

**MINUTES  
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL  
Work Session & Regular Meeting  
September 2, 2014**

**5:30 PM – Work Session**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Mayor Jeff Williams; Mark Heleker, Nancy Dale, Ray Wickersham, Lee Nelson, Craig Jensen and Jeff Sands and Jim Franklin, Kim Bruce and Kurt Key from Parks & Rec Committee.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Staff Present: Jacob Hust; Water Superintendent; Chief of Police, Mark Clark; Randy Schwartz, WWTP Superintendent; Randy Fales, Park Superintendent; Mary Cordova, City Administrator; and Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk

- A. Joint Work Session with Parks & Rec Committee: At the last meeting, Mr. Tietzen wanted answers to questions and those answers will be in these minutes. He would like to know what happens when the volunteers are done volunteering. It was stated that probably that is where the city will step in, we have maintained the weeds, and done things the school district hasn't been able to do. He also asked who to call on noise issues, and was told to call the police. Does the insurance policy cover specifically the bike terrain park, or was that part of school district entering into the agreement making them not liable. Mr. Loveland asked if it is compliant to ADA rules, would think they have to do everything to be compliant. He asked what the hours of the park are and what is going to be done about the dirt. The City parks are open from dawn till dusk. It was stated that the dirt was donated by a developer and one of his contractors agreed to haul free. He has concern with dirt being stirred up a whole bunch. There was a sharp picket in one of the hills and street department took care of it. Troy Bruce stated it was clean top soil that was placed at park. Mr. Loveland stated he saw a car on the bumps, and this will continue until developed, this could be a problem and we don't want this to continue. Kim Bruce stated she would have been happy to control the dirt but was asked to shut down until after this meeting. After this meeting we will ask street department to put down water. This will be on going until developed. Troy Bruce stated a couple applications of mag chloride to tighten and compact the dirt could help. Janet Loveland stated they have to have a mixture of sand, clay and dirt to make a bike terrain park. The Council wanted to have a place for our kids to have something to do and didn't cost much money. We would like time to make it better instead of shutting it down. Ms. Loveland has researched surrounding parks and none of them was in residential areas. They aren't anti-BMX Park; this is just not the best location. She feels her property value will go down. Mayor Williams is not convinced it will be a nuisance. The neighbors are concerned about the safety of the kids. Janet Loveland asked about signage; this is a dangerous undeveloped bike park. It was stated that you wanted us to stop and we stopped. Kim Bruce stated she doesn't understand why people are arguing over something that people are donating their time and effort to. We are not trying to reinvent the wheel; we are making piles of dirt for kids to ride bikes on. The signs will be up when it is done and she just wishes people would give this a chance; this is for the best interest of the area. Mr. Loveland is not against the project, he is just against the location, and it should be located in a different area. We are the ones that will have to put up with the dust. Cassandra McElravy stated kids need to be able to ride to the park by themselves. Janet Loveland stated that most of kids that ride bikes live up on the hill. In her neighborhood you do not find bikes in yards. It should be a park that suits the needs of the neighborhood and people that are going to use the park don't live in this area. Brickyard property or the Jake Sherer Park might be more

