

**MINUTES  
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL  
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**6:00 PM – Public Hearing**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mary Cordova, City Administrator; Bert Osborn, City Attorney; Jake Hust, Water Superintendent; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Doug Argo, Holladay Engineering; Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; Becky Lynch, Administrative Services Clerk; Randy Schwartz, Wastewater Supervisor;

- A. Request for Permit to Conduct Seismographic Operations on City Owned Property.
- Cody Fletcher came before City Council. Fletcher stated that he is with a company called Urban Seismic Specialists, a third party company, they hire us to do testing on the vibrosize equipment and help them to establish safe offset distances as well as real time monitoring. We are based out of Sealy Texas and operate all over the United States. We currently have projects in Payette County, Greeley Colorado, Longmont Colorado, Washington, Pennsylvania, Monroeville, Pennsylvania, Long Beach California, as well as the North Slope of Alaska. We are a very small company specializing only in damage mitigation and helping companies doing seismic work here to help with mitigating any damages as it relates to vibrations and we measure these vibrations with seismographs. We use a 3 component geo-phone so that we can measure any vibrations from any direction coming from whatever generates those vibrations. We have used these not only for our vibrosize vehicles I've also used these same exact seismographs at the spaceex engine testing facility in McGregor Texas to establish a safe offset distance away from that particular unit. These measure the amplitude of the vibration as well as the frequency because both are very important these are both calibrated at an outside facility to ensure that they are functional at all times. The unit we use to measure vibrations peak particle velocity. It is defined as the speed of a particle in a medium such as soil or water as it transmits a vibration. It has been established by the government as the best indicator of potential damages to a structure and it is also measured in inches per second. Vibrations are a part of our everyday lives, for example there is a house in Pennsylvania which has probably been built about 30 feet from the train tracks and they can experience those vibrations all the time and be desensitized towards it. Road construction equipment, heavy traffic, semi-trucks hitting a pot hole, all generates vibrations. We also have these same kind of vibrations in homes, such as doors slamming, dropping something heavy like a hammer or an off-balance washing machine can all cause vibrations. Here are some values that we see each and every day such as slamming a door, is .15 to 1.90 inches per second, jumping on floor and walking is .10 to .50 inches per second, wind which generates a ppv on our homes of .6 to 2.6 inches per second. As it relates to our government, the United States government established a National historic preservation act in 1966 in an effort to protect a lot of the structures that we have all over the United States from not only vibrations, construction activities, different things along the way but they did establish something for vibrations specifically with a value of .5 inches per second and that was established in the united states bureau of minds research investigation article 8507, because at .5 that is where plaster will crack; when that peak particle velocity is less than 12Hz in frequency. The five minute time limit was reached and Payette City Council asked to have Mr. Fletcher continue speaking. Mr. Fletcher continued. We are establishing a very safe level of vibration for this particular project, the Killebrew 3D group project. We will ensure with 100% confidence level that no damages will occur. Any time they could establish a location for a source point, they are utilizing a .250 to ensure that no damages could occur on anything, whether it be private, public, commercial, or city property. We are committed in our operations to be 100% certain that no damages occur. We have worked here last year and we would like to establish a great working relationship with the City of Payette. I want to establish that we are here to ensure that we are taking care of your assets, I want to make sure that there is something to leave for our kids. Councilor Jensen stated that he has a problem with the statement that there is a

