

## CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

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### CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 2008

#### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Olita Johnston at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call of City Council Members – Councilmember Bill Madigan, Councilmember Rich Danford, Councilmember Carmen Miller. The Mayor determined there was a quorum present.

The Council President recognized Brook Cunningham, the account from Magnuson and McHugh who is reviewing and correcting the financials for the City of Hauser. She explained the review process and informed the Council that she hoped to be completed by September 30, 2008. She validated the budget process for the City and asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Madigan questioned the ability to open up the budget for future projects. She stated that the Council could do that as long as they noticed another public hearing and that budget amendment would need to be done after October 1, 2008.

The Clerk presented the additions to the agenda. It was moved by Councilmember Madigan and seconded by Councilmember Danford to add Ordinance Number 145 and 146 to the agenda. It was also moved by Councilmember Madigan, seconded by Councilmember Danford to add the appointment of Mayor and Council person to the agenda. Motion carried for both with votes from Miller, Madigan, Danford and Johnston.

The Code Administrator presented the new Ordinance prohibiting discharge of firearms in the corporate limits and no hunting allowed in the corporate limits. There was a brief discussion by the City Council. Council President Johnston opened it up for public testimony. There was one comment from Ms. Nall, who asked about the killing of domestic animals such as cats and dogs. The Code Administrator stated that this only applied to wildlife, however no discharge of firearms would be allowed. After a brief discussion, there was a motion made by Miller, seconded by Danford to adopt Ordinance Number 145 (New Ordinance) Discharge of firearms and Hunting Regulations within corporate limits. Motion carried with Miller, Madigan, Danford and Johnston.

The Code Administrator presented the amendments to the Meeting Date and Time of Council Meetings. She explained that the language prohibited decisions on any emergency items that may arise and she suggested that the Ordinance would provide the Council the ability to set items on both meetings but did not prevent them from having a workshop. Councilmember Miller requested clarification on decisions made at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. The Council President asked if there was any comment from the audience. There was none. Motion made by Madigan, seconded by Danford to adopt Ordinance Number 146, Amendments to Meeting Date and Time of Council Meetings. Motion Carried with Miller, Madigan, Danford, Johnston.

#### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET FOR FY: 2008-2009**

The Clerk/Treasurer read the public notice for the continued budget into the record. She summarized the previous budget public hearing and stated that this was a continuation of the August 13, 2008 budget public hearing. She explained that the

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increase of the revenue was from the County's new figures on the construction roll, the foregone taxes and the 3%. The budget continuation had been duly noticed on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of August.

The Council President asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were none. There was a brief discussion by the Council. There was a motion made by Danford, seconded by Miller to suspend the rules of reading the title 3 times and only read the ordinance title once. Motion carried with Miller, Madigan, Danford and Johnston.

There was a motion made by Danford, seconded by Madigan to adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 144 for fiscal year 2008-2009 for expenditures of 105, 936.93 and a tax level of \$12,743.00. Motion carried with Miller, Madigan, Danford and Johnston.

Councilmember Madigan brought up the discussion of Replacement of the Council Position and made a recommendation that the Council appoint Olita Johnston as Mayor. Council President mentioned that Ed Peone had volunteered to be Mayor. There was no comment from the Council.

There was a brief discussion on appointing Council President Johnston the Mayor. There was also a discussion of terms and how long each term would be.

Ms. Claire Hatfield was introduced by Council President Johnston. The Council asked several questions including what experience Ms. Hatfield had in municipal government. She responded that she did not have any experience in City government, however had the time to spend and felt that she would like to contribute. The Clerk explained the duties and responsibilities of a council member. Ms. Hatfield did not have any questions.

Appointment of Mayor – Councilmember Madigan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to appoint Council President Olita Johnston to the position of Mayor. During discussion, Councilmember Miller asked Ms. Johnston if she wanted to be Mayor. Ms. Johnston stated that she would

Roll call vote – Miller, Madigan, Danford. Approved.

Appointment of Council Member – Councilmember Madigan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to appoint Claire Hatfield to the vacated Council position. Roll call vote: Miller, Madigan, Danford. Motion carried.

The Clerk requested a short recess to locate the statement to swear in the new members. The Council took a recess at 7:40. Council resumed the meeting at 7:50. The Clerk swore in Council President Johnston as Mayor. The Clerk then swore in Claire Hatfield as City council member. Photographs were taken by D.J. Nall and her husband Dave. Ms. Hatfield took her place at the Council dais.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:04.

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Mayor Olita Johnston

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Cheri Howell, Clerk