suitable. Last meeting there were safety concerns, litter concerns and others. Councilor Nelson stated that part of the reason it was decided to be there was in 1970 the City and School District entered into an agreement for purpose of obtaining a grant. Conditions of the grant were that it would be kept in perpetuity forever. This was the one place we were lacking per the agreement. Kurt Key stated the demographic doesn't mean a thing to him; he used to have bikes all over his neighborhood and now he doesn't. Ms. Cordova stated the City received a call from one of neighbors and she was definitely in favor of it. Janet Loveland stated the last information she received was the neighbors were 50/50. The Council's decision has to be what is best for the community and they are gathering as much information as they can to make a good decision. Councilor Dale asked about the school being excused from liability, and it was stated our attorney drew up an agreement to meet the needs for both parties. She does have a concern where the dirt has been placed so close to 6<sup>th</sup> and the alley, maybe it could be moved more to the center. Mayor Williams showed a diagram of where dirt has been placed. The City has numerous parks, a dog park, greenway, play ground equipment. Ms. Loveland stated she has paid close attention, and kids climb the hills, throw their bikes down and then just play in the dirt. The puncture vine is already coming up. She stated are we to assume that this is a done deal and is there nothing we can do about it, and Mayor Williams stated it is on agenda and the Council will decide on that. The Council needs to talk about in budget discussion on possible improvements. She wants her voice heard, she is against it the way it is now, and what she wants to see in her neighborhood. Councilor Sands asked if the city did an agreement on the whole thing, the school could have moved the park to a different location and they didn't want to. This is a slow process, if we are going to get this done we have to work together. This was never going to be a big budget item. This is no different than getting a new fire station; we had to get a grant to get it accomplished. We need to get past the little things. Rod McNitt stated there needs to be something there; it used to be a baseball park. The Council stated the bottom line is for a design we can all work with. We can't please everyone all the time. The Council welcomed anyone to be on the Parks & Rec Committee. Councilor Heleker stated it sounds fairly simple to move dirt to the middle, why was this one ¼ scrapped off. Kim Bruce stated it is easy to maintain and less controversial. Councilor Jensen asked if the Loveland's think there is a way for this bike park to work for them. They stated the bigger picture it would make more people happier to not have it at this location. Randy Fales stated no park is ever completed they are all ongoing projects.

- B. Budget FY 2015 – Mayor Williams asked the Council their thoughts since last budget hearing. The proposed budget levy is .010372, about \$48,000 was cut out of tax dollars, and we set a tentative budget and cannot go higher than that. If we want to allocate any funds for the Bike Park, museum, or miracle field concessions this will still be lower than last year. The park could possibly have a bathroom, signs and garbage cans. We also need to think about the Kiwanis building. We do have the ability to bump up the budget a little bit. We have to adopt a budget tonight and he is just throwing ideas out. The Miracle League is the McCain field complex and there are 5 fields up there. Councilor Jensen stated that the Council discussed at the last meeting on getting a project going and no one brought it up and we even said we would hold a special meeting; there is not enough time to do something now. Councilor Sands stated it is time for county parks and rec to perform now, he agrees with Councilor Jensen on this one, we need to work on it earlier in the year. Councilor Heleker would love to of heard about projects, but we didn't hear from anyone. The museum did not get funded by the County this year.

**7:00 PM – Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM 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, Nancy Dale, Ray Wickersham, Lee Nelson, Craig Jensen and Jeff Sands

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Staff Present: Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; Jacob Hust; Water Superintendent; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Chief of Police, Mark Clark; Bert Osborn, City Attorney; Mary Cordova, City Administrator; and Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk

**PLEDGE**

Randy Schwartz led the pledge of allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve the Public Hearing & Regular meeting minutes of 08-18-2014 was 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 \$206,915.08.

Council Jensen asked about the Built Rite and Idaho Asphalt bills.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

A. Library Director – Erin Haley – John Held introduced Erin Haley as the new Library Director. She is native of the Treasure Valley. They had some good candidates, and are excited to have Erin on board.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Thank You Senior Center

