

CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
May 14, 2008
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: AT 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Don Werst

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS BY COUNCILPERSON MADIGAN: Councilmember Bill Madigan, Councilmember Rich Danford, Councilmember Olita Johnston, Councilmember Carmen Miller. A quorum was present.

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: Ratification of Cheri Howell Planning Services, Ltd and Mason-Stricklin, LLP Contracts, Treasurer Invoice

CONSENT CALENDAR: The consent calendar contained the minutes for the regular Council meeting of April 9 and the Special Council meeting of April 14 and the financial statement and account payables for the period of April 10, 2008 through May 9, 2008 and claims so listed.

PETITIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, APPLICATIONS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

The City Clerk reported on activities within the City. She also gave the Code Administrator Report that indicated long range and short range activities. There was a long range planning session planned for the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

The Mayor reported that one of the trucks need a battery and gave the Council various prices for the batteries. After a brief discussion, the item was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Madigan reported on the Dais measurements and that he had spoken with the Lions Club, who has offered to volunteer assistance with the modification and the installation of the dais into City Hall. Mr. Madigan stated that he would determine the cost of the lumber and bring that information to the next council meeting. He stated that to have the platform built and installed would take about \$700 to \$800.00 to install and requested authorization of the expenditure by a cabinet maker.

Councilmember Madigan also discussed the master plan for the City Hall complex and stated that he would form a committee and set up a meeting to begin discussing the overall plan.

Councilmember Danford discussed Chief Simms and the ICS Training. He would inform the Council when the training session date was. Councilmember Danford also discussed the street sweeper and had also informed the Council that the Post Falls Highway District crew started sweeping the street.

Councilmember Miller requested clarification on the posts for the signs. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Councilmember Miller would acquire quotes from the city of Post Falls and the Highway District. She was also directed to review the catalogue. The height of the posts should be 12 feet and the material should be metal.

Councilmember Miller also brought up the duck blind near the Waterford Subdivision. There was a discussion whether it was City property. After determining that it was City property, Council Miller volunteered to follow up with the issue.

Councilmember Johnston had no updates however, requested clarification on the previous resolutions that had been adopted. The Clerk clarified that the Resolution to Increase fees would go into effect on May 15, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARING –

An Ordinance to amend the Hauser Municipal code to alter meeting dates for City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and read the title of the public notice. The Mayor requested a staff report.

The Code Administrator presented the proposal to amend the City Council meetings to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month and to formalize the long range planning commission meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The Code Administrator explained that this would provide the Clerk the opportunity to have documents ready in sufficient time for review and provide the Council the opportunity to move through the decision making process efficiently. She also explained that the Planning Commission would be meeting on a regular basis on long range planning issues and this formalization was necessary.

The Mayor opened up the public hearing for testimony. Public testimony included D.J. Nall who requested clarification of the ordinance dates and times.

The public testimony was closed. Motion by Madigan, was seconded by Danford to close public testimony. Motion carried.

During deliberations, the discussion centered around having one of the Council meetings as a workshop meeting, without decision making. Councilmember Danford discussed that he had no objection to the change of the date, however, believed that the Council needed additional time to review and discuss projects. He felt strongly that one of the meetings needed to be more informal in nature and believed that two regular council meetings where decisions were made was too much pressure for the Council. Councilmember Miller agreed.

Councilmember Johnston made the motion that the Ordinance Number 143 was approved with the modification that the 4th Wednesday Council meeting would be a non-voting meeting. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Madigan mentioned that he would be on vacation from Jun 5 through June 10, 2008.

The Mayor brought up the Payment Peak Road Acquisition and stated that it had been discussed at the May 8, 2008 workshop. Councilmember Danford stated that he was not prepared to discuss the subject and requested tabling the item until the June meeting. Councilmember Danford brought up that additional research needed to be done. Councilmember Madigan mentioned that after hearing that the property would not be able to be used for a well site, he was not inclined to accept the property from the County, however, agreed with Danford that if additional research was necessary, the Council should table the issue. Councilmember Johnston and Councilmember Miller stated that they were not inclined to accept the property from the County.

Councilmember Danford stated that if there was any possibility to use the property for extended access and another route in and out of the City that the City should explore that option.

Councilmember Madigan stated that other public entities may want the property. The Mayor brought up that the County had stated that there were no tax issues or tax liability on the property. Councilmember Miller brought up the cost associated with the City to have property outside of the City limits. Councilmember Johnston agreed. Councilmember Danford cautioned the City council in making assumption and drawing conclusions without the property research.

Councilmember Madigan made the motion to table the issue until the June regular council meeting. Councilmember Johnston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a consensus by the Council to table the item for additional discussion until the June meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

Ratification of Contracts

The contract of Cheri for Code Administration and Long Range Planning services was discussed. A motion made by Johnston, seconded by Madigan to ratify the contract for Cheri Howell Planning Services as signed by the Mayor. Motion carried.

The contract of Mason-Stricklin was discussed. A motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Madigan to ratify the contract for the Mason-Stricklin contract for legal services. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion of the invoice for additional services by the Treasurer. . There was concern about the items listed and that the consent calendar had approved these items when there may be issues related to the additional invoices. After a brief discussion, it was decided to amend the financial report and accounts payable to be approved without the additional invoices by the Treasurer. Motion made by Johnston, seconded by Miller to table the invoices presented by the Treasurer for additional payment for work provided to the June, 2008 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

Councilmember Johnston discussed the legal notices that she had read in the CDA Press and requested assistance with the Council on the legal ownership of the properties. She questioned whether the property owner was the same owner that owned land adjacent to the Hauser Creek Outlet. The Mayor stated that he would assist Councilmember Johnston with the research and clarification.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Johnston made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Cheri Howell, City Clerk

Don Werst, Mayor