

# CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Workshop Meeting  
May 8, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

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### CITY OF HAUSER, CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

**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:** Payment Peak Road Land Acquisition discussion.

### **PETITIONS, CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, APPLICATIONS:**

There was a presentation by Panhandle Area Council on the aspects of forming an Urban Renewal District. John Austin and Bruce Cyr attended the meeting to make the presentation. Mr. Austin explained his background and his thoughts on deteriorating communities and the solutions to resolve those issues. He gave examples of different communities that have formed urban renewal districts. He described the variety of public works projects that could be included in the urban renewal district. There were questions on procedure and costs involved to form an urban renewal district. Mr. Austin stated that it would be approximately \$5-\$10,000 for the first year. The Council thanked Mr. Austin and Mr. Cyr for the presentation and requested additional written information to be sent to the City for their review.

### **STAFF:**

Bob Runkle gave a presentation on the financial report. Bob explained the schedule and the analysis and the upcoming budget workshops for the FY 08-09. Bob requested that the Council review their 2007-2008 budget and determine what changes by line item or monies were needed to put into the budget for the next fiscal year. He requested that information be forwarded to him by the end of May so that he could provide a fairly complete draft budget by June. Ms. Johnston stated that three council members did not have a copy of last years budget by line item. Mr. Runkle said that he would get that information to the Council. Mr. Madigan questioned aspects of the budget such as how monies are carried forward to another fiscal year. The Mayor suggested that the decision for a budget workshop would need to be made next week. Mr. Runkle will come to the next meeting to discuss the Census presentation. The Mayor stated that the report was well beyond the scope of the work of the Treasurer and that additional monies should be paid to the Treasurer.

Ms. Johnston stated that she had additional questions regarding the financial reports. Ms. Johnston addressed the sewer fund and explained how the fund should have been documented. There was a discussion among the Council regarding the discrepancy in the sewer funds. Mr. Runkle stated that since he had been the Treasurer, the fund had been called the Utility fund and that there had been no monies withdrawn from that account. There was a discussion that the Council and the Treasurer needed to research the missing monies. The Mayor directed Mr. Runkle to research this issue.

Mr. Danford stated that there were two issues, how we will address the sewer fund in the future and where the monies are located and to address any improprieties. Mr. Madigan asked additional questions regarding the Census report. Mr. Madigan requested to see the request letter from the Census Report prior to payment of the invoice from the Treasurer. The Treasurer was excused from the meeting.

**MAYOR REPORTS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

MOU from Highway District – Councilmember Danford requested that the item be moved to the regular meeting.

The Mayor requested to have the public hearing scheduled to amend the dates and meeting times for the regular meetings of the City Council. The Mayor explained that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month would work for meetings. The Mayor requested that the Council address this issue at the regular Council meeting. Miller had a question regarding whether both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was a regular meeting or would there be a workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. The Mayor explained it would be regular meetings where decisions could be made on both nights.

Councilmember Madigan discussed the costs for council seating platform and the donation by the City of Hayden. Madigan stated that there was a budget approval for improvements on City Hall, but there was no specific line item associated with improvements and expansion. Madigan needs to know what specifically was approved in the budget, was there money set aside for the improvements in the meeting room, The mayor stated that building renovation and improvements was a line item, but there is no specific on how that money would be used. He further explained that during discussion at budget workshops, expansion and renovation of the Hall and the shop. Madigan wants concurrence from the Council on spending money. The Mayor suggested that Councilmember Madigan get three quotes for the platform and the cutting of the dias and have that information for the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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Cheri Howell, City Clerk

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Don Werst, Mayor