

## CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

### CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 28, 2009

There was a workshop beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the appointment of a new Treasurer. The Council all agreed that a new Treasurer should be appointed. There was a discussion on what the qualifications should be. The Council recessed at 6:20.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Mayor asked that Councilmember Hatfield to lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll call of Miller, Hatfield, Hynes constituted a quorum. The incoming city attorney attended the meeting.

There were no minutes to review or approve.

The financials for November and accounts payables for January were reviewed by the Council. The Clerk read the payables and the bank balances into the record. A motion to approve the financials and the account payables was made by Councilmember Peone seconded by Councilmember Hatfield. During discussion, Councilmember Peone asked questions about the payables and the totals on the spreadsheet. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with Miller, Hatfield, Hynes and Peone.

The Mayor asked for the Clerk and Code Administrator report. The Clerk reported that she met with the Election Supervisor of Kootenai County to determine the most cost effective way to administer the city elections in November. She stated that the overall cost would be \$1,000 to \$1500.00 for everything associated with the election with the exception of the legal notices. Councilmember Peone asked if the ballots were included. The Clerk said yes. The Council directed the Clerk to research past elections to determine whether it will be cost effective to have the Council supervise the elections.

The Mayor asked if there were any Council reports. Councilmember Ed Peone discussed the snow plow bill and was concerned about the costs associated with the bill. He mentioned that it would be more cost effective to hire an individual and use the City's equipment. Councilmember Miller stated that the City had a contract for this year and that during the budgeting discussion we could certainly go in an alternate direction. There was no decision.

Councilmember Hatfield was assigned by the Mayor to form a citizens issues committee and she discussed her thoughts and ideas. She directed the Clerk to advertise for a meeting and post on the bulletin board and the web site for citizens.

Councilmember Hynes briefly discussed the trails and stated that she needed additional information. The Code Administrator said that she would provide the Councilmember information and bring her up to speed.

Council President Miller discussed the policy and procedures that she had been drafting. She also stated that she had set up a key procedure and had issued keys to the Council members.

The Mayor made a recommendation to appoint Tina McCoy as the City Treasurer. She outlined the disappointment with Magnuson and McHugh and believed that Tina McCoy would be a good choice because of her past experience with the City Clerk and

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Treasurer position as a volunteer. There was a discussion about the appointment. Councilmember Peone believed that Tina was very qualified and would make an excellent Treasurer. Councilmember Hatfield and Hynes expressed concern about conducting interviews with qualified candidates since other individuals had applied for the position. Councilmember Miller made a motion to appoint Tina McCoy as City Treasurer, seconded by Peone. Roll call vote was Miller, Peone, Aye, Hatfield, Hynes, Nay. The Mayor voted in favor of appointing Tina McCoy as City Treasurer.

The Mayor introduced the new attorney and stated that the Council had all received the contract for Art Macomber to be appointed as the City attorney for Hauser effective immediately. There was a brief discussion by the Council. Council President Miller made a motion to accept the contract and directed the Mayor to sign the contract, seconded by Peone. Motion carried with Miller, Hatfield, Hynes and Peone.

The budget workshop to discuss upcoming revenue changes was scheduled for February 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Mayor introduced Gary Mallon, former Mayor of the City of Hauser and stated that the Council was prepared to answer his questions that he had submitted to the City. Many of the questions were answered by the Mayor or the Code Administrator. Council President discussed the policy and procedure manual. There were no additional questions from Mr. Mallon.

The Mayor asked for adjournment. The Council President made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ed Peone, motion carried with Miller, Hatfield, Hynes and Peone. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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**Cheri Howell, Clerk**

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**Olita Johnston, Mayor**