B. West Region Economic Development Forum

**PLANNING & ZONING**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Amend Easement – North 19<sup>th</sup> Street – This item needs a public hearing before coming to this council
- B. Bike Terrain Trial – Councilor Jensen stated this is a worthy project and then hearing concerns from neighbors, we need to work with the neighbors and make it a project everyone can work with. Take all the information into consideration and think on how we want to develop it. Councilor Sands stated from the discussion, we need to guide the Parks & Rec Committee to visit with neighbors to move forward. Kim Bruce has been working on this for a year and a half. We need a master plan with the neighbors involved in it. There is plenty for the group to do to design it. Mayor Williams stated the process of the committee is all advisory the final decision is the Council. It is more than just the bike park and we encourage someone from the neighborhood to join the committee. The Council asked if more dirt is available do we allow it, he would like to give some direction to parks & rec committee. Councilor Wickersham feels that centering the dirt, and if more is dumped it needs to be in the middle. Councilor Nelson asked if we have to have a master plan, if the project stops it will fizzle out and he hates to see that happen. Mayor Williams talked about a trail on the outside. Councilor Dale asked for a Phase I plan and what is everyone comfortable with in the next 90 days. Councilor Sands stated we can take that ground and build something that everyone is happy with and there will be some good ideas that come out of the meetings. The Parks & Rec can come back to Council with the plan. The city takes the responsibility for the needs of the park or do we need to dedicate some dollars to do it right. It puts us and the school district in jeopardy of receiving future federal funds. They come and do site visits. The city has been keeping the high weeds down for the school district.
- C. Building Permit Fees Waive Request – First Christian Church
- Corey Garcia, chairman and project manager for the church addressed the Council. He stated that they are at the point now that they have their final engineer papers to move forward. Since they do not occupy the building they can not apply for grants. They will do what they need to do to occupy the building. They are asking for the building permit fees to be waived. They only have so much money and at the point now their finances are low. Every bit of help they can get they would be appreciated. The church was dedicated in 1916, and is almost 100 years old. They serve over 350 meals a month and help 3,000 people a month. Councilor Nelson asked how much would the building permit be, Mr. Garcia stated doesn't know yet. When they do have the amount then this body could waive up to a certain amount. They value on repairs are \$6,000 - \$7,000 to occupy. This is material and labor cost the congregation cannot do. These plans need to go before the City to see what the dollar value is. We could always have a special meeting when plans are received.
- D. Donation Request – Westside Elementary School  
Council Heleker stated we have done pool passes in the past.

A motion was made by Sands and seconded by Jensen to approve the donation request by Westside Elementary School of 10 one day passes

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

E. Donation Request – ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Mayor understands the donation is \$10.00 per person.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Dale to approve the donation request for ALS Ice Bucket Challenge for \$100.00

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

F. Ordinance #1383 – Annual Appropriations Ordinance

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to introduce Ordinance #1383 by title only.

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

Bert Osborn read the ordinance by title only.

Council Heleker made the statement earlier, that he doesn't think we should amend the budget unless it was an emergency, and he feels the museum is that emergency. Mayor Williams stated we could do tax dollars or unencumbered funds. He stated for every \$10,000 it would increase the budget .00005. The museum has about \$7,000 in reserves and they are getting \$8,000 from County. Ms. Curtis has stepped down as a part-time employee to save money. They are in survival mode, and anything would help. Councilor Wickersham stated he is upset this is a county museum and they are not getting more help from the County. Councilor Nelson feels the same way and would hate to see all go back to Boise. Councilor Dale asked if other cities being asked to contribute. Councilor Sands doesn't know if this will fix it. The museum group has went to the county and asked them to pass a resolution to put on the ballot, they have the discretion by given \$8,000 and there is nothing in the future saying they will give more. The County doesn't want to ask they tax payers for more money. They need help with marketing. Maybe the Council can look at \$10,000, we would be doing something to help preserve the history, may not have this opportunity to do this again. Even if they pass a resolution to hold a public hearing for the general election there is not enough time this year. They can't have a special election. Councilor Sands stated he can't support when county is only giving \$8,000 when it is a county museum. Citizens are being doubled taxed. We had to step up to keep it alive. Their hard operations are \$31,000 and Ann Curtis stated the other problem is they can't apply for grants, most are 50/50. The Council is sorry we have to do the counties job, but we will help. Mr. Loveland agrees the museum is an education tool, if we do something now to keep going, you can make sure it stays open instead of throwing something away that is irreplaceable. Councilor Wickersham stated he is fighting both ways, most is \$10,000, the museum is just too important. Ms. Cordova stated the Council could consider the water and sewer fees being waived.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Sands approve in the amount of \$7,619,273 plus \$8,000 for museum out of unencumbered and water and sewer fees waived to suspend rules and pass Ordinance #1383 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Sands that ordinance #1383 do pass.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

**G. Accept Water Line Easements @ Payette Commercial Project**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to accept the water line easement @ Payette Commercial Project.

