

**MINUTES  
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL  
Work Session  
September 8, 2015**

**12:15 PM – Work Session**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mary Cordova, Chief Castenada, Chief Clark, John Plaza, Ed Franek, Jamie Couch, Jake Hust, Randy Fales, Randy Schwartz, Erin Haley and Bobbie Black

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Budget 2015-2016: Ms. Cordova handed out proposed revenue and expenditures for review. Mayor Williams stated if you recall at last meeting, we discussed what we can do to eliminate some costs. Your suggestions were on employee pay, insurance, Snake River Transit and museum. Ms. Cordova gave highlight of discussed items. The big thing is health insurance, we saved about \$70,000 by switching to a metal plan through Blue Cross. We also looked at Blue Cross for vision instead of Superior Vision. Numbers were received late Friday afternoon. We have a little bump on taxable value on taxes. Discussed giving employees a 2% raise, tax supported funds are about \$19,000, \$24,000 for all combined funds. Nelson asked why total numbers down around \$170,000 from last work session. It was stated \$80,000 less for airport. Mayor stated the City had talked to Bill Statham, and all the engineering we have done, we might be able to take some of that for our in-kind contribution, which lowered tax dollars needed. The proposal reduced Snake River to \$10,000 and museum at \$2,500. Nelson stated biggest reduction is insurance and airport. Sands asked about leaving money in for items discussed last time? Mayor stated yes we did. Sands don't know how much money took out of airport fund. Cordova stated when first put together had project as \$500,000 and really was only \$450,000. As far as property taxes we lowered to \$45,500. The actual difference between the grant. Heleker asked how much of the engineering we will get credit for. Cordova called on Friday and asked about match, we are combining all three grants into one. Only concern is estimated project is \$450,000 and doesn't include any engineering during the project. When bids come in they will give us an estimate on engineering. Mayor stated the consensus was to have tax levy as close to last years. Cordova stated levy is 2,161,984 in property tax value, and rate would be at or below last year's rate. Cordova stated the way it is right now is property tax and including library bond is below our rate last year. Mayor stated that does leave funding for transit, museum and rest of budget as presented earlier. Dale stated we talked about not doing the 3 drinking fountains of \$12,000, seems that that money could be spent differently. Mayor asked Parks and Rec Committee and Randy Fales about this item. He stated the fountains right now don't drain, these are the non tamper drinking fountains and don't have to be hooked up to sanitary sewer. We do not have any that work right now. The new ones includes value box for french drain and concrete slab to anchor them to. Mr. Fales said it was common to have fountains in parks. Nelson stated the people he hangs with are concerned about airport, are we spending the money for a few amount of people. Wickersham stated as much money as we are getting from the state it is a no brainer, we can't walk about from the grant. Heleker stated he is not as opposed to spending the money as before, feels a little better about it. Dale stated the people flying in are the ones we want to attract. At one of the meetings she had with Mr. Masingill they discussed having fly ins with golf tournaments, we have to look ahead. Discussed what economic development the City gets from the

golf course. What does it bring to our tax base? Local business's benefit, the airport could bring new businesses in. Jensen feels grant money is so beneficial to the tax payers to improve our town. This is money we will not have to have in our budget next year. Ms. Cordova stated some tidbits regarding the airport grant. The Council approved and accepted with resolutions 2013-10 and 2014-12. There are 17 hangars right now, they lease the land and pay property tax. We receive revenue through leases and taxes are \$10,000 a year, and we have not put any tax dollars towards the airport for a few years. Sands stated when street department is out there working, that is tax payer's dollars. Nothing is free. Mayor stated our departments help out other departments all the time. Dale asked if county is contributing towards the museum, Mayor stated no line item in budget at the moment for the county. They have some discretionary funds that they can use. Mayor stated if giving the museum money we would like to say how it is spent. Dale another possibility is it goes into misc. donations that the museum could ask for separately for. Mayor stated he just hopes it doesn't sit there and doesn't get used, maybe do billboard. Sands asked why we went to only \$5,000 instead of half like we talked about for Snake River Transit. Mayor stated maybe being a little protective from the back lash. Dale asked about donation being broken out for the ones we always contribute to.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

None

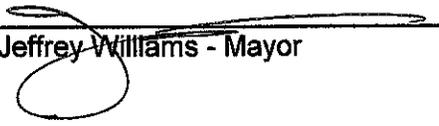
**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

The work session adjourned at 1:00 PM with Heleker making a motion and seconded by Sands.

Signed this 8th day of September, 2015.

  
Jeffrey Williams - Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bobbie Black  
Deputy City Clerk