100% guarantee that there will be no structural or infrastructure damage, I don't know how you would be able to quantify that in any kind of legal documentation that you just guarantee that there would be no damages. Fletcher responded and said to his knowledge and I work with other engineers whom are associated with other seismic specialists, that they have had no known damage below .5 inches per second in reference to a home. Councilor Jensen asked, what about water lines, sewer, and infrastructure. Fletcher responded no, no damages. Fletcher stated that we are using distances of 100' and 200' depending on whether a location it is permitted or not according to Idaho State law. On City property around the pipeline that they have added an extra 100 feet to the 200 feet minimum to test away from infrastructure, to ensure that no problem exist. Mayor Williams stated that he is very concerned of the homes in the City, but this body's main concerns are the water and sewer lines, if we could focus on our infrastructure and the potential damage that could occur, this is our concern. Fletcher stated that they did a test in the City of Arlington, Texas where they had buried a geo phone next to a clay pipe and had ran a camera into the center of the pipe before during and after vibration activities. The pipe had no new cracks, none of the cracks expanded or were elongated, no new cracks established at all, and this clay pipe 75 years old. The biggest reason that the infrastructure is much safer is that these vibrations aren't vibrating independently into the ground, they vibrate with the ground. So unless there was blocked motion or a sheering type motion, you won't have damage to a pipe as a result of vibrosized vibrations. Now if you were to use explosives or something of that nature where you could move an entire block of ground, then you would have potential for failure. Mayor Williams stated, there will be absolutely no explosives anywhere near the City of Payette, Fletcher responded zero, none. Mayor Williams asked when these tests were done in Arlington, how close were the vibrations to that camera; we started at 15 feet away from the pipe, 5 feet away, and then tested the vibration directly above the pipe. Councilor Jensen asked if Fletcher's company had done any of this kind of testing around our area. Fletcher responded, nothing specific like this, no sir. Mary Cordova asked Urban Seismic Specialist that has been hired by Dawson to make sure that Dawson is keeping within the limits, if we were to have a construction project and we were worried about shaking somebody's house, we would hire an independent company to make sure that the machines are staying in compliance but it has nothing to do with where the machines are located. We do help establish with how far they can be, we offer real-time monitoring as well. Mary Cordova asked if they are out in the field providing this real-time monitoring making sure that their trucks are within the required setbacks and asked of having documentation of this monitoring. Fletcher responded saying that we go out in the field and we do have documentation. Everything that we do is 100% documented so we can map that and actually produce a report to show. Councilor Dale asked if Fletcher was present when New Plymouth had their issues, which was recently in the Independent Enterprise newspaper, a homeowner who had a problem of having an employee of the seismic testing, had their seismic truck too close to the homeowner's foundation, there was question of a well collapsing and supposedly a discussion between the homeowner and the company employee of the seismic testing asking why he was on his property, he was not allowed to be so close to the property; my question is, does your company always go with them when they are testing Fletcher responded that he was not personally present when this situation had occurred and was unaware of this happening. Our goal is to be with the vibrosized trucks whenever they are around a structure at all times. Councilor Dale asked if your goal is just to enforce State law or follow an agreement that may be into with the City which would exceed the State. Fletcher responded that we would do both, whichever is most necessary. If we entered into an agreement with the City to offer additional protection, we would honor that. Councilor Dale reiterated, and someone from your company to be present at all times, Fletcher responded, Yes. We would monitor every point, and make complete documentation of the cumulative reports within a matter of days of where our testing is done. Councilor Dale asked what would be to your benefit if the set back requirements cause a minimal amount for the company to work in. Fletcher said the ultimate goal is to cause the least amount of impact on culture and community as absolutely possible, yes it does impact us negatively for the people acquiring the data, but the goal is to have as little negative impact as absolutely possible. Councilor Dale asked to explain the negative impact further on how that will effect on your data collection when you have the County to pretty much run free through. Fletcher stated that whenever you do a seismic survey and any time you have a spot where there is no source points, it's basically a hole in the data and you cannot see below that when they are mapping the subsurface and that is how it negatively impacts the seismic survey and they are willing to forgo some of that to have a less impact

upon the public. The more setbacks, the more holes that we have in our data of Payette the less seismic view that they have when they look at the seismic data, however that is their choice as a company, they do not want to have a negative impact on Payette, that has been my understanding from them. Councilor Sands asked when you were hired by the seismic outfit to provide data for them, my question would be if we were interested in information down the road, what would be the capability of us getting the data from you as a City where you are contracted and paid by them, could we get the data directly from you? Fletcher stated that the data would not be provided by him directly, but you can get the data from his client. He has been on projects where it goes both ways as far as collecting data, where they ask to deal directly with Urban Seismic, or they would prefer going through whoever submitted the permit. Councilor Dale stated referencing that at first initial meeting held here in Payette, Geologist David Hawk who had been brought in from your company stated that the collected data would be kept secret, unavailable to the media, the public, or the government without a direct order or a subpoena. Fletcher responded, and that is not my data, that is the peak particle velocity data. That is the seismic data as far as I understand. The peak particle velocity data because of the public nature of what we are doing on public grounds, should be public, and from a seismic standpoint, would have nothing to do with me. Councilor Heleker asked to go back to Councilor Dale's question on the holes created in your data due to restrictions on where the trucks can be, setbacks if you will, that's talking about the location of the truck, but the truck vibration it puts down covers a much broader area than just where the truck actually is. Fletcher responded yes, it does expand much broader than where the truck is parked. Fletcher explained that it is a lot like a picture, the more pixels you have in a picture the better quality picture you have. The more source points you can have in a grid, the better picture you can have. The goal is to create a 3D picture like an ultra sound of a baby if you will, so when you take source points out of a large area, you lose big amounts of data. Councilor Heleker stated, so as far as city property is concerned, you're still going to be getting a pretty good reading. Fletcher responded saying that he is not a geophysicist, but he believes that would be the case. Councilor Wickersham stated that he had concerns pertaining to the article in paper in New Plymouth discussed earlier that there was a he said/she said on where the truck was parked; I don't think those trucks should go anywhere without record of where they are at, my concern is getting the actual documented GPS locations of where those trucks are sitting to eliminate any argument of where a truck has been parked. Fletcher responded stating that when generating a map, of where the source points are, they have to be there, in order to process the geo physical data, if those trucks don't go where they are supposed to go, it is not processed correctly for retrieving data. Those are very hard and fast numbers for as far as the GPS points that will be provided on any report that we have as far as a monitoring company. We have the GPS coordinates of the graphs and the GPS points of where we are monitoring.

