

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
August 19, 2013**

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Georgia Hanigan, Craig Jensen, Mark Heleker, Lee Nelson, Ivan Mussell and Jeff Sands
Absent: None
Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Doug Argo, City Engineer; Mark Clark, Police Chief; Steve Castenada, Fire Chief and Jennifer Kelley, HR/Deputy Treasurer

6:00 PM – Public Hearing

A. Proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 –

Clerk Cordova presented a Power Point presentation of the budget. Councilman Heleker asked about the unencumbered funds used in each fund to balance the budget. The Street Fund is utilizing about \$125,000 in unencumbered funds. If use all this year the street fund would have about 18% of fund balance. Councilman Mussell asked about the tax impact on an owner with property valued at \$100,000. It was mentioned the tax, with homeowner's exemption, would be roughly \$575. The Mayor mentioned lowering the levy rate and if there is anything left to be done to do so.

Police Chief Mark Clark addressed the Council to reiterate his support of the budget, specifically his department. In July his department had the highest group of calls that he can remember, almost 700. He needs people and he tries to keep the department well and good for the future. Our police department serves health and welfare, mental health, and handles calls from the Sheriff's Office and internal investigations. We respond to calls pertaining to the Health District, airport, parks and golf course. We also house the tri-county drug task force. His key personnel are here tonight and they are here because they're interested what happens. We have the tri-county drug task force. He asked for the Council's support in his department, including the additional staff and the 3% raise. The Mayor mentioned we also have Rose Advocates, two major rivers, the highway and a railroad which impacts our community. We need to stay a positive and active presence in our community. Councilman Heleker spoke for the school district and the importance of having a school resource officer available. There is a negative impact in the school if the SRO is not there. He would love the force to remain strong enough to keep the SRO. Chief Clark said the department is pulling people off of special pro-active duties just to respond and take care of daily items. We're the county seat and we need to lead the way.

Fire Chief Steve Castenada said he agrees with Chief Clark. The City should stay on top of equipment purchases and his department needs a different type of engine to fight fires on Perry Drive, Hughes Drive, Greenbelt and by Highway 52. We need to be prepared for those types of fires. We need to keep moving forward. Councilor Hanigan asked about the next step to positively affect homeowner's insurance rates. Chief Castenada said we would need to have another ladder truck. Councilor Sands asked if the money designated remain earmarked for the truck. Clerk Cordova said the money will be restricted for the purchase of a truck or for a grant match for a truck.

Randy Fales, Parks Superintendent, addressed the Council. He wants to keep the parks as nice looking as we possibly can. He has a \$10,000 lawnmower in the budget and it's a necessary item. If the lawnmower doesn't start we can't mow. In this past year, Darrell received his arborist certification. He said the pumps are still operating; there are daily maintenance items, broken sprinklers daily. The department painted the shop and they are getting the park ready for the car show. Councilor Hanigan said the mower has been before the Council for 2 – 3 years. Randy said a mower runs about 30 hours a week and the mower he's replacing is from 1999. The Mayor asked if Randy feels his time working at the pool takes away from the parks. He said it does and he and Darrell complete a majority of the maintenance at the pool facility.

Jake Hust, Water Superintendent, addressed the Council. He said with the recent personnel changes they're learning new things every day. The City has aging infrastructure and fire hydrants and his department works towards getting those items replaced and people trained. It also affects the fire rating. He said they're replacing old worn out items. Councilor Hanigan asked about the water meters in the budget – if they were on going. Jake mentioned we replace so many each year. We are adding some radio read modules to existing meters. Councilor Nelson asked if we have the capability to notify customers when something happens immediately. Eventually, yes, but not right now.

Street Superintendent, Jamie Couch said he has no expensive items or projects in his budget. He needs to replace a 1982 truck with a used truck from an auction. He is cost sharing the bucket truck with the parks.

Randy Schwartz – In my budget – high ticket maintenance items – pumps and new permit coming up. Also the TV unit. Having phone conversations with permit writers and Region 10 going to be in Boise to look at the facility tomorrow. The permit can open up quite an expense.

Colleen Bonnell – big changes at the library – learning curve, things have been more expensive and they're adjusting. Closed Monday's to the public. Very busy. People using computers and Wi-Fi and checking out books. Nelson – when will the amphitheatre complete? End of September

Bert said the airport is a great facility – remember that's the reason why Teton moved here.

