

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2015**

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 and Jeff Sands
Members Absent: Craig Jensen
Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Clerk, Bert Osborn, City Attorney, Mark Clark, Chief of Police, Doug Argo, City Engineer and Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Erin Haley.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Dale to approve the work session & regular meeting minutes of 02-17-2015, 03-05-2015 work session and 03-02-2015 work session & regular meeting with correction of date on 03-02-2015 minutes.

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 \$235,459.87

At the roll call:
Ayes: Wickersham, Dale, Heleker, Nelson and Sands.
Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Resolution #2015-03 – Tom Ladley – Mayor Williams read Resolution #2015-03 for Tom Ladley for serving on Planning & Zoning member and presented him with a gift certificate.

B. Arbor Day Proclamation – Presented in Council packet.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Shake, Rattle & Roll – Rose Advocates

B. Arbor Day Foundation – Tree City USA

PLANNING & ZONING

None

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Patti Stowell – Check Policy – Patti Stowell, 225 N. Iowa Avenue, Payette addressed the Council. She stated she had lived in Payette when she was a little child. Her dad was a manager at Garrett freight liners. They moved to Las Vegas, then she moved back to Ontario. After she was married she moved back to Payette. Her husband had two strokes this last year and her mom passed away. She has had a lot to deal with. She received a call to tell her that the water had been turned off. Husband told her that he paid it on line. They paid for connection fee. Things are getting really mixed up, her husband paid three utilities on line. She received a call from the City of Payette telling them we can't accept checks. She has been through struggles for eight years. In December he had a triple by-pass and December 13th came home. Mayor would like to talk about check policy. She stated she pays online now and it is a guaranteed check. She took the returned item back to bank and they said it was to the City of Payette, so she just applied to one of her accounts and they didn't know the bank had put a stop payment on the check. She would like to be able to do checks. Ms. Cordova stated we could provide additional information at a later date, due to not knowing what she was going to talk about. Council moved this item to next agenda.

B. Appoint Library Trustee – Isabel Brito
Mayor Williams stated we received four applications and he interviewed via phone. He is making a recommendation of Isabel Brito to the Council.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Dale to approve the appointment of Isabel Brito as Library Trustee for 5 years.

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

C. Donation Request – American Legion – Boys & Girls State
Councilor Wickersham stated we should at least do one. If we hadn't spent so much on the miracle field we could do more, but is in favor of supporting at least one. Councilor Nelson stated at the finance meeting, we talked about this and maybe should have annual support for a couple. Councilor Heleker stated that we talked about a list of requests that come up every year. Last year we supported one girl and one boy. Councilor Sands stated Apple Blossom, Cruise Night and Boys & Girls state should be set every budget year. The Admin & Finance has asked staff to compile a list of the annual donations, and these three should be mandatory. Mayor Williams stated building future leaders is important, opportunities like this is money well spent.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to approve donation request for American Legion for Boy's State in amount of \$400.00 & Girl's State in amount of \$375.00

At the roll call:

Ayes: Wickersham, Dale, Heleker, Nelson and Sands.

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

D. Donation Request – Alma Mater, Inc

Councilor Nelson stated we talked about the pool tracking the donation and if not used money can be put back. Councilor Sands stated, instead of donating passes making it buy one get one free with an expiration date on passes. Mayor Williams discussed how the groups tell us how this donation would benefit the city. Councilor Dale asked about the gravel donation from Fruitland, and it was stated the chamber would get donations from the various cities. That didn't benefit the city, it benefited the community groups. She asked if this was current history and it was stated yes.

A motion was made by Wickersham and seconded by Nelson to approve a donation of 10 one day pool passes, which are buy one get one free for Alma Mater donation request.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Wickersham, Dale, Heleker, Nelson and Sands.

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

E. Ramona Duenaz – Porch Repairs – No one in audience to address this item. Mayor Williams stated this property is on North 9th Street. Ms. Duenaz has been here several times, and has received numerous letters and has been cited. Bert Osborn stated a Judge told her she had to come back to city with structural engineered plans.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Wickersham to table this item to next meeting.

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

F. City Motto – Councilor Sands stated the Historical Commission talked about this today. They recommended the motto of Payette "Come Play with Us". The Council would like this to come back at to future meeting with a list of all the mottos.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police Department – February 2015

B. Fire Department – January & February 2015

C. Treasurer's Report – February 2015

D. Parks & Rec Committee – March 4th

E. Library Commission – March 10th – Erin Haley addressed the Commission. She stated it takes time to show how active she is on behalf of the library. The report is just a run down from last

month. She applied for a grant, worth about \$10,000, which she received. It provides training on the cutting edge of technology. There were five libraries chosen, and she was informed that her application was the best one that they received. She had to sign a one year agreement.

F. Admin & Finance Committee – March 16th Already discussed earlier

G. Historical Commission – March 16th - The Commission was handed a flyer for the two meetings for HTC on March 26th and April 21st and encouraged them to attend.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Williams stated we are all aware that the governor does Capital for a Day. The Hispanic Coalition picked the City of Payette for April 22nd. They will have town hall meeting that night and will talk about any challenges the community has with reaching out to Hispanics. The Mayor stated he received a visit from Idaho Power regarding problems, public utilities purchasing reusable energy. He will run a letter by the Council before sending. There is a boys and girls club meeting on March 25th, if more than three council members plan to attend we will publish as a meeting. The meeting will be at the Hideaway Grill at 6:00 pm. The Mayor asked the Council if any had a chance to look at the Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan from last work session. He would like to give credit where credit is due. He credits staff on a great job in guiding us in getting items accomplished.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Councilor Wickersham stated we are taking baby steps on the Kiwanis building, but it has a long way to go. He was approached by the Kiwanis group and they are frustrated and would like to see the city purchase that building. Mayor Williams stated if we bought building for whatever, he doesn't know how we would make it structurally sound. Councilor Wickersham stated grants might be better coming through the Kiwanis and then the City. If the City had to bring up to code, it would cost a lot of money to do. There are a lot of challenges with the building.

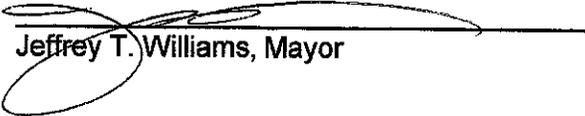
Ms. Cordova reminded the Council of the Special Council meeting at noon on Thursday, March 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

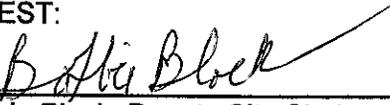
A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Dale to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:17 pm.

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

Signed this 8th day of April, 2015.


Jeffrey T. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk