a valuable asset to this property.
- 2] Sixth Avenue South is the only city street serving the entire 51 acres of this property.
- 3] Sixth Avenue South is the only east/west street connecting Hwy 95 and Hwy 52 from Second Avenue South to North East Tenth which is over a mile away.
- 4] By making Sixth Avenue South a cul de sac, increases the distance one would have to drive to reach Hwy 95 from the developed areas of Wayne and Hughes Drives.

5] By making Sixth Ave. South a cul de sac would add additional traffic to other streets in Payette.

6] By closing the eastern end of Sixth Ave. S., you would be forcing all traffic in and out of our property to use Hwy 95, thus more congestion in an already "troubled" intersection.

7] The figures used regarding accidents at the "Y" are not accurate and perhaps suggest fraud. If the report includes a larger area than the Sixth Ave. S. "Y" where it connects to Hwy 52, then the numbers concluded are not accurate. They are for a much larger area than the "Y" in discussion. How could this have been missed by intelligent people running Payette? Kind of makes you wonder what is really going on about this street.

8] Most cities try to make traffic easier for the residents by providing multiple and alternate routes for traffic. Closing this portion of Sixth Ave. So. to east/west traffic is counter to this concept.

9] Attempts have been made to "fix" two of the historically troubled intersections [7th Ave N. and 2nd Ave S.]. What are the criteria to decide to fix some streets and to close others? A street is a street, and all the people in the town should be treated equally.

10] Our 51 acres of property with Sixth Ave. S. as the only city street adjacent should be looked at as future development with additional cars and people. It would short sighted to do any kind of planning without considering that the 51 acres will be developed with cars and people needing access to get in and out.

For all of the above reasons and more, we want to express our strong opposition to the closure of Sixth Ave. S. as it connects with Hwy 52.

Thank you.

LouAnn Brown Freeburg

From: "Choate, Barbara" <BaChoate@payetteschools.org>
Subject: My Comments
Date: June 24, 2013 4:55:30 PM MDT
To: Alan Massey <alanrmasse@icloud.com>

Alan,

I am unable to attend the public hearing Monday July 1 regarding the future of the access to and from Highway 52 via 6th Avenue South. I would appreciate it if you could share the following comments on my behalf.

I feel the access should be closed for 2 primary reasons:

1. Cost to upgrade
2. Safety

The cost to clarify/establish ownership of the property and to upgrade the access is conservatively estimated at \$1.2 million dollars. \$1.2 million of unbudgeted project costs that would not generate any additional revenue for the city. The access is not a primary access to a commercial area or thoroughfare. Admittedly it is a "short cut" and a convenience for the people that live on the hill. A very expensive convenience especially when you consider that the cost is not only in the upgrade but in the safety of the people that use the short cut and every person driving Highway 52.

The traffic study previously presented at a work session shows 8 crashes in 4 years. That may not sound like very many but it involved 17 vehicles and 27 people with damages to property and people totaling \$443,000. Even with the costly improvements the intersection would not be safe because of the limited site and speed of traffic on Highway 52. Highway 52 is a State highway and not under the specific jurisdiction of the City of Payette. City officials can suggest – even beg – for lower speed limits, speed bumps, warning signs, etc but the State does not have comply with the request.

If there were no alternate route to Highway 95 I would feel differently. Because there is an alternate route that includes a traffic light for safe access from Highway 52 to Highway 95, I feel it is in the best interest of the City to

- forego the opportunity of investing \$1.2+ million dollars on a non-revenue producing project
- reduce the liability of knowingly continuing a dangerous traffic pattern and
- transition the access to and from Highway 52 via 6th Avenue South into a dead end.