Patty Young – New Plymouth

I am the one you read the article about. I've tried to be aware of everything from the County up to the State rules, ordinances, and rule makings. When this came into my area I paid attention on where the flags were went out and talked to the guys and found out in general anything less than 200' from my house and foundation was going to be the readers and boxes so I wasn't concerned. That day, I was standing at my kitchen sink and the truck came right up the backside of my fence and was vibrating there. I went out and talked to the employee and I said aren't you supposed to be 200' away, the employee responded I don't know anything about that mam, we stay under a certain vibrancy level; he said he didn't know about the distance. Patty stated that she had called Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), they told her that yes, it is 200' and if I notice to tell the people in my neighborhood, they are not allowed to be vibrating any closer than 200' to the wells or foundations. By the time that they came out on Monday, the next business day for them, she was told by IDL along with a witness of hers that Dawson admitted to it, that they did vibrate there. It had snowed that day and they confirmed about how far away it was if it were 200' by three people from IDL. I had some emails back and forth with IDL, asking if I could have my well looked at because I am getting ready to move and wanted to see if I had any damage due to the vibrations. I didn't get a response back from them and ended up having a well guy come out. I wasn't having any issues with the well but I wanted to know if there are issues before she moves out of the home. It costs about \$2000 to have your well looked at; he turned the faucets up and it ran a bunch of heavy flake rust junk coming out, and said it would be expected for vibrations running so close to the pipe and suggested running the water pipes for 2-3 hours. I haven't had an

issue in the past, but my issue now is that it wasn't a truck going by, it happened, I got confirmation that it happened and if they are able to change any data or say that it isn't happening, and then you have a bigger problem on your hands. I would just be real careful about getting self-reporting data. My question is how is it stored, who can access it, how easy can you change it, I even had a conversation with IDL about looking at things such as missing data, I had documentation on the times it had happened if it was necessary but nobody took it any further than that.

Mayor Williams asked to limit testimony to the permitting of seismic testing on City owned property.

