

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2011**

5:30 PM – Work Session

David Nakara gave an oral presentation as to what McKinstry does and how it can help the City.

Mr. Nakara stated that his company is a Seattle based company, but opened a Boise office 5 years ago, and that he was employee number 1. Mr. Nakara stated that his company is focused on sustainable energy, structures and building. What he means by that they like to look at the public partners infrastructure needs and see if there something the community can do to reduce costs. Also, is there anything they can do to increase revenue?

The Work Session ended 6:24 PM.

6:30 PM – Public Hearing – Water Base Rates & Usage Fee Increase –

Assistant City Clerk Tiffany Howell stated that when the city got to looking at the consumer price index for this year we noticed that it went up 5.1%. Last year the CPI was 6.1% but the city decided to only raise the fees 4.9% to make it easier on the citizens of Payette. When we got to looking at what the other cities are charging versus what the surrounding cities are charging we definitely need to raise the fees at least 5.1%. When Jennifer Kelley and I got to looking at this we noticed that this is a definite must. In your packet you will find the proposed charges. This will raise the water base rate to \$6.17 and the sewer base rate to \$15.61, and raise the water usage fee to .220 and the sewer usage fee to .248. Mayor Williams stated that at previous work sessions we have talked about having to raise it more than the 5.1% do you have an opinion as to what you think we might need to raise it to. Ms. Howell stated that we are working on the water study right now, but would like to pass the 5.1% tonight. Councilor Dodson stated that everything she could find online from August was 3% is there a formula we use. Ms. Howell stated that we use the same government statistic for CPI that we have used in the past.

Water Superintendent Rob Woyak stated that the cost of business is going up. Copper four years ago was \$4 now it is almost \$5 and as we go into these economic times my prices are going up because most of my items are metal. Mr. Woyak stated that whether or not he uses plastic or metal he still has to have metal parts to repair what they already have in the ground. Mr. Woyak stated that he just had to buy a new fire hydrant and 4 years ago when he bought it, it was \$1,290 and today it was \$2,050. So that shows you right now how much things are going up in my department and we have not been keeping up where we need to be and it is catching up. We are not pumping as much water. Mr. Woyak stated that when they do something it is usually time and material and a lot of contractors would double or triple that.

Dennis Froeming – 2620 NE 16th Avenue; Payette, Idaho 83661 –

Mr. Froeming stated that he understands what the water director was saying about the cost of living going up, but so is mine and if you have not noticed that you haven't been slapped with reality. I have some concerns with the water rates and the way it was presented and the sewer rates. Your legal notice stated that it was an amount that exceeds 5%, and that doesn't really tell us much, what you are raising it to. You had a bid not too long ago to fix the street what would you do with that bid if it said in the amount that exceeds 1 million dollars. You would throw it straight in the trash can, but you have nothing to go on. This notice does not tell us anything, all it says is an amount that exceeds 5.1%. Also, there is nothing in here that says there is information at city hall as to the justification of this. I'm going to come back to the CPI in a minute. Second

thing I want to do is talk about the excessive sewer rates, and how it is based off the water usage. I can understand in the winter time, but this is not true in the summer. You use water outside to wash your hands, water your flowers, etc. and that is not going into the sewer system. Here is an example, if I fill up my RV with city water that is 110 gallons that does not go down the sewer system. My water bill for the last 5 months my average used was 2200 gallons and in the summer usage for 3 months was an average of 4650 gallons. Now in the summer I may take a few more showers and I can so I wash some vegetables. I think you should do an analysis of the water that is pumped versus the water that is going to the sewer system. Second I think that your sewer rates as they are, are excessive. I have lived in several different places and in none of those places did the sewer rate ever exceed the water rate, and I think that is something that needs to be looked at. We are in a recession that is why there has been no increase in social security for the last year. The July number was 3.4% for the CPI increase, so I'm not sure where Tiffany got her numbers. Payette is an expensive place to live tax wise, and various other things and I think that is part of the problem, there is a lack of growth. I have been here over three years and I have seen one new building the new Subway. Fruitland and New Plymouth have done better, so I think you really need to look at what you are charging, and I know that prices are going up and you have a difficult job. I was watching the news before I got here and there was a hostage situation and a suicide at an Arby's and I think a lot of people are hurting with the way the economy is. I know costs are going up, but I do urge you to keep them at a minimum if you can. I really would like you to look at that sewer structure I think it's unfair especially in the summer time.

