

## CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

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

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – August 10, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:31 p.m. – Mayor Johnston

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead: Claire Hatfield

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers: Mallon, absent; Hynes, present; Hatfield, present; Lefebvre, present  
Also present: City Attorney, Art Macomber

**MINUTES:** *Special Budget Meeting* – July 13, 2011: Councilmember Lefebvre moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried.  
*Regular Council Meeting* – July 13, 2011: Councilmember Hatfield moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Hynes seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried.  
*Special Budget Meeting* – July 27, 2011: Councilmember Lefebvre moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried.  
Special Note: Mayor Johnston said “taking off some hours of the City Clerk, she was referring to only the extra day given her quite some time ago.”

#### REPORTS:

**Mayor: Olita Johnston**

- Mayor Johnston stated Cindy Espe “is exactly what we are looking for” regarding the City Code Administration position. She recommended her to the Councilmembers for the position and approval. Discussion followed. Councilmember Hatfield moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation and hire Cindy Espe for Hauser City Code Administrator. Councilmember Lefebvre seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried. The City Clerk was instructed to confirm the approval in writing to Ms. Espe. Discussion followed on contract details.

**Treasurer’s Report: Tina McCoy**

- McCoy stated the Budget Hearing is scheduled for August 24, 2011. Discussion followed on some entries and clarifications on the budget. Councilmember Lefebvre moved to approve the Preliminary Budget as proposed. Councilmember Hynes seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried.

**b. Councilmembers:**

- **Claire Hatfield, City of Hauser Properties – RC&D**
  - The next RC&D meeting is in September 2011.
  - The gutters and downspouts are repaired.
- **Lacey Hynes, Trails – Milfoil Rinse Station**
  - Waterford Trail: Discussion took place on topic later in the meeting.
  - McCoy reported having received information on the Memorandum of Understanding, and stated the City received \$500 from Fish and Game and Hauser forwards it to Hauser Watershed Coalition for the Milfoil Rinse Station.
- **Roger Lefebvre, City Projects – RC&D Alternate**
  - Northland Nursery contacted the City of Hauser regarding another donation of more plants valued at \$1,400.00. Lefebvre asked for help planting them on City property.
- **Gary Mallon, Public Works**
  - Mayor Johnston said Councilmember Mallon was on vacation and would be at the next council meeting.
- **Code Administration/Enforcement: Cheri Howell**
  - Howell is working with the Planning Commission on the Development Code. A draft plan should be available by the end of August.
  - Hauser is willing to work with AIC and Post Falls on annexation issues and Howell said they will call if/when meetings are set.
- **City Clerk: Donna Ray**
  - The City Clerk reviewed highlights of the Kootenai County Election meeting and will give information to the two councilmembers whose positions are up for election.
  - There are two volunteer positions for Hauser Planning Commission, and there are two positions on the County Planning Commission as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Hatfield moved to go into executive session, IDC 67-2345, “f. To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.”

Councilmember Lefebvre seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried. Councilmembers and Art Macomber, City Attorney, went into Executive Session which began at 6:58 p.m. Howell then explain the process to the public.

Councilmembers and Art Macomber returned at 7:34 p.m.

Councilmember Lefebvre discussed avenues of handling the Waterford Trail situation and introduced City Attorney Art Macomber. Macomber then asked the public for their questions and concerns and said the City is trying to avoid lawsuits. Many community members asked questions, voiced their concerns, and even fears surrounding the Waterford Trail and the chain link fence recently constructed blocking the trail.

**NEW BUSINESS: Disbursements**

Hynes moved to pay the bills. Hatfield seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, aye; Lefebvre, aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jan Hensch voiced a complaint from the Village regarding a seemingly unsupervised child and a vicious dog owned by one family. Ms. Hensch handed her report to the Mayor and copied for the City Attorney.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Lefebvre moved to adjourn the meeting. Hatfield seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Donna Ray, City Clerk

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Olita Johnston, Mayor