Rod McLeod – Working for Alta mesa doing the permitting in Payette. McLeod stated that this is the third time of doing a hearing in front of City Council. We proposed a map to start with and a proposal of vibe locations. McLeod stated since that time we got together with the city and got their water lines mapped out. We are exceeding the state guidelines of 200' and added 100' to make this a 300' buffer on all the water lines through town. This map is registered with the City and they will know where all the vibe locations in real-time and can investigate at any time. Mayor Williams stated, Mr. McLeod, you said water lines, what about the sewer lines. McLeod responded stating that he believes that the sewer lines are only going to be given 200' not the 300' given to water lines, the main water lines are the main concern that are coming down the hill. Councilor Sands asked is this 300' protecting all water line infrastructure lines in town. McLeod stated that we will not be in the major part of the city. This map maps where our job is located which is the outside edge by the golf course, the airstrip, and some portions to the east as well as a little bit of encroaching in the west part of Payette. Councilor Sands asked for clarification, that if the city were to not grant your company on any part of the city for use, and a citizen had 5 acres in town, can you come in and monitor on that ground, does that change anything with the 300' or 200' rule? Yes we can monitor there, and we will keep the 300' rule on staying away from the water mains no matter where we are because we understand the nature of the pipes. Councilor Sands asked, and that would be for private or public, McLeod responded yes, we are going to vibe 300' away whether it is private or public lines. Councilor Nelson asked Mr. McLeod if he has been to the Golf Course, the Payette Municipal Development Corporation, to get their separate approval on their leased property. McLeod responded, no I have not gotten approval by them, but like I said before, I am a member there and we have offset everything to make sure to do locations that are safe. Councilor Nelson stated that the only problem is that we don't have any control for that property because we lease the property to the golf course. McLeod responded and said I'll get permission from them, I will talk to them for sure. Councilor Jensen asked to see the map of the proposed vibrations area, McLeod took the map he brought with him and brought it up to the Council for further review of the vibe locations. Bert Osborn stated he had been asked to address Mr. McLeod with a question, "Could you turn this map shown to city council into a slide to put on the screen for easier viewing if the city council were to continue this hearing in another week. McLeod stated yes, that would be possible. Osborn stated that he had another question he had been asked to address Mr. McLeod with, asking if Urban Seismic were to go into a contract with the city, that the city could retrieve real time data directly from Urban Seismic. McLeod stated on city property, absolutely. Councilor Heleker addressed Mr. McLeod asking about the smaller water lines that come out from the water mains that this company is going to be staying 300' away from; if any damage were to occur in the smaller lines, doesn't that cause just as big of a problem. McLeod responded stating that they surveyed all the hazards and put a buffer on all the hazards. We put a buffer on the water mains and sewer lines and stay away from them. Mayor Williams asked about the Vistair subdivision has water lines going up there, would you stay away from those water and sewer lines and anything in our right of way. McLeod stated, absolutely. Councilor Dale addressed Mr. McLeod stating that one of the concerns expressed are the private irrigation districts that run their lines primarily through the alley ways, so that may bring concern needing to block right of ways because these are fragile private irrigation districts, whether you would be at fault or not if there are irrigation lines that break, the blame would be coming back to you. McLeod stated that he is not sure where Councilor Dale is coming from. Councilor Dale reiterated that there are also private irrigation lines going through town along with the water lines. McLeod responded saying that we are aware of that we make every attempt, we get first call, we contact the city, we get all the lines out there and map them and put the according buffers on those lines. Mayor Williams asked of any challenges of the County roads with just the trucks going out to do the vibration. McLeod stated that

they are working very well with the County there was an issue with having mud on their tires coming out, so anytime they come out of a field they clean the mud off of their tires, which takes them about 30 to 45 minutes or so cleaning that up. We have had two little areas of damage done to the road that we report to immediately as soon as we have any problems like that we report directly to them and they are aware of it, so we work really closely with the highway department. Councilor Sands asked Mr. McLeod how freely data reports would be given to adjacent ground, which is private, to a testing area in the city. McLeod responded saying that we would be dealing with the private ground owner directly so they wouldn't be coming to you for complaints they would come to us and we would deal with them however we needed to if there was a problem. However everything is surveyed in we are staying 200' away from everything inside the city. Mayor Williams asked if we would be able to get data from your vibrations on private land which is in the right of way, as it may affect our water and sewer lines. McLeod responded saying we would provide data in the city whether it is private or public.

Chad Brock – New Plymouth

I happened to be out at Patty Young's place when IDL came out to her property and they informed us that they would sit down and educate their company to make sure this didn't happen again. Well two weeks later it did happen again, it was at my mom's house. Brock phoned Bobbie Johnson at IDL and asked what the orange flags meant, and it means that is where the company is vibrating. Brock phoned Mr. McLeod and let him know that the company was 50' from the well. Brock stated they got right out there and had the company fix the problem, he was really nice about it, so I am not bad mouthing him. My point is, is that mistakes are going to be made, I would suggest informing the public and the city people of all the rules and on where these things are going to be located. Because mistakes are going to be made, they got their guys out their flagging and just trying to get a job done. Right now in Idaho they got Bobbie Johnson a staff of three to monitor what is going on, in my opinion it is going to be the citizens who are doing the monitoring. So anything the city could do to educate the public; more eyes on the ground is better than mistakes being made.