Colleen Jackson – 1123 6th Ave South; Payette, Idaho –

Mrs. Jackson stated that they are the only people who own one of Greif's units. Every one of the houses there regarding the water is not up to standard. You cannot drink it, it is orange and you have to buy special stuff to make it ok to drink and the amount we have to pay a city bill and it's ridiculous. I cannot afford a water softener right now, so I have to buy Culligan's and I have to scrub and scrub to get the pink out of the tub. The water bill to me is ok, but the sewer bill is a lot higher and I came from California and it wasn't this high. Payette used to be a thriving town and now there is nothing, no dress store, no nothing, the business just are not coming to your town. When I was in high school I hated Payette and said I would never live here, but here I am. We used to have Penny's and a few others and now we have nothing. We should take pride in our town and I don't know what is holding us back. Mayor Williams asked Mrs. Jackson if she had mentioned to the water department that you have colored water. Mr. Woyak stated that one of the biggest problems with 6th Avenue North is that it is a dead end line. You unfortunately live on a dead end line and what I could do is go down there and flush the line every couple of months. Mrs. Jackson stated that she didn't like it. Mr. Woyak stated that he doesn't like it either, but that the city has a high iron level. The only thing that would help would be a \$150,000 water system. I would be more than happy to talk to you about this issue and see what we can come up with.

Patricia Stowell – 204 North Iowa Avenue; Payette, Idaho –

Mrs. Stowell stated that she lived here in the 50's and this was a thriving city. It was so beautiful and everything was going on, everyone came to Payette. My dad was then transferred to Las Vegas and we lived there for a while and then we moved back when my dad got a job for Ore-Ida and I graduated from Ontario. I moved back to Payette 11 years ago from California and I could not believe what the town had come to. It was really sad to see how thriving it used to be to what it is today.

Clerk Cordova stated that the water study has been completed and there are a few loose ends we want to get tied up but we have been looking at it very carefully. According to that study it shows that our base rate would need to be over \$12 and the per gallon usage would be a little less than it is now. Clerk Cordova stated that we did a sewer rate study in 2000 I believe and we did a rate increase. We needed to do an expansion at the wastewater treatment plan so in anticipation we have been doing the improvements as we have the money and the bond took in the clarifier.

The public hearing ended at 7:06pm.

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:06 PM by Mayor Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Katherine Dodson, Georgia Hanigan, Les Cochran, Mark Heleker, & Ivan Mussell.

Members Absent: Lee Nelson

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Bert Osborn, City Attorney, Dave Platt, Police Captain; Doug Argo, Holladay Engineering; Jamie Couch, Street Superintendent; Tiffany Howell; Assistant City Clerk

PLEDGE

Police Chief Mark Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Heleker to amend the agenda to add change order #10 for the fire department.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Cochran to approve the regular meeting minutes of 8-9-10, 8-23-10 & 9-19-11 as written

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Dodson to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$284,977.31.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Hanigan, Dodson, Cochran, Heleker and Mussell,

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Parks Department

Councilor Heleker stated that he was part of Play Day 2011 and they were divided up into different groups and rotated around the park. Ms. Howell stated that the event was a huge success from everyone that she has talked too. Ms. Howell stated that she would like to give a huge thank you to Randy Fales and Darrell Kainoa. They went above and beyond and we wouldn't have been able to do this without the help of the Parks Department. Ms. Howell also stated that she would like to thank all the entities involved in making this a huge success, and that would include the Payette Primary School and all the staff and kids that participated, the Payette Police Department, Sheriff Huff and his officers for helping, the Play Day Committee, and all others that helped.

B. Recommendation for an appointment to the Parks & Rec Committee –

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to appoint Kim Bruce to the Parks and Rec Committee.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to appoint Kim Bruce to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Idaho Business Magazine
- B. Thank you Card from John & Mary Dyer

PLANNING & ZONING

- A. 08-25-11 Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

- A. ICDBG Contract – Maple Tree House –

A motion was made by Dodson and seconded by Cochran to accept the ICDBG contract for the Maple Tree House and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

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

- B. Agreement between the City of Payette and Noah Rae – Postponed to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Payette Resource Conservation & Development Council – Wendy Green –

Mrs. Green stated that she lives in Indian Valley and she is the new director of the council. RC&D is 20 years old and it helps natural resource management, which includes Adams, Gem, Boise, Washington, and Payette County. We work closely with the weed management agencies and the soil conservation management to improve our water quality. Due to cuts from the State level we will be able to run as a 501c organization and we will be a little more reliable on the dues that each county pays. Really what I wanted to do was introduce myself and let you know what RC&D can do for your city and community.

