

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
September 4th, 2012**

6:45 PM – Public Hearing

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Mark Heleker, Ivan Mussell, Jeff Sands, Lee Nelson, Craig Jensen, and Georgia Hanigan

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Bert Osborn, City Attorney; Jennifer Kelley, HR; Randy Schwartz, WWTP Supervisor; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; and Steve Castenada, Fire Chief;

An application by Ricardo Sotelo for a Variance Application for a 5' side setback, street 218 North 10th Street, N 59' of LOTS 1 & 2, BLK 18, Gorrie Addition. The property is zoned B-Residential.

Maria Osuna—401 Glenn Street South—Vale, Oregon

Osuna stated that she wanted to be in compliant with all the laws that the City of Payette has in place; when they had started construction they did not realize they needed to have a building permit for the work they had already done. Osuna stated that she thought the neighborhood looks much better with the structure being fixed. The City Council then proceeded with questions for Ms. Osuna on the variance she had requested. The consensus of the City Council is to have the Public Works Committee come up with an ordinance to prevent the public from building within the City limits without a building permit.

The public hearing ended at 6:55 PM

Regular Meeting—7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

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Members Absent:

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Bert Osborn, City Attorney; Jennifer Kelley, HR; Randy Schwartz, WWTP Supervisor; Rob Woyak, Water Supervisor; Kelly Franek, Pool Supervisor; Colleen Bonnell, Library Director; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; and Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; and Becky Lynch, Administrative Services Clerk.

PLEDGE

Jessica Fenton led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sonja Strong—1323 North 6th Street—Payette, Idaho

Strong had a conversation with her Representative Craig Jensen regarding pay increase for City employees. Strong stated that she is opposed to the increase for the employees. Strong stated that she is living on a fixed income and this won't be changing anytime soon. Strong stated that she doesn't want to pay more taxes to something she does not want to pay taxes for. Strong stated that everyone at the City is doing well in regards that no one has quit their job in over 5 years who work for the City and she doesn't see the need to increase pay for them. Strong is not in favor of any increase for employees.

Alan Massey—1920 3rd Avenue South—Payette, Idaho

Massey stated that he appreciates all of the hard work and personal time that the City Council gives to the community. Massey stated that he was surprised to not hear any meaningful discussion of the proposed, across the board, employee raise at the most recent Council budget Work Session. Massey stated that he has attended the recent budget hearings and listened to the citizens of Payette. Two topics were top and center and vividly expressed; one being a disparity in the actual operating expenses in the pool versus the pool general revenue and its impact on the pools hours of operation; second being the 5% across the board raise to City employees. Massey stated that during the recent budget session the pool issues were very effectively dealt with and had significantly reduced the operating expenses. Massey stated that he applauds the Council, Administration, Pool personnel and all of the volunteers to find a way to continue operation of the Pool. Massey stated that the raises for City Employees at the recent Council budget Work Session was hardly discussed. Massey stated that the City Administration brought back a 3.6% cost of living increase along with a list of surrounding communities who have proposed wage increases in their budgets; this meeting had asked if there were any further discussion for the wages, and no one said anything. Massey stated that after the Council has had so much contact with the citizens whether it be in person, by phone, or by email that he expected the Council to have more to discuss with the wage increases. Massey stated he looks forward to some discussion tonight on how the Council members came to make their decisions on this. Massey stated that he heard several questions and concerns from the citizens of why the raises are being given while the revenue is down. Massey stated that businesses everywhere are taking cuts and are not giving raises to their employees. Massey stated that he knows the City employees work hard, they are dedicated and they well deserve receiving a raise. Massey stated that using tax dollars to give raises across the board is not something the citizens of Payette want to hear or even support. Massey stated that this has never been about the City employees not deserving a raise; it's if the City can afford to give it. Massey stated to please recognize the citizen's input you have received, and consider this in your decision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to approve the minutes of 08-17-2012 Work Session, 08-20-2012 Regular Meeting and 08-27-2012 Work Session 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 Jensen to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$320,311.77.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Beautiful Yard Contest Winners

Mayor Williams stated that we will try to present the beautiful yard contest winners at the next regular meeting due to the absence of the contest winners. They will be awarding the 1st place plaque to Betty Pittman, and honorable mention will go to Dan and Shauna Bain.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter from Bob Kniefel
- B. Echelon Group—Meals on Wheels
- C. Thank You from Linda VanCamp & Dave Walters
- D. Idaho State Senate—Personal property tax

PLANNING & ZONING

- A. Meeting Minutes of July 26th

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Donation Request from Westside Elementary School

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Heleker to approve the donation request from Westside Elementary School with a one month individual pool pass.