Craig Jensen – how to do the math with the levy rate.

The public hearing closed at 7:00 PM.

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.

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PLEDGE

Bobbie Black led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jack Little, 522 SW 4th, Fruitland, addressed the Council. He is a member of Payette High School class of 1951 and classmate of Jake Sherer. Mr. Sherer lived on Highland Drive and developed and maintained a portion of City property west of his home next to the lower water reservoir. Mr. Little would like to dedicate the area as Jake Sherer Park and the Class of 1951 would erect and maintain the signage. Because the item wasn't on the agenda, the Mayor said the item will be on the next Council agenda for consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Heleker mentioned he would've preferred more detailed discussion regarding the closure of 6th Avenue South.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting minutes of 08-05-2013 and work session & special meeting of 08-12-2013 as written.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Sands to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$158,767.08.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Jensen, Sands and Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

None heard.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Fire Department Spaghetti Feed & Raffle – August 23rd
- B. Thank You – Payette Senior Citizens
- C. ESGR – Salute to Employers
- D. Thank You – Suzan Heater

PLANNING & ZONING

None heard.

OLD BUSINESS

None heard.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance #1378 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, IDAHO, REPEALING SECTION 13.04.252 OF TITLE 13, AMENDING SECTIONS 3.12.080 AND 3.12.090; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; ALLOWING PUBLICATION IN

SUMMARY FORM; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING A REPEALER
– 1st Reading

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Heleker to introduce Ordinance #1378 by title only.

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

City Attorney Osborn read the title.

It was mentioned this ordinance is a housekeeping item.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to pass Ordinance #1378 on its first reading.

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

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Heleker that Ordinance #1378 do pass.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Jensen, Sands and Nelson

Nays:

B. Change Order #1 – Warrington Construction – 2nd Ave. South Water Line

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Jensen to approve change order #1 in the amount of (\$15,780) for the 2nd Avenue South water line to Warrington Construction.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Mussell, Hanigan, Jensen, Sands and Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

C. Resolution #2013-09 - Water Fees

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to approve Resolution #2013-09 for water fee changes.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- A. Police Department – July 2013
- B. Airport Commission – August 12th
- C. Library Commission – August 13th
- D. Historical Commission – August 19th

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None heard.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

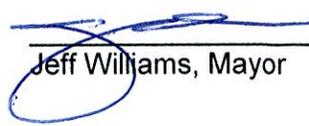
Councilor Heleker added that at our previous City Council meeting the Council voted to close 6th Avenue South at the Highway 52 intersection. I would like to express my concern with the manner in which that matter was conducted. The improvement or potential closure of the intersection was discussed many times in Council sessions and in committees over many months. Several measures were recommended to increase safety such as lowering the speed limit on the highway and additional signage which would serve as notification of the upcoming intersection. We were constantly told that these safety measures were in the process of being put in place. On August 5th, I again inquired to the progress of the safety measures and was told by Clerk Cordova that we are working on changing the speed limit. Still working on it? We have had much more than ample time to have those measures put in place. The vote for a decision on this intersection should not have been called for until those measures were in place for an appropriate amount of time. When Councilor Nelson made his motion to have this intersection closed he said, "Sometimes we have to make tough decisions". I agree with that statement, we make many tough decisions, but I don't agree with the premature decision for which he called. Mrs. Freeburg made many strong points in her letter of opposition to the closure; her 8th point stated that "most Cities' try to make traffic easier for their residents by providing multiple alternate routes of traffic." With this closure, travel within our community and to the south of our community, will be made more difficult for a very high number of our citizens. The traffic will just be funneled elsewhere and not all to the stoplight at 2nd Avenue South, not that that would solve everything. Many of the people traveling south will use Iowa Avenue and travel to the intersection of Iowa and Highway 52, which is a very awkward intersection, and then continue to 10th Avenue South and on to Highway 95. A few years ago that intersection was one of greatest concern due to a high number of accidents. We didn't close it; we lowered the speed limit and alleviated the problem. The Council has been told many times that the state is mandating their expensive improvements to the intersection in question, or closure, and that is because of the safety issues. If we put the proposed safety measures in place and the safety concerns are subsequently alleviated, the focus of the state would move toward dangerous intersections. Safety will always be more important than convenience, but if we can have both, we owe that to our citizens. I am asking for a vote to rescind the decision to close the intersection 6th Avenue South and Highway 52; I believe the vote was taken prematurely and that the above mentioned safety measures should be put in place to the benefit of so many of our citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

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

Signed this 3rd day of September, 2013.



Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Cordova, City Clerk

CITY OF PAYETTE
AUGUST 19, 2013

CITY PAYROLL	8/9/2013	ET	101,592.53
A & W CRUISE NIGHT	8/6/2013	8376	500.00
A-PLUS AWARDS	8/19/2013	8436	33.00
ALBERTSON'S	8/19/2013	8437	390.02
ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES	8/19/2013	8438	166.00
BDS	8/19/2013	8439	1,568.53
BRADY INDUSTRIES	8/19/2013	8440	703.16
CAMPO & POOL	8/19/2013	8441	2,527.20
CENTURYLINK	8/19/2013	8442	1,396.36
CITY CLEANERS	8/19/2013	8443	239.45
CLAY PEAK LANDFILL	8/19/2013	8444	274.20
DCS	8/19/2013	8445	65.00
DIG LINE	8/19/2013	8446	63.82
ERNIE'S ELECTRIC	8/19/2013	8447	44.00
FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE	8/19/2013	8448	384.00
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	8/19/2013	8449	607.98
FLEET SERVICES	8/19/2013	8450	9,710.37
GALL'S	8/19/2013	8451	140.75
GUARDIAN MANAGEMENT	8/19/2013	8452	202.50
HANIGAN CHEVROLET	8/19/2013	8453	313.66
HARDIN SANITATION	8/19/2013	8454	1,170.51
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	8/19/2013	8455	850.46
HOLLADAY ENGINEERING	8/19/2013	8456	10,652.96
HOLLINGSWORTH	8/19/2013	8457	74.62
HOLLIS R.V. REPAIR	8/19/2013	8458	184.80
IDAHO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	8/19/2013	8459	495.00
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPT.	8/19/2013	8460	23.00
INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE	8/19/2013	8461	280.44
INTERMOUNTAIN COMMUNITY BANK	8/19/2013	8462	1,895.71
INTERMOUNTAIN GAS	8/19/2013	8463	522.79
KAMAN I	8/19/2013	8464	456.02
KING'S	8/19/2013	8465	19.99
KOHN FOODS	8/19/2013	8466	50.00
L.N. CURTIS	8/19/2013	8467	2,082.00
MARC	8/19/2013	8468	287.46
METROQUIP	8/19/2013	8469	92.82
NAPA AUTO PARTS	8/19/2013	8470	1,160.41
NORCO	8/19/2013	8471	75.45
OCLC	8/19/2013	8472	1,020.00
ONTARIO BEARING	8/19/2013	8473	125.00
ONTARIO PIPE SUPPLY	8/19/2013	8474	62.79
ONTARIO STARTER REPAIR	8/19/2013	8475	142.40
ONTARIO TOOL	8/19/2013	8476	165.25
OSBORN, BERT L.	8/19/2013	8477	2,801.50
OVERHEAD DOOR	8/19/2013	8478	1,800.00
PAETEC	8/19/2013	8479	19.03
PAPERLCIPS A MORE	8/19/2013	8480	821.51
PAYETTE PRINTING	8/19/2013	8481	868.73
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER	8/19/2013	8482	146.35
RHINEHART, LARRY & KATHY	8/19/2013	8483	1,450.00
ROBBINS REFRIGERATION	8/19/2013	8484	186.50
ROBERTSON SUPPLY	8/19/2013	8485	96.28
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	8/19/2013	8486	227.05
SYME ELECTRIC	8/19/2013	8487	2,369.25
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS	8/19/2013	8488	33.70
WILSON PRUETT TIRE FACTORY	8/19/2013	8489	30.53
VALLEY PAVING	8/19/2013	8490	223.82
VERIZON WIRELESS	8/19/2013	8491	628.97
WEIDNER FIRE	8/19/2013	8492	1,747.00
WHITE CLOUD	8/19/2013	8493	105.90
WIENHOFF DRUG TESTING	8/19/2013	8494	50.00
WILBUR-ELLIS	8/19/2013	8495	506.25
WILSON PRUETT TIRE FACTORY	8/19/2013	8496	1,842.30

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