

CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

Location: Hauser City Hall, 11837 N. Hauser Lake Road, Hauser, Idaho 83854

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – February 23, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. – **Claire Hatfield, President**
(**Mayor Olita Johnston** (Absent))

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Lead: Gary Mallon**

ROLL CALL: **Councilmembers: Mallon, present; Hynes, present;**
Hatfield, present; Lefebvre, present

City Attorney, Art Macomber, was also present.

Hatfield asked for a motion for an addition to the Agenda, under 5-d. City Clerk: Add “Liquor, Beer and Wine Licenses.” Hynes seconded the motion.

Hatfield announced that Mayor Johnston is not going to be here due to illness. Also, the Code Administrator is present on the phone for the meeting.

MINUTES: None

REPORTS:

a. Treasurer’s Report: Tina McCoy

- McCoy asked Councilmembers if she is to proceed with the two audit proposals, one from Magnuson and the other from Burk. She said the lowest bidder was Julie Buck. Hatfield said yes to Buck.

b. Councilmembers:

- **Claire Hatfield, City of Hauser Properties – RC&D**
Hatfield reported she had contacted Rady Electric to come fix the light on the flag and the light on the corner of the building, and that work has been completed so a bill is forthcoming.
- **Lacey Hynes, Trails – Milfoil Rinse Station**
Nothing to report.
- **Roger Lefebvre, City Projects – RC&D Alternate**
Nothing to report.
- **Gary Mallon, Public Works**
Mallon stated there needs to be a total inventory of road repairs needed within the Hauser City limits so he can contact Post Falls Highway District regarding needed repairs. Mallon asked Councilmembers at the last meeting to view roads in their areas and report outcomes at this meeting. Mallon reported that the road in front of

Mayor Johnston's property and his road are in bad shape. He also said Liree is in need of maintenance, and the Village roads have too much gravel to make an assessment. Hatfield reported no issues. Mallon said he would attend the March 16, 2011 Post Falls Highway District meeting to place orders for repair/maintenance. He also said the creek near Chef in the Forest is not deep enough and looks clogged and the bridge is crumbling."

- **Code Administration/Enforcement: Cheri Howell** (via telephone)
Howell reported that the Comprehensive Plan calls for a more extensive capital plan where an actual road inventory is made and would include maintenance needs, road depth, width of right-of-way, and classification by the State Transportation Department. This project is projected for 2011.
- **City Clerk: Donna Ray**
Business, Liquor, Beer and Wine licenses: Curley's and Lakeview have submitted the required documents and paid the fees for licensing. Chef in the Forest (Mustered) handed paperwork to the City Clerk as she was speaking. Dinki Di's asked for an approval with the contingency that the City receive the appropriate documentation and fees prior to issuing licenses. Howell reported that this is an acceptable process and has been done in the past. Hatfield moved to approve the business, liquor, beer and wine licensing applications for Curley's, Lakeview Inn, Chef in the Forest, and an approval contingent upon the City receiving proper documentation and fees for Dinki Di's. Mallon seconded the motion. Hynes excused herself from the vote as owner of Dinki Di's. Roll call: Mallon, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: *Resolution Number 2011-01, City of Hauser Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map*

Hatfield announced that Councilmembers need to adopt Resolution Number 2011-01 to finalize the City of Hauser 2011 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map. Lefebvre read the title page into the record. Mallon moved to adopt Resolution 2011-01, City of Hauser Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map. Hynes seconded the motion. Roll call: Mallon, aye; Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried. Attorney Macomber congratulated Councilmembers and the Planning Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Disbursements

- McCoy reported there are a couple of new payables, State of Idaho for work comprehensive insurance (\$300.00), and Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers, Finance Officers Association dues for the City Clerk (\$45.00). Hynes moved to approve the disbursements. Mallon seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Richard Coddling: Coddling requested the City to write a letter to the sheriff's department and the State of Idaho Department of Lands regarding the ice bikers on the lake. He wants bikers to stop riding their noisy bikes on the lake, and also said, "Citizens want their weekends back." Coddling addressed Attorney Macomber on whether this is a possibility. Attorney Macomber said the City has the right to abate nuisances, but normally they don't if they originate outside of City limits. Anyone that is disturbed and feels it is a

nuisance could also move to enforce it (citizen, call the sheriff.) Macomber continued that this is not a criminal nuisance. It is a civil nuisance, and added other explanations. McCoy addressed the Attorney asking about financial responsibility if the City wanted to bring the action to enforcement. The response was yes, the financial responsibility would be on the City. A citizen or group of citizens could bring action to enforcement. Macomber then described details of process. He said it is difficult to measure such noise and decibel meters are hard to calibrate. They have to be expertly calibrated and also, cold air readings are different than warm air readings. Howell inserted that she concurs, and that it is very difficult to enforce noise ordinances. She suggested someone calling Carl Washburn. Councilmember Mallon said he would make the call.