Alan Massey – 1920 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South – Payette, Idaho

Reliable sources of energy are a necessity for the lifestyle we all enjoy Economic prosperity and the ability to provide a good life for our families is something for which we all aspire for. And we work hard to ensure it. A large local deposit of gas and a way to get it to market efficiently would benefit us all. The potential benefits we may receive as individuals and as a city from local natural gas deposits is something most of us would welcome. But we are not here tonight to as Jeff has said, to determine if gas drilling will be allowed that discussion is for another time, what we are here tonight to discuss is if it is a good choice for the City of Payette to allow city owned property to be allowed for seismic testing. We do need to discuss the pros and cons of seismic testing, jobs for our local area. All these are good things and could help build a better Payette. It is important to remember that this potential will still be here even if we do not test on City owned property. If gas is found around us with the testing currently being done in our local county areas, it is still very probable that drilling operations will still want to have access to those deposits accessible within city limits. The cons or negative possibilities center around how seismic testing may affect our city's infrastructure. What are the downsides to broken pipes in our water and sewer systems, to the numerous and fragile private irrigation systems? What happens to buildings and roads when the ground shakes and what is the potential for collapsed wells, cracked foundations or walls. Payette residents have a valuable asset in their good quality, reliable water system. Our water department works hard to see that when you turn on the tap, water flows. Our wells are in good shape and our storage tanks. Secure. Our sewer department makes sure that the wastewater from our homes is reliably transported from our homes, properly treated and returned to nature. We have a responsibility to each other to protect the investment in our infrastructure. We as taxpayers, property owners and citizens of Payette paid for this and will pay for any disruption or damage that occurs to it. We may or may not receive some compensation for damages, but we will still need to deal with any damage immediately and pay for all damages occurring to our infrastructure. The vast majority of city owned land, streets, buildings, pools, and parks, our sewer plant and water reservoirs, all have interconnected piping in, under and around them that are susceptible to seismic forces. Having experienced the ground moving underneath me too often and seeing the randomness of damage that can occur makes me very concerned about potential damage to the basic systems that

provide us with a reliable source of fresh water, consistently flushing toilets and good roads. The fact of the matter is that things move when the earth shakes. When things move that aren't supposed to move, they break. I'm unwilling to take that chance with such a valuable and integral part of our city life. I urge the city council to deny or severely restrict any seismic testing on city owned property and byways, there is just too much potential damage for our infrastructure and it is just too valuable for us to waste.

Randy Choate – 735 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street – Payette Idaho

The one thing I could think of that you have in your control is the ability to put up a performance bond a bond to protect any damage of the city streets, I remember talking about it in our original ordinance information when this came up in the Payette Planning and Zoning meetings earlier.

Alma Hassey – New Plymouth

Last week on Wednesday late morning, I was over in the area of the buffalo ranch in New Plymouth, and their bumper trucks were vibrating within 50' of the pipeline markers and it was Intermountain gas pipeline markers. We know that the setback requirements that Williams has is 300' from pipelines so I called Intermountain Gas asking about what the setback was for their laterals. I got a call back late Wednesday afternoon, from Tim Walt who is the operations manager at IntermountainGas. Tim Walt told Hassey that there is no agreement, Dawson never went to them to seek an agreement. Just take everything you are hearing tonight with a large grain of salt I've been out documenting and I can tell you these guys aren't being nearly as careful as they would like to make you think they are; and as far as tire tracks from the mud on the roads, I have lots of pictures from just this morning showing proof that the trucks are causing a mess on the roadways.

Tina Fisher – New Plymouth

I am sick and tired of hearing the engines rev, I don't know if you have a noise ordinance here in town, but it is very loud. We have been on top of them with the pipeline and the distance to make sure that they stay away. I don't know if they have an agreement with Chevron or the Tosoro here in Payette, they were awfully close to the Tosoro line in New Plymouth, closer than 300' than they have with Williams. That's a 300' set back and they aren't supposed to drive over those lines unless there is an existing right of way. From behind my house they did the vibration testing on the canal bank, I could feel it on deck, in my house, and there is now a small crack in the concrete slab in front of the house. Sitting out front yesterday looking at the crack daily, the crack is larger than it was. So there is an impact from them being there. My house is surrounded by farmer's fields. That Williams pipeline runs right next to my house and I have been watching them carefully; I would suggest that you guys put noise limitations as far as times, I have seen them starting around 7:30AM some mornings.

Randy Ammerman–Payette, Idaho

I worked for Chevron for a little bit and they have a stop order, if anybody feels that something is unsafe, anybody, can say that you need to stop and have a supervisor come by. Mark Heleker asked who they would have to notify, Ammerman replied anyone can go out to tell them to stop and they have to stop.

