

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session
March 12, 2014**

6:30 PM – Work Session

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Lee Nelson

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, Randy Schwartz, Jake Hust, Jamie Couch

1. Payette County Recreation District ~ Concession Stand

Heleker gave an update to the Council on the status of the proposed concession stand at the McCain Sports Complex. Heleker stated that at this point they are still contacting local businesses for donation of in-kind work to get the building started. He has found that Burke Electric will give us a better deal than anywhere else, it appears that a bit of the concrete will also be donated.

Mayor Williams stated that with the dollars we have available, we could switch to a stick built as opposed to the cinder-block building. Heleker stated that the estimated construction cost range was \$ 70 to \$80 thousand, depending on the in-kind labor. Heleker explained that the governing body will oversee the bids.

Jensen asked if Doug Argo had put out anything for bid. Heleker stated no, because he needs to know what is going to be donated. Doug is still very involved. Wickersham asked what is the size of the proposed building, and Heleker replied 50'x24', and Holladay will be doing the construction oversight.

Mayor Williams said if it costs \$80K, what would this body think about loaning money out of our revolving loan fund, like Fruitland did with Mesa Park? Heleker loved the idea, but wanted to know what amount we would have to come up with. Heleker said he is still working on getting a plumbing bid. Jensen said this project is important in order for the Miracle Field to have ADA restrooms.

Sands asked who has contributed to the funding, has the County? Heleker stated no, they have not contributed cash toward the building, but the County feels that they are the leading contributor of in-kind labor. Sands did not think we should be loaning the recreation district any money at the risk of not being able to loan to a business. Mayor Williams says that it may be hard to sell. Sands continued that as a Council, they committed to a contribution of \$25,000, but wasn't sure about a loan. Heleker replied

that he would like to know what is in the revolving loan fund first, and in addition, if we do loan the funds, we should stipulate that the money comes back to the City very fast. Wickersham said until we know the cost, we don't know what we are dealing with.

Jensen pointed out that even though it is not on City property, it will be a big boost for our community. Sands stated that someone will have to pay for the roof or the toilet if it gets broken, and they are not stepping up their contribution. There won't be very much out there during the school year. Sands said it does not make sense to loan on it if we are going to jeopardize a business. Williams said that Idaho Concrete is also going to donate to the project. Heleker informed the Council that by the first week in April we should have firm numbers on what the building will cost. There is no one in favor of the stick building, everyone is in favor of a block building.

2. Discussion of request for seismic operations

Mayor Williams asked the Council what questions do we still have to ask the seismic group. Councilor Dale asked what if we just said no? Sands agreed.

Let's see what goes on with it. Jensen said that if they do the thumping, and they find natural gas on city property, that is some thing to consider. Williams pointed out do we want to allow on City property. Discussion ensued about what should or should not be allowed within City limits.

Cordova informed the Council that the AM representative has not been very honest or forthcoming with information. The Department heads agreed that the easiest and best option to protect City infrastructure would be to say thanks, but no thanks.

Alan Massey noted that if the Council is looking for an example of the honesty factor, talk to Steve Castenada about what has happened on his property.

3. Mayor's Informational Points to Council

Staff has hired a replacement for Becky.

Buy a brick challenge! If you need an application, the Mayor will get you some.

4. Adjourn

The City Council adjourned the work session at 6:55 PM.