

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session & Regular Meeting
March 02, 2015**

6:45 PM – Work Session

1. Disposition of Old Chamber of Commerce Sign- Mayor Williams explained this discussion was about the Chamber Sign and Dillabugh's request to place a sign in that area. Ms. Cordova discussed the issue with Attorney Bert Osborn. There are challenges with selling the property, there is a possibility the City may need the triangle of land for water and sewer lines in the future. Mayor Williams felt it was not in the best interest of the City to sell the property then have to buy it back at a later date. He stated there is a sign site on Keith Clow's property leased by Lamar. It belonged to the City back in 2007 – 2008. Lamar has a ten year lease stipulating the City will not allow any new signs to be erected within two thousand feet of that sign. Dillabaugh's will be prohibited from placing a new sign on the property because of that. However, they may lease the existing sign, the Chamber sign. Councilor Wickersham asked about the property adjacent to the triangle owned by Campo's. Mayor Williams answered there would still be the off premise sign ordinance to contend with. Councilor Jensen stated in the mock lease agreement he and Mr. Osborn discussed, they had stipulated there be no modifications to the sign. Councilor Heleker asked if they would be able to put multiple messages on the board. Mr. Osborn felt there would not be enough room for multiple messages. Councilor Sands felt by allowing Dillabugh's to use the sign we would be asking for trouble. He has been by there several times recently to see for himself how visible their building is from the road. He feels if they lighted the sign on their building at night that would improve visibility, but other than that he felt it was easily seen from the road. Councilor Heleker would hate to give up the sign. The Mayor suggested a triangular or V-shaped sign on Dillabugh's property may be more noticeable from the road. Councilor Jensen agreed that may address the visibility issue and would be on their property. The Council agreed they do not wish to relinquish the sign at this time. Councilor Dale felt Dillabaugh's revisited this issue because of the change of that portion of Highway 95 into the City's control. Councilor Jensen will speak to Shari about the Council's decision.

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, Craig Jensen and Jeff Sands

Members Absent: Lee Nelson

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Administrator; Bert Osborn, City Attorney; Jamie Couch, Street Superintendent; Steve Castenada, Fire Chief; Mark Clark, Chief of Police; Brenda Stowe, Administrative Services Clerk.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Williams.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Heleker to delay the approval of the work session & regular meeting minutes of 02-17-2015 until staff has listened to the recording and made adjustments.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Sands and seconded by Heleker to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$169,937.53

At the roll call:

Ayes: Sands, Wickersham, Jensen, Dale, Heleker

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Proclamation -Girl Scouts – Mayor Williams made a proclamation declaring March 8 thru the 14th as Girl Scout Week in the City of Payette in honor of the Girls Scout's 103rd Anniversary.
- B. Proclamation – Fair Housing– Mayor Williams proclaimed April, 2015 Fair Housing Month.
- C. Proclamation – Idaho Day– Mayor Williams proclaimed March 4, 2015 as Idaho Day.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Kit Kamo – Economic Development Update – Kit Kamo is a Representative of Snake River Economic Development Alliance also known as SREDA. Their region includes three counties and two states; it allows our rural area to compete with larger cities for business recruitment. They are dedicated to diversifying our economy by attracting new investment and jobs by recruiting new companies and helping existing companies expand and grow. They also manage the Visitor's Center at mile post 1, and encourage organizations to bring their brochures out to share; many people want to know what there is to do here. Kit thanked the City of Payette Staff for their support and availability to meet with new companies. Without a City's early involvement, it is unlikely a company would bring business to town. Kit explained even though we do not have a high employment rate, we do have the population to support larger companies. Many of our residents work out of the area. There are several projects in the works. Project Darkness-a mushroom facility, was looking at our area. Weiser is currently looking into it. Councilor Dale mentioned she is a liaison for the City of Payette with SREDA and she feels Kit is an invaluable resource. If a company or developer approaches her she directs them to Kit for information. Kit stated she sometimes works with companies for two or more years. She says there is a lot in the pipeline for the future, Project 78 is looking to locate in Fruitland, the rails are in place, and however the new trucking regulations have increased the costs of transport to and from a rail way hub. If Union Pacific will stop here, a private company will fund a Trans load facility which would allow this project to go forward. Mayor Williams explained there is not a Trans load facility in Idaho, and feels it would be great if we could have one here in our County. Kit said if they could make the numbers work it could provide about 700 jobs.