- B. Sale of Surplus Property: The City Council has declared the property at 1012 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, Payette, to be surplus property, sold at auction by sealed bid at a future date and placed a minimum bid price of \$50,000. The proceeds are to be used per the City's agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Donald Sutherland– 1020 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South – Payette, Idaho

I live next door. This house used to be a nice house and it has been vacant for 7 years approximately. Thinks it should be torn down now, I went through it a month and a half ago. I was hoping to put a bid on it to restore it, but it's not worth it, it has many problems and would like to tear it down. My protest is the minimum bid, I am afraid someone is going to buy it and use it as a rental and never fix it up. It would be nice if the City could tear it down, it would be worth more. I think the City Council should go through the house to see if it is worth the \$50,000 and put the bid out lower. Councilor Dale asked if it would be possible to have an inspection, not sure of the cost. Sutherland responded saying he has talked to

dozens of people regarding the house and hundreds of people drive by and looks terrible. The house is a burden and should be torn down. Councilor Nelson stated that he would like to see where it falls and if it doesn't sell we could look at a further solution then. Councilor Jensen asked what Sutherland would do with it. Sutherland responded stating that he would tear it down. Osborn stated that he was asked to address Sutherland with a question of what he would recommend the minimum bid be. Sutherland responded that he would recommend that this bid be down in the \$20,000 mark.

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 7:00PM by Mayor Jeff Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Administrator; Doug Argo, Holladay Engineering; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; Jake Hust, Water Superintendent, Becky Lynch, Administrative Services Clerk; Randy Schwartz, Wastewater Supervisor; Mark Clark, Chief of Police.

### **PLEDGE**

The Girl Scouts members led the pledge of allegiance.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting minutes of 02-18-2014 as written.

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

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Heleker to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$168,352.76

Councilor Jensen stated that he was looking at the HD supply waterworks item for \$22,000 that he wasn't sure what it was. Jake Hust stated that they are the radios for our water meters. When we did budget, we budgeted \$20,000 for radio meters and then had another \$2000 in a separate line item added in specifically for meters.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Dale, Wickersham, Heleker, Sands, Jensen, Nelson

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **A. Girl Scout Proclamation -**

Jennifer Hathaway came before City Council and stated that March 12<sup>th</sup> is the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, and would like City Council to dedicate a week to Girl Scouts.

Mayor Williams read the Girl Scout Proclamation to the audience and Girl Scout members, hereby proudly proclaiming the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as Girl Scout Week of Payette.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Treasure Valley Baptist Church – Thank You**

### **B. Payette Primary School – Thank You**

### **C. Proposed Payette Chamber – Lee Nelson**

Mrs. Lee Nelson came before City Council. She is just one of a whole group of people whom met at Kloys pizza a few weeks ago; they want to put together a new chamber of commerce. Lee Nelson stated that Carol Bruce is the one who got the ball rolling for this, and we all showed up. It was agreed in their meeting to call the chamber, The Payette Chamber of Commerce. This will encompass the whole city of Payette. With help by city staff, Mrs. Nelson retrieved a list of businesses within the City. Mrs. Nelson stated that we are all aware of the Payette County Chamber, it was an unfortunate outcome, but we don't plan on dwelling on negativity. Our objective is to move forward to provide information and resources to grow businesses and the community in general. Mrs. Nelson stated that their next meeting is Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Hideaway Grill on US Highway 95. The Payette chamber is looking forward to working with the city, council, and staff.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Request for permit to Conduct Seismographic Operations on City Owned Property**

Councilor Wickersham would like to table this to the next meeting. Councilor Heleker stated that from hearing the public's view tonight, there are more questions which have risen, and would also like to table this item to the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to table this item to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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

Councilor Dale stated that this item is going to be discussed at the next PMDC meeting, Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Jensen stated that he would like to see the map displayed on a power point presentation so it is easier for us to see.

### **B. Catherine Ross – Charge on Water Meter**

Catherine Ross – 330 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street – Payette, Idaho

Catherine Ross came before city council and stated that she now owns a property at 346 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, which used to be her mother's house. Since June of 2013, Catherine has owned this property and has been paying the \$22.84 base maintenance fee each month for the property. Catherine stated that she does not have the extra funds to pay for the water maintenance each month. Catherine informed the council that she is trying to get this manufactured house sold and moved off the lot, there are no intentions of having another house here as long as she owns