Thank you,

Barbara Choate

CITY OF PAYETTE
AUGUST 5, 2013

CITY PAYROLL - Admin	7/26/2013	ET	124,146.67
HARDIN SANITATION - Admin	7/20/2013	8375	29,864.83
PAYETTE SENIOR CITIZENS - Exec	8/2/2013	8433	200.00
A & W CRUISE NIGHT - Legis	8/5/2013	8376	35.00
A COMPANY - Greenway	8/5/2013	8377	90.50
ACTION COURIERS - Water	8/5/2013	8378	25.41
ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS - WWTP	8/5/2013	8379	1,073.75
ALEXANDER CLARK BUSINESS FORMS - Police	8/5/2013	8380	292.58
ALLIED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS - Admin, Pool & Library	8/5/2013	8381	1,165.52
ANDREWS SEED CO. - Exec	8/5/2013	8382	2,135.79
BOISE RIGGING SUPPLY - Water	8/5/2013	8383	362.11
BRADY INDUSTRIES - Fire	8/5/2013	8384	59.93
BURKE ELECTRIC - Police	8/5/2013	8385	220.00
CESCO - Street & Water	8/5/2013	8386	64,295.15
CITY SERVICE VALCON - Airport	8/5/2013	8387	5,035.30
CREATING KEEPSAKES - Library	8/5/2013	8388	45.97
D&B SUPPLY - Water	8/5/2013	8389	125.00
DART'S - All Dept.	8/5/2013	8390	1,874.14
DCS TECHNOLOGIES - Police & Fire	8/5/2013	8391	127.50
DRAPERS LAWN CARE - Police	8/5/2013	8392	325.00
ERNIE'S ELECTRIC - WWTP	8/5/2013	8393	485.76
HEATHERLY FORENSIC POLYGRAPH - Police	8/5/2013	8394	375.00
HOLLADAY ENGINEERING - Admin, Water, WWTP & Airport	8/5/2013	8395	3,503.32
HOLLINGSWORTH - Street	8/5/2013	8396	20.82
HUGHES FIRE EQUIPMENT - Fire	8/5/2013	8397	73.03
IDAHO ASPHALT - Street	8/5/2013	8398	29,148.60
IDAHO POWER - All Dept.	8/5/2013	8399	26,530.65
INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE - Admin & Water	8/5/2013	8400	195.70
IRVCO ASPHALT - Water	8/5/2013	8401	5,589.81
ISPEED - Admin & Police	8/5/2013	8402	160.00
J.P. COOKE - Admin	8/5/2013	8403	140.45
JERRY'S - Street	8/5/2013	8404	21.45
JOHNNY B TRANSPORT - Street	8/5/2013	8405	3,345.26
L.N. CURTIS - Fire	8/5/2013	8406	276.56
LINDSAY ECOWATER - Library	8/5/2013	8407	5.00
MARC - Shop	8/5/2013	8408	253.29
MCCREA HEATING - WWTP	8/5/2013	8409	108.40
METROQUIP - Street	8/5/2013	8410	1,627.46
MICROMARKETING - Library	8/5/2013	8411	71.99
ONTARIO BEARING - Street & WWTP	8/5/2013	8412	218.92
ONTARIO TOOL - Park & Street	8/5/2013	8413	40.00
OREGON COAST MAGAZINE - Library	8/5/2013	8414	35.95
OVERHEAD DOOR - Shop	8/5/2013	8415	424.20
OXARC - WWTP	8/5/2013	8416	1,739.15
PETTY CASH - Library	8/5/2013	8417	105.52
RIPPIN' STITCHES EMBROIDERY - All Dept.	8/5/2013	8418	1,312.55
ROCKY MOUNTAIN INFORMATION NET - Police	8/5/2013	8419	50.00
SAV-ON - Street	8/5/2013	8420	22.25
SHOP NOTES - Library	8/5/2013	8421	44.90
SHORELINE PEST - Pool	8/5/2013	8422	105.00
SNAP ON TOOLS - Shop	8/5/2013	8423	1,323.70
SOUTHWEST HEALTH DISTRICT - WWTP	8/5/2013	8424	98.00
STATE OF IDAHO - IBOL - WWTP	8/5/2013	8425	122.00
T.A. WELDING - Water & Street	8/5/2013	8426	86.86
TOGMB'S JANITORIAL - Pool & Library	8/5/2013	8427	205.68
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE - Police	8/5/2013	8428	35.38
WATERFORD SYSTEMS - WWTP	8/5/2013	8429	7,340.00
WHITE CLOUD COMMUNICATIONS - Street	8/5/2013	8430	50.00
WILBUR-ELLIS - Street	8/5/2013	8431	1,640.00

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