PLANNING & ZONING

No items were heard.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution #2015-02 – Transfer of Durapatcher

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Sands to approve Resolution 2015-02, ratifying the Agreement to transfer the Durapatch Machine to Payette County upon receipt of \$35,000.00.

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

B. Special Event Permit – Azteca League – Martin Michael approached the Council with the request for a Special Event Permit to use the Highway 95 Soccer field from April through September, on Sundays, when one of the two Payette league teams is playing. They have done so in the past without incident and wish to do so this year as well. Councilor Jensen questioned if granted the permit, would the league provide the city with their insurance Certificate of Liability. Mr. Michael said yes, they would bring it in April.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Dale to approve the Special Event Permit to the Azteca League to use the Gateway park soccer field on Hwy 95, on Sundays, April thru September upon the contingency they pay the \$100.00 Special Event fee and provide the City with a Certificate of Liability Insurance in April prior to starting.

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

C. Donation Request – American Legion - Boy & Girl State–

Dan Greig, Randy Taylor and Courtney Coleman stepped forward to request a donation from the Council to assist with funding Payette Boys & Girls State participants. The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary support the Boys and Girls State. Mr. Greig explained that the Boys & Girls State program raises up wonderful young people for our communities. It is \$400.00 per boy, \$350 per girl for the kids to attend. Miss Coleman explained to the Council that Boys & Girls State educates young people in government procedures, from the City level to State level. Mr. Greig stated the Council generously provided funds for a boy and a girl to attend last year, and is hopeful they may do so again. Councilor Dale asked if the kids provide any of the funding themselves. Mr. Greig explained the American Legion asks that the students pay \$25.00, but they try to raise enough through donations to fully fund the students so that no one is turned away if they cannot participate financially. Ms. Dale commented that the Council has had several large requests this year and would like to discuss this and provide an answer at the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Jensen to postpone the decision on the donation request for the Boys & Girls State to the next regular meeting of the Council.

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

D. Donation Request – New Plymouth Elementary

A motion was made by Sands and seconded by Dale to deny the donation request for the New Plymouth Elementary.

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

- E. Donation Request – Alma Mater, Inc. – Dan Fleisher explained the donation request of ten pool passes is for their Apple Jam Fundraiser Dinner. The funds raised are used for downtown Fruitland beautification. Councilor Dale asked if Alma Mater, Inc. had approached Fruitland City Council for a donation. Mr. Fleisher said that Fruitland would be donating a skiff of gravel. Councilor Dale explained that our taxpayers fund the pool maintenance. She is not sure it is fair to them to pay for other towns to use our facility. Mr. Fleisher understood. Councilor Dale asked if it would be possible for the Fruitland Council to pay half. Mr. Fleisher said he would relay the message himself. He felt it would benefit Payette by bringing awareness to Fruitland residents that Payette has a pool. The Council decided to postpone a decision until next meeting.

A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Wickersham to postpone the donation request for Alma Mater, Inc. to the next regular meeting of the Council.

After a unanimous voice vote the motion CARRIED.

- F. Water Leak Policy–Councilor Dale explained the only change to the policy is the time frame. The Council had given recommendation of a six month time frame and the form had a twelve month period of time to pay for high usage bill. Councilor Jensen confirmed the Council had made a recommendation of six months. Councilor Dale stated it was for a bill four times higher than normal. Councilor Jensen asked if only the sewer would be adjusted. Ms. Cordova said yes.