it. Catherine stated that she would like to have these lot lines adjusted after selling the home, and put back into one lot. Catherine stated that she is asking to waive the monthly maintenance fee each month until the house is sold. Mayor Williams replied stating that all of the citizens of Payette are paying a maintenance fee which is the fee assessed for the infrastructure of the whole City that is included in every bill. Nancy Dale stated that if there is a meter present, she is under the assumption that Catherine would still have to pay the base fee each month. Councilor Jensen stated that once the trailer moves off that lot, this would be made into one parcel. Once it is on one parcel you would only pay for one meter. Mary Cordova stated that as long as there is a structure on the lot, there is a base rate charge, if there is no structure and it is an empty lot, then the base rate fee ceases to accrue. Mayor Williams stated that as soon as the house is gone, we can waive the base rate. Catherine Ross asked the council, "There's no way you can waive it now?" Mayor Williams stated that there have been property owners in the past that we have discussed this item with; unfortunately, there is no waiver on these monthly fees until there is no longer a structure on the property.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Historical Commission – Appointment of Lee Nelson**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to appoint Lee Nelson as part of the Historical Commission with the term expiring on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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

### **B. Forestry Commission – Appointment of Ron Mahler & Georgia Hanigan -**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Wickersham to appoint Ron Mahler & Georgia Hanigan as part of the Forestry Commission with their term expiring March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

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

### **C. Forestry Commission – Re- Appointment of Dick Bronson & Curt VanPatten**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to re-appoint Dick Bronson and Curt VanPatten as a part of the Forestry Commission with their term expiring March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

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

### **D. Surplus scrap iron and brass – Water Department**

Jake Hust said this surplus scrap of iron and brass is everything that we have removed from the ground. Rather than throwing it away, we place it in a pile ask to have this be used for surplus.

A motion was made by Sands and seconded by Jensen to declare the scrap iron and brass for the water department as surplus and sell it.

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

E. Payette County Board of Community Guardians – Audrey Carney

Bert Osborn stated that his recommendation that we write back to the prosecuting attorney and get the people who own the property to a consensual lien, then you and do that, if they sign a consensual lien we can accept it. Wickersham amended the motion to add that we will not waive the base rate fee accrual.

A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Jensen that no monthly base rate fees shall be waived, and to write a letter back to the prosecuting attorney, to have the people who own the property to sign a consensual lien.

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

F. Award bid for ADA Library Doors

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to award the bid of \$22,733.75 for ADA Library Doors to D & A Door Company.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Wickersham, Nelson, Heleker, Dale, Jensen, Sands  
Nays:

The motion CARRIED

G. Payette Civic League – Liz Long

Liz Long came before City Council stating that the Payette Civic League will be hosting a Boomerang dinner and auction. This is a live and silent auction that the Payette County Chamber used to do. Funds are used to go towards Apple Blossom Queens Court, HelpThem to Hope, the school back-pack program, as well as to help get the Senior Citizen's kitchen to be rebuilt. Liz stated that Red Apple is hosting the chuck wagon dinner for us; it's a western dinner so you could dress up in western attire if you would like and Hee-Haw down on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be taking place at the Event Center, the old community center. The Payette Civic league will be selling tickets for \$10. To sponsor a table, the cost is \$80 and it comes with 2 free dinner tickets with a total seating for 8 people. This would be great advertisement for the City. Mayor Williams asked Liz if it would be okay to table this request to the next regular meeting. Liz responded yes, that is completely okay. (No Action Taken)

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

None Heard

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Williams asked the council if they had looked at the City's Website recently. You will notice a calendar on the front page that Tiffany Howell in Administration has worked very hard on and put a lot of time into. Most of you were here for the Webster global site selector meeting last Thursday, Tiffany also put together all the tables, gift baskets, and powerpoint presentation; if you see her, tell her thank you.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Liz Amason came before City Council. Liz stated that she wanted to mention regarding the seismic testing information discussed earlier that she had thought it would be a good idea to get that information out to the public by putting it on the utility bills, but this is only a suggestion. The reason I wanted to speak tonight is to tell you all about the 'Buy a Brick' fundraiser. This fundraiser is to help build a sign marquee on Hwy 95 and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave South by the High school. All building permits and local laws will be obeyed. Liz brought in flyers and applications. The minimum brick can be purchased for \$50 and the bricks will be engraved to what the purchaser desires. We encourage you to put the flyers up at your business.

Councilor Jensen stated that Liz Amason is a very busy girl; she has offered to be the secretary for the Harmon Killebrew memorial field as well as helping out with all of these great fundraisers.

Councilor Heleker has challenged everyone in the Council to purchase a Captains brick along with him.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to adjourn to executive session.

After a unanimous voice vote by City Council, the motion CARRIED, and the Council recessed into executive session at 7:53PM.