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

- B. Variance Application—Ricardo Sotelo

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Nelson to approve the Variance Application following the conditions the Planning and Zoning Commission set forth.

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

- C. ORDINANCE #1368 - AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD FROM THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER 2012 TO AND INCLUSIVE OF THE THIRTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2013; APPROPRIATING SEVEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SIXTH-THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$7,263,325) TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, PAYETTE COUNTY, IDAHO, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to introduce Ordinance #1368 by title only.

After a unanimous voice vote the motion CARRIED

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Nelson to suspend the rules and pass ordinance #1368 on its first reading and to make the following modifications of the 3.6% increase to a 2.5% increase to City Employees and add \$25,000 to capital improvement.

At the roll call:
Ayes: Heleker, Nelson, Hanigan, and Sands
Nays: Mussell and Jensen

The motion CARRIED

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Hanigan that Ordinance #1368do pass.

At the roll call:
Ayes: Heleker, Nelson, Hanigan, and Sands
Nays: Mussell and Jensen

The motion CARRIED

D. WF Construction Pay Request #1 – stoplight

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Mussell to approve pay request #1 to WF Construction in the amount of \$82,917.00.

At the roll call:
Ayes: Heleker, Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Sands, and Jensen
Nays:

The motion CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A. Forestry Meeting- August 21st
Councilor Hanigan briefed the City Council
- B. Historical Meeting August 27th
Councilor Heleker briefed the City Council

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to have the Public Works Committee come up with an Ordinance to serve a penalty for not having a building permit prior to construction within the City. Mayor Williams stated that he appreciates everybody's independent views of the City Council. Mayor Williams stated that the City Council represents everyone in the community and he appreciates the public's input.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Colleen Bonnell—2240 Vista Avenue

Bonnell stated that she thinks that some people forget that the people who work for the City of Payette are citizens too. Bonnell stated that she believes in the Capital Improvement Fund completely.

Carl Hunter—1106 2nd Avenue South—Payette, Idaho

Hunter stated that he feels that the discussion has been good tonight, but feels very hurt because the people we hire have not listened too well, in his opinion. It's not because he doesn't understand business it is because he has farmed for 50 years and knows what it takes to keep it going. Hunter stated that he is discouraged with the answers he has heard today, he is not condemning the employees, he knows about what it would be like to be an employee. Hunter

stated that a lot of these people today have not had an increase in pay for 7 years, they are staying sound in the business because that is the only way the business can stay in a business. Hunter stated that he is discouraged for changing the numbers in the budget to get what the City wants anyway.

Rob Woyak—1010 North 6th Street—Payette, Idaho

Woyak stated that we can't always get what we want but we can be happy with what we have. One of his employees is qualified to have food stamps, and upon hearing this information disturbed him. Woyak stated that not only are we citizens, but we are consumers. Woyak stated to the Council how much he appreciates the work that they do along with the decisions they make.

Paula Davidson—1035 1st Avenue South—Payette Idaho

Davidson stated that she and her husband are retired and had moved to the City of Payette. Upon moving to the City they immediately started to remodel their home. Davidson stated that we have used a lot of services through the City of Payette; we are all citizens including the City employees but someone is going to have to pay for these increases. Davidson stated that many of us as citizens cannot withstand another decrease in our income.

Councilor Jensen stated that the Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail is coming through and their first stop is here in Payette on Thursday at 9am in Centennial Park. Councilor Jensen stated that he would like to invite everyone to come to Centennial Park for this community event.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:16 PM.

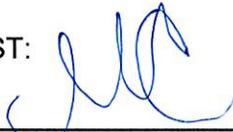
The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 17 day of Sept, 2012.



Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Cordova, City Clerk

CITY OF PAYETTE
 SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

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| CITY PAYROLL | 8/27/2012 | 110,890.49 |
| HARDIN SANITATION | 8/27/2012 | 26,537.34 |
| PAYETTE COUNTY | 8/28/2012 | 49.00 |
| PAYETTE COUNTY | 8/28/2012 | 42.00 |
| A & W CRUISE NIGHT | 9/4/2012 | 535.00 |
| A-PLUS AWARDS | 9/4/2012 | 33.00 |
| ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS | 9/4/2012 | 269.00 |
| ALLIED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS | 9/4/2012 | 53.53 |
| AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION | 9/4/2012 | 175.00 |
| ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, INC. | 9/4/2012 | 718.00 |
| BURKE ELECTRIC | 9/4/2012 | 2,805.00 |
| BWI | 9/4/2012 | 60.71 |
| CONSOLIDATED SUPPLY | 9/4/2012 | 1,029.05 |
| COUNTRY LIVING | 9/4/2012 | 9.97 |
| D&B SUPPLY | 9/4/2012 | 247.06 |
| DART'S TRUE VALUE | 9/4/2012 | 808.83 |
| DCS TECHNOLOGIES | 9/4/2012 | 75.00 |
| DEBBAN BROTHERS | 9/4/2012 | 5,659.00 |
| DO IT YOURSELF | 9/4/2012 | 19.97 |
| DURHAM GRAVEL WORKS, INC. | 9/4/2012 | 2,703.53 |
| ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESS | 9/4/2012 | 131.86 |
| ERLEBACH, MARK | 9/4/2012 | 243.80 |
| FEDEX | 9/4/2012 | 33.11 |
| FISHER SCIENTIFIC | 9/4/2012 | 767.59 |
| FRANK'S WELDING | 9/4/2012 | 450.00 |
| GALL'S INC. | 9/4/2012 | 87.00 |
| GARDEN VALLEY DISTRICT LIBRARY | 9/4/2012 | 150.00 |
| GJZ ARCHITECTURE | 9/4/2012 | 3,505.00 |
| GRANT'S PETROLEUM | 9/4/2012 | 298.75 |
| HANIGAN CHEVROLET | 9/4/2012 | 2,470.58 |
| HARDIN SANITATION, INC. | 9/4/2012 | 814.36 |
| HENDON WELDING | 9/4/2012 | 790.00 |
| HOBBY FARMS | 9/4/2012 | 13.00 |
| HOLLIS R.V. REPAIR | 9/4/2012 | 99.96 |
| IDAHO ASPHALT SUPPLY | 9/4/2012 | 17,462.40 |
| IDAHO CONCRETE COMPANY | 9/4/2012 | 473.83 |
| IDAHO POWER, PROCESSING CENTER | 9/4/2012 | 22,884.47 |
| IDAHO TRACTOR, INC | 9/4/2012 | 328.64 |
| INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE | 9/4/2012 | 866.84 |
| J.P. COOKE CO. | 9/4/2012 | 143.32 |
| JOHN HOPKINS WHITE PAPERS LIBRARY | 9/4/2012 | 181.95 |
| JOHNNY B TRANSPORT | 9/4/2012 | 3,143.63 |
| KMD MECHANICAL | 9/4/2012 | 4,607.00 |
| L.N. CURTIS AND SONS | 9/4/2012 | 1,449.10 |
| LEONARD PETROLEUM | 9/4/2012 | 358.50 |
| LIBRARY STORE, INC., THE | 9/4/2012 | 150.44 |
| MARC CORPORATION | 9/4/2012 | 159.39 |
| METROQUIP, INC. | 9/4/2012 | 345.27 |
| MICROMARKETING | 9/4/2012 | 567.22 |
| NATIONAL COATINGS, INC. | 9/4/2012 | 7,850.00 |
| OCLC INC. | 9/4/2012 | 1,020.00 |
| ONTARIO FLOORS TO GO | 9/4/2012 | 1,507.50 |
| OXARC | 9/4/2012 | 1,675.65 |
| PAETEC | 9/4/2012 | 19.55 |
| PAYETTE PRINTING | 9/4/2012 | 276.92 |
| PAYETTE TIRE CENTER | 9/4/2012 | 699.00 |
| PEOPLE | 9/4/2012 | 316.41 |
| PETTY CASH | 9/4/2012 | 108.97 |
| PIPECO, INC. | 9/4/2012 | 1,912.01 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER | 9/4/2012 | 36.01 |
| ROBBINS REFRIGERATION | 9/4/2012 | 140.00 |
| SHERWIN-WILLIAMS | 9/4/2012 | 3,040.00 |
| SHORELINE PEST | 9/4/2012 | 195.00 |
| STERLING CODIFIERS | 9/4/2012 | 343.00 |
| TERRITORIAL SUPPLIES | 9/4/2012 | 1,225.00 |
| TNT SIGNS & GRAPHICS | 9/4/2012 | 468.75 |
| TOOMBS JANITORIAL | 9/4/2012 | 565.65 |
| UNITED PARCEL SERVICE | 9/4/2012 | 18.92 |
| WESTERN STATES CHEMICAL | 9/4/2012 | 278.94 |
| WF CONSTRUCTION | 9/4/2012 | 82,917.00 |

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