A motion was made by Dale and Seconded by Wickersham to approve the Water Leak Refund Policy as the form is written.

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

- G. Ordinance #1391- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, IDAHO, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.28 OF THE PAYETTE MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 8.28.010 BY ADDING THE NAME OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; ADDING A NEW SECTION 8.28.02 PERMIT REQUIRED; ADDING A NEW SECTION 8.28.030 RIGHT OF ENTRY AND INSPECTION; AMENDING SECTION 8.28.040 BY DESIGNATING THE FIRE CHIEF OR A DESIGNEE IN PLACE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL; ADDING A NEW SECTION 8.28.050 WHICH ALLOWS FOR RECREATIONAL BURNING REGULATIONS AND WHICH SETS LIMITS ON RECREATIONAL BURNING; AMENDING SECTION 8.28.060 WHICH ESTABLISHES A PENALTY; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; ALLOWING PUBLICATION IN SUMMARY FORM; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING A REPEALER; CREATING A PENALTY – 2ndReading

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Sands to introduce Ordinance 1391 by title only.

Bert Osborn read Ordinance #1391 by title. Councilor Wickersham stated he was leaning in favor of the ordinance. He spoke with Fire Chief Steve Castenada; he believes it will save time and effort for the Fire Department and City Staff.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Wickersham to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 1391 on the second reading.

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Wickersham that Ordinance 1391 do pass.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None Heard.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Williams stated the Councilor Jensen, Councilor Dale and he attended the Economic Development Breakfast where they heard a great speaker. Jensen stated the topic discussed was the good publicity results in downtown Ontario. The downtown reorganization program has led to more expansion, less vacancy, and more growth. Councilor Dale stated she has been attending to hear the views on the Main Street USA National Heritage and how they are helping Ontario. She stated they have been focusing on Oregon Street, addressing empty buildings and window repairs. It doesn't need to be an overwhelming task, smaller ideas are feasible. She stated Jerry Miller would be our resource for Idaho. She feels we should monitor Ontario's progress and possibly plan to improve our downtown area. Mayor Williams feels we have a start with our Downtown Facade Grant and the Flower pots, he is sure there are still things we could do, but it shows the Council has been proactive.

This led to discussion of the Comprehensive Plan, the Street Strategic Plan and the Downtown Revitalization. Mayor Williams suggested meeting to put together a road map. He thought perhaps a work session prior to Council meetings may be too limited of time and suggested meeting at a different time. After discussing the many possibilities the Council settled on March 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Cordova brought to the Council's attention a "Thumbs Up" in the Argus Observer for the generous donation of labor and materials Burke's Electric donated to install an outlet in the women's dressing room at the Payette Pool for the high/low changing table for disabled students.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Liz Amason said she had met with Casey Clark-Nye, Executive director of Four Rivers Healthy Communities, is working with HTC and told her they needed a new project, a substantial project. They planned to meet Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Library from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. After hearing about Main Street USA, she feels perhaps they may be able to help the City with that. She reported the sign at the High School is ready to be installed. The weather had delayed the

installation. Alan Massey and Chuck Dodson are trying to get that done this week. Councilor Heleker asked if the fence would need to be moved prior or after the installation. It was decided to move the fence soon after the sign was installed.


Councilor Wickersham reported on the Kiwanis building. He is glad to hear people talking about down town improvements and work at the Miracle Field. The Kiwanis have been a big part of Payette's development and because of that, he would like to keep them involved with the building in Kiwanis Park. He feels the work can be done if taken a step at a time. He also wanted to mention the Boys & Girls Club meeting on March 25, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Sands to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:12 PM.

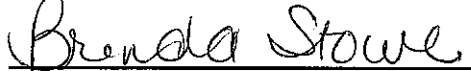
After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

Signed this 16th day of March, 2015.



Jeffrey T. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Stowe, Administrative Services Clerk