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

**H. Accept Sewer Line Easement @ Payette Commercial Project**

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Wickersham to accept the sewer line easement @ Payette Commercial Project

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

None

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

Last P & Z was public hearing for oil & gas and no one showed up. Annexation will be Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Appreciation picnic at Central Park on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-6.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Ann Curtis encouraged everyone that would like to help the museum to contact her. They will do whatever they can to remain open. Mayor Williams encouraged them to use the money for marketing purposes. There is a conference in Lewiston on how to market museums. IAMA board is asking for help for the museum and they think we are in a unique position. Ms. Curtis asked if anyone on Council would like to help them.

Laurel Weiss stated she was not expecting to speak, but understands the council will donate \$100 to ALS and asked to consider donating to a different foundation due to the sanctity of life. Mr. Loveland, questions are how do we go about meeting with Parks & Rec and then how do we share with Council after meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

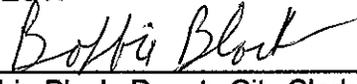
A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 PM.

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

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

  
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Jeffery T. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF PAYETTE  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

CITY PAYROLL	8/22/2014	\$ 117,183.20
HARDIN SANITATION	8/21/2014	26,794.92
A COMPANY	9/2/2014	90.50
ADVANCED CONTROL	9/2/2014	2,779.00
ALICE TRAINING INSTITUE	9/2/2014	495.00
ALLDATA LLC	9/2/2014	1,500.00
AMERICAN CHILLER	9/2/2014	502.30
AMERICAN STAFFING	9/2/2014	486.40
BUILT RITE CONSTRUCTION	9/2/2014	9,565.00
D&B SUPPLY	9/2/2014	1,288.02
DART'S	9/2/2014	1,441.93
DCS TECHNOLOGIES	9/2/2014	215.00
DURHAM GRAVEL	9/2/2014	7,175.00
ELECTRONIC DATA SOLUTIONS	9/2/2014	5,199.57
FASTENAL	9/2/2014	28.03
FRANKLIN BUILDING	9/2/2014	1,673.17
FRUITLAND ELECTRIC	9/2/2014	208.00
HANIGAN CHEVROLET	9/2/2014	1,604.21
IDAHO ASPHALT	9/2/2014	16,498.35
IDAHO DEPT. OF HEALTH & WELFARE	9/2/2014	195.00
IDAHO POWER	9/2/2014	4,703.39
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPT.	9/2/2014	23.00
INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE	9/2/2014	29.00
INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE	9/2/2014	772.02
IRVCO ASPHALT	9/2/2014	371.22
MCCREA HEATING	9/2/2014	538.67
METROQUIP	9/2/2014	971.68
MICROMARKETING	9/2/2014	243.63
NORCO	9/2/2014	220.77
ONTARIO PIPE SUPPLY	9/2/2014	168.51
ONTARIO ROCK & LANDSCAPE	9/2/2014	100.00
ONTARIO TOOL	9/2/2014	54.50
OVERDRIVE	9/2/2014	861.05
OXARC	9/2/2014	49.35
RESPOND FIRST AID	9/2/2014	75.48
ROBERTSON SUPPLY	9/2/2014	58.94
S&H	9/2/2014	71.37
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	9/2/2014	1,150.00
SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LAB	9/2/2014	64.73
SYME ELECTRIC	9/2/2014	180.00
TNT SIGNS	9/2/2014	408.00
TOOMBS JANITORIAL	9/2/2014	93.70
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	9/2/2014	35.69
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	9/2/2014	264.00
WESTSIDE MARKET	9/2/2014	60.14
WHITE CLOUD COMMUNCATIONS	9/2/2014	221.75
YATES, RANDALL	9/2/2014	96.94
ZEE SERVICE CO.	9/2/2014	104.95
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		\$ 206,915.08