B. Resolution 2011-06 – A resolution of the City of Payette adjusting water and wastewater rates by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) –

Mayor Williams stated that he has a house listed in New Plymouth and they charge a flat \$50 per month whether you use the water or not. I don't know if we are the highest or not, but the water rates are higher in Fruitland. Councilor Cochran stated that he does not remember us ever having a higher water or sewer rate than our surrounding cities. I remember that we try our best to keeping the water and sewer rate lower than our neighbors. Clerk Cordova stated that we are lower than our neighbors, and that we couldn't get a loan because our rates were too low. We have been very cautious about our rates. Mayor Williams stated that since he does work in other communities we are one of the only communities that I know of that have an organized irrigation system. Mayor Williams stated that one of the things that has been discussed is that we keep the same rate year round because we want to discourage people from using their city water to water their yards, that is why we have an irrigation system. Clerk Cordova stated that there is a published book of rates of all the cities in Idaho.

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Dodson to table this item to the next agenda.

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

C. Solicitor License Denial – Oscar Luna –

Mayor Williams stated that Mr. Luna did not fill out the required information regarding his arrest record and has appealed the denial to the City Council. Attorney Osborn stated yes, there are some things on his background that could disqualified the applicant.

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Heleker to uphold the denial of the application for Oscar Luna.

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

D. Mobile Food Vendor License Application – Taco Mexican Truck –

Crystal Chavez stated that she is interpreting for her mother-in-law Maria Pinedo. Mrs. Chavez stated that her mother-in-law wants to open a taco truck at the liquor store on Main Street. Our goal is to sell Mexican fast food to the public. Mayor Williams asked if they have done this before. Mrs. Chavez stated yes, but not in the City of Payette, but in Oregon.

A motion was made by Cochran and seconded by Mussell to approve the Mobile Food Vendor Permit for Maria Pinedo at 1393 South Main Street.

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

E. Recommendation to Payette County Planning & Zoning - Variance request by Gerry Griffin – Impact Area –

Mayor Williams stated that the County P&Z has asked for our input on a property that is in our impact area. Mayor Williams stated that they want to build a garage on the lot behind their house; the setback will only be 10' from the rear property line. The county requires a 30' setback, but since it is in our impact area they want our input.

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Cochran to send a favorable recommendation to Payette County Planning & Zoning for Gerry Griffin at 2025 NE 19th Avenue.

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

F. Itinerant Merchant/Peddler's License – Casey Sparling, Nicholas Perkins, Travis Sparling & Nicholas Pulido –

Clerk Cordova stated that she recommends to the council to deny Mr. Perkins.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Hanigan to approve the Itinerant Merchant/Peddler's license for Casey Sparling, Travis Sparling & Nicholas Pulido and to deny the application for Nicholas Perkins.

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

G. Change Order #10 Payette Fire Department -

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Dodson to approve change order #10 for the fire station not to exceed \$9,085.10.

At the roll call:
Ayes: Hanigan, Dodson, Cochran, Heleker and Mussell,
Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Rob Woyak stated that all the citizens on Iowa are on the low pressure line. They are not on a high pressure line with 80lbs of pressure.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to have a work session on October 24th and for the council to please keep that date open.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Rowena Strain – 1931 Uehlin Drive; Payette, Idaho

Mrs. Strain stated that she would like to let the council know that the City of Payette also charges if you do not use any water.

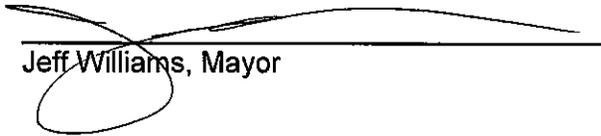
Councilor Heleker stated that the student advisory committee will be working on the wall at Keystone and we still need to communicate with the owner of the building. We are hoping that the city can help with some tools for scraping the wall. The advisory committee will be starting on Saturday scraping the walls.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:41 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 17th day of October, 2011.



Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Mary Cordova, City Clerk

CITY OF PAYETTE
09-29-2011

Vendor	Accepted	Check	
CITY PAYROLL	9/23/2011		115,839.72
HARDIN SANITATION	9/26/2011		26,476.84
PAYETTE URBAN RENEWAL	9/20/2011		40,000.00
PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING	9/19/2011		500.00
AMERICAN TURF FARMS	5197 09/29/11	5470	340.00
B.C. SALES	5198 09/29/11	5471	607.45
BIG SKY SPORTSWEAR	5199 09/29/11	5472	729.98
BLACK, BARBARA JEAN	5200 09/29/11	5473	99.96
CEDAR CREEK TIMBER	5201 09/29/11	5474	2,966.25
COMMERCIAL TIRE	5202 09/29/11	5475	1,224.24
CONSOLIDATED SUPPLY	5203 09/29/11	5476	1,563.60
COP SHOP	5204 09/29/11	5477	105.50
CUMMINS ROCKY MOUNTAIN	5205 09/29/11	5478	7,359.99
D & B SUPPLY	5206 09/29/11	5479	1,236.54
DART'S TRUE VALUE	5207 09/29/11	5480	2,507.76
DCS TECH	5208 09/29/11	5481	402.50
DONOHO, INC.	5250 09/29/11	5482	492.48
ERNIE'S ELECTRIC	5209 09/29/11	5483	3,936.98
FILTRATION TECHNOLOGY	5210 09/29/11	5484	224.85
FLOWER TRUNK	5211 09/29/11	5485	35.00
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS	5213 09/29/11	5486	589.36
FRUITLAND NURSERY	5214 09/29/11	5487	1,145.76
GALLS	5215 09/29/11	5488	228.13
HARDIN SANITATION	5216 09/29/11	5489	605.21
HOLLIS R.V. REPAIR	5217 09/29/11	5490	287.10
HOWELL, TIFFANY	5218 09/29/11	5491	98.33
IDAHO CONCRETE COMPANY	5219 09/29/11	5492	1,556.41
IDAHO POWER	5220 09/29/11	5493	6,117.09
INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE	5221 09/29/11	5494	369.86
INSELMAN PLUMBING	5222 09/29/11	5495	248.00
IRVCO ASPHALT & GRAVEL, INC.	5223 09/29/11	5496	40,233.85
LYNCH, BECKY	5224 09/29/11	5497	88.74
MATERIALS TESTING	5225 09/29/11	5498	1,108.00
METROQUIP, INC.	5226 09/29/11	5499	821.68
MOORE SMITH BUXTON & TURCKE	5227 09/29/11	5500	418.50
NORCO	5228 09/29/11	5501	327.85
ONTARIO TOOL AND RENTAL	5229 09/29/11	5502	220.10
OXARC	5230 09/29/11	5503	1,537.15
PAYETTE AUTO SUPPLY	5231 09/29/11	5504	167.17
PAYETTE COLLISION CENTER	5232 09/29/11	5505	2,144.45
PAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL	5233 09/29/11	5506	951.00
PAYETTE LAWN CARE	5234 09/29/11	5507	180.00
PAYETTE TIRE CENTER	5235 09/29/11	5508	50.00
PETTY CASH	5236 09/29/11	5509	56.14
PIPECO	5237 09/29/11	5510	596.22
PITNEY BOWES	5238 09/29/11	5511	126.48
RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY	5239 09/29/11	5512	2,152.17
SCHWARTZ, RANDOLPH D.	5241 09/29/11	5513	30.01
SCOTT, LARRY	5240 09/29/11	5514	50.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH DISTRICT	5242 09/29/11	5515	91.00
SPEED O'MOTIVE	5243 09/29/11	5516	232.81
T.A. WELDING	5244 09/29/11	5517	11,269.00
THREAD PRO	5245 09/29/11	5518	497.50
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	5246 09/29/11	5519	17.67
WEAVER, ROBERT C.	5249 09/29/11	5520	900.00
WHITE CLOUD COMMUNICATIONS	5247 09/29/11	5521	234.93
WILBUR-ELLIS	5248 09/29/11	5522	2,580.00
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