Codding was asked if this answers his concerns. He responded that it helps, but he still wants the City to write the letter and that he is asking for help from the City to get behind the problem. Further discussion followed including Lefebvre asking Codding for clarity on Codding's request. Hynes stated she knows the group of bikers and will talk to them about the noise issues, and Mallon said he would report his findings after conversation with Washburn at the next Council meeting.

- Cris Justus: Justus, Chair of the Planning Commission, said she is very proud that the Comprehensive Plan was adopted, and thanked all of the Commission members who worked so hard on it and thanked JoAnn Wallace who was out of town. She thanked their "fearless leader," Cheri Howell, saying it would have taken two or three years to get through it. She said Howell knows the law and has so much experience with land use planning. She thanked the staff of the City and the Councilmembers for their support. She thanked the citizens - the ones who came to the workshops, and town hall meetings, and public hearings and also completed community surveys. Without their input, she said they couldn't have carried the document forward. Thank you, and we look forward to moving forward.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mallon stated he received a "Standards and Procedures" document at the last meeting, and said it is an excellent document. He said he has a recommendation that the title, Standards and Procedures, should be called Policies and Procedures. The word "Standards" could lead to misunderstandings.
- Mallon directed his comment to Cheri Howell on the condemned buildings, asking what it will take to do away with the condemned buildings on Cliff House Road. Howell responded and described what she has done, including taking photos, notifying property owners, and turning the information over to the City Building Official, Brad Ziel, who handles such issues. He has the documentation and he is the one who put up the notices of unsafe buildings. Since the winter, Howell had not followed through with him on what he has done, but said she would contact Ziel to learn where he is on the project.
- Mallon said he was confused on the instructions that he could not handle any of the City owned equipment on a public road. Mallon said he went to the City's insurance carrier and learned Ryan Barnes is our representative with Dickinson Insurance.
- The Memorandum of Understanding on the Rinse Station still hasn't been received. Mallon said he went to the Commissioner's office to learn why we haven't gotten an answer, and said he still has no report.

- Lefebvre asked Mallon for clarification on the insurance coverage and whether we are/are not allowed to use the equipment on city streets. Mallon said he will do further research.
- Hatfield wrote a thank you/appreciation note and read it into the record. That note follows:

“More than a year ago our Planning and Zoning Commission took on the daunting task of developing a new Comprehensive Plan for our City. They spent countless, unpaid hours in this very room wrestling with ideas, writing and editing. They reached out to the community with town hall meetings to be sure they were heading in the direction the citizens wanted to go. Then went back to consider complaints, new ideas and more rewrites. After this long journey, we’ve been presented with this gem of 82 pages. A roadmap to our future which will bring us closer together with connected neighborhoods, trails, pocket parks and a downtown center. We are so blessed to have these hard-working, dedicated and caring people in our community.

A simple Thank You doesn’t seem near enough, but we do thank you and we want you to know that we value and appreciate your effort. So, speaking for all of the people of Hauser, I am honored to ask you to accept this small token to recognize the work you have done to make our City such a great place to live.”

Hatfield asked Cris Justus to stand to receive her award as Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission and continued calling names of others to receive the award. The names called are listed as follows:

Richard Codding
Mike Curry
Steve Hatfield
Carol Spuler
JoAnn Wallace

Hatfield then recognized two others even though paid employees for their extra work and time:

Cheri Howell (Howell, via phone, thanked Hatfield!)
Donna Ray

Steve Hatfield asked recipients to take their places for a photograph. It was suggested by McCoy to hold the phone up for the photo so Howell would be in the photo too.

Hatfield announced a reception following and asked everyone to stay for refreshments.

Mallon moved to adjourn the meeting. Lefebvre seconded the motion. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Donna Ray, City Clerk

Claire Hatfield, Council President