**~EXECUTIVE SESSION ~**Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(1)( f), the City Council will recess into Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel for the public agency pending litigation or where there is general public awareness of probable litigation. And I.C. 67-2345(1)(b), To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee staff member, or individual agent.

Councilor Heleker moved and Jensen seconded to reconvene into regular meeting with no action taken at 8:11PM.

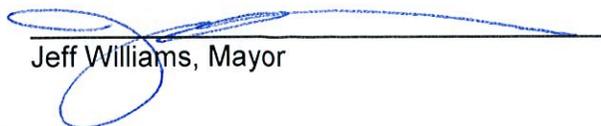
After a unanimous voice vote by City Council, the motion CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

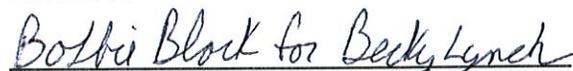
A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

  
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Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Becky Lynch, Administrative Services Clerk

CITY OF PAYETTE  
MARCH 17, 2014

CITY PAYROLL	3/7/2014	\$ 100,644.63
A PLUS AWARDS	3/17/2014	5.00
ACTION COURIERS	3/17/2014	24.99
AGRI-LINES IRRIGATION	3/17/2014	4,761.22
ALBERTSON'S	3/17/2014	260.38
ALL CREATURES ANIMAL HOSPITAL	3/17/2014	35.00
ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES	3/17/2014	98.00
BRADY INDUSTRIES	3/17/2014	59.93
BRUCE, JAMES	3/17/2014	275.00
CENTURYLINK	3/17/2014	1,403.15
CITY CLEANERS	3/17/2014	189.96
CLAY PEAK LANDFILL	3/17/2014	1,419.80
D&B SUPPLY	3/17/2014	153.89
DART'S	3/17/2014	2,350.78
DCS TECHNOLOGIES	3/17/2014	23.80
DIG LINE	3/17/2014	63.82
DRAPER'S OUTDOOR	3/17/2014	24.30
ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESS	3/17/2014	204.83
ERNIE'S ELECTRIC	3/17/2014	364.80
FLEET SERVICES	3/17/2014	6,196.00
GALL'S	3/17/2014	483.95
GRANT'S PETROLEUM	3/17/2014	779.90
HARDIN SANITATION	3/17/2014	822.36
HART, JACK M.	3/17/2014	24.49
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	3/17/2014	1,536.92
HEART SMART TECHNOLOGY	3/17/2014	377.00
IDAHO POST	3/17/2014	150.00
IDAHO POWER	3/17/2014	20,003.81
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPT.	3/17/2014	10.00
INTERMOUNTAIN COMMUNITY BANK	3/17/2014	2,447.92
INTERMOUNTAIN GAS	3/17/2014	5,775.00
KAMAN	3/17/2014	372.76
KINNEY BROS.	3/17/2014	17.99
LOS ALTOS IRRIGATION	3/17/2014	110.00
MARC	3/17/2014	293.02
MARSHALL, GARY ALLAN	3/17/2014	13.54
METROQUIP	3/17/2014	83.15
MICROMARKETING	3/17/2014	287.36
NAPA AUTO PARTS	3/17/2014	799.96
NORCO	3/17/2014	366.88
ONTARIO BEARING	3/17/2014	30.53
OREGON CORRECTIONS	3/17/2014	108.00
OSBORN, BERT L.	3/17/2014	3,313.38
PAPERLICIPS A MORE	3/17/2014	540.63
PAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL	3/17/2014	250.00
PAYETTE PRINTING	3/17/2014	57.00
PEOPLE'S IRRIGATION	3/17/2014	470.00
RESPOND FIRST AID	3/17/2014	212.00
RHINEHART, LARRY & KATHY	3/17/2014	1,450.00
ROBERTSON SUPPLY	3/17/2014	177.91
S&H TERMINAL	3/17/2014	132.49
SAV-ON	3/17/2014	40.22
SEA WESTERN	3/17/2014	378.64
SNAP ON TOOLS	3/17/2014	420.00
STAPLES	3/17/2014	1,086.97
STREET DÉCOR	3/17/2014	226.35
T.A. WELDING	3/17/2014	148.88
TOOMBS JANITORIAL	3/17/2014	56.34
TREASURE VALLEY TRANSIT	3/17/2014	7,500.00
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	3/17/2014	51.48
VERIZON	3/17/2014	664.64
VICTORIA	3/17/2014	16.97
WESTERN STATES CHEMICAL	3/17/2014	297.59
WIENHOFF DRUG TESTING	3/17/2014	70.00

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