

CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 8, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m. - Mayor Olita Johnston

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead: Claire Hatfield

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers: Hatfield, present; Hynes, present; Ward, present

MINUTES: August 25, 2010: Hatfield moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2010. Hynes seconded the motion. Roll call. All ayes – motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor: Olita Johnston – Mayor Johnston asked permission to add John Wallis to the agenda. Permission was granted.

Wallis reported that Hauser Lake water has been checked for Milfoil in the months of June through September and there is no Milfoil! He said that protocols to test the quality of the water have been set and the quality is the best it has been in some time. He stated the Milfoil Rinse Station is hopefully an ingredient to success in keeping milfoil out of the lake. The Agriculture Department comes once a year to test and this year found Chinese Mystery Snail in the lake. Wallis stated it is not real invasive but is there. Stream testing was also done. Wallis left a map and flyer for Council to review. He thanked Council for their support.

Treasurer's Report: Tina McCoy

McCoy explained that this was the last month of the fiscal year and explained details of the Budget vs. Actual and General Fund reports. She voiced concerns about having enough funds to get through September so proposed amending the budget at the next Council Meeting on September 22, 2010. Hatfield moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Hynes seconded the motion. Roll call. All ayes – motion carried.

REPORTS:

Councilmembers:

- a. **Claire Hatfield, City of Hauser Properties:** Hatfield stated she will report on City Property Landscaping Project under Unfinished Business.
- b. **Lacey Hynes, Trails – Milfoil Rinse Station:** Hynes asked about getting a couple of companies to bid on doing a “seal top” on City Hall parking lot. Discussion followed. Hynes will report findings at the next Council Meeting on September 22, 2010.
- c. **Laura Ward, RC&D:** Ward reported she received a call from Jo Demarias, President of the Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition, updating her on the good reports on Hauser Lake water conditions, and also asked if Council would have any objections to using funds left from the RC&D signage fund to build a permanent cover structure for the volunteers at the Rinse Station. It will take the place of the temporary one and be the same size. Discussion followed and Councilmembers were in agreement.

Code Administration/Enforcement: Cheri Howell:

- *Beach Estates:* We have a final plat for Beach Estates and Councilmembers received the Staff Report recommending approval from the Planning Commission. Howell explained the history, location and the plat stating that everything is in order. Hatfield moved to approve the Beach Estates plat. Ward seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes – motion carried. The Mayor and City Clerk signed the plat following the meeting.
- *Road Inventory:* Howell stated Council asked her to do a road inventory in December 2009 and explained a road inventory consists of which roads are in the City, the right-of-way width, condition of the road, and actual classification of each of the roads. It is the base information used to develop a capital improvements plan and ultimately schedule improvements of different sections each year, and then develop a budget for those improvements. Howell stated she has two proposals and explained each. She asked for the direction of Council on the project. Councilmembers asked for copies of the bids to review and then discuss the project at the next Council Meeting on September 22, 2010.
- *Lake Street Right-of-Way:* (Unfinished Business) Howell stated councilmembers received a letter from the City attorney regarding Lake Street. A plan was to be developed about improving Lake Street from the pavement down to the water to provide access to the Lake as delineated in the original Hauser Summer Homes Plat of 1946, which states it will be dedicated to the public access to the lake in perpetuity. Due to traffic issues in the Village, this access probably needs to be pedestrian, and secondarily to provide access for emergency vehicles to the Hauser Lake Resort. Howell provided ten steps for starting this project with a time frame of completion of approximately one year. She suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony at completion. Councilmembers were asked by the Mayor to review the information and plan discuss the topic at the next council meeting on September 22, 2010.
- Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing for the Planning Commission is scheduled for October 19, 2010. The Public Hearing will be continued on October 26, 2010, since the document is too large to review at one session. Howell addressed the Planning Commission Chair, Chris Justus, to report. Justus said suggestions made at Town Hall Meetings from the community have been incorporated and the last Town Hall meeting is September 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Howell directed Councilmembers to the future land use map on the wall, which will be shown at the next Town Hall meeting.

City Clerk – Donna Ray: There is still a periodic leak in both bathrooms and it has not been raining. She stated her concerns that if there is a small leak now, it could develop into something larger.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **City Property Landscaping Project:** McCoy stated she met with Rob Tate, City Engineer, at this site. They cited several factors leading up to the current situation including erosion, lack of maintenance, construction activities and damage to grassy swales. Much work is needed to restore the property. The City Engineer will do a complete site plan including location of the septic tank and drain fields, development of a grading plan, and then a Scope of Work will be developed and then placed in Plan Centers which are located in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. McCoy explained further details of the Project.

- **Disbursements:** McCoy asked if there were any questions. She explained that items listed are for August, so we have one more month of expenses for this fiscal year. Discussion followed. Hatfield moved to pay the bills. Hynes seconded the motion. Roll call. All ayes – motion carried.
- **Councilmember Recommendation by Mayor Johnston:** The Mayor recommended Dave Nall for the empty Council seat stating Mr. Nall has been a previous councilmember, and has a college education. The Mayor asked if there were questions. Ward asked Mr. Nall when he was on City Council. The response was in the 1980's. The Mayor then asked for a motion to approve the recommendation filling the seat of former Ed Peone. Hynes moved to approve Dave Nall as a new councilmember. Ward seconded the motion. Roll call: Hynes, aye; Hatfield, nay; Ward, nay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Chief Larry Simms of Hauser Lake Fire District stated he just returned from Hamilton, Montana after having served as a liaison there. He said it was a very educational, a small fire at night of 115 acres right on the edge of town, and entailed evacuating 170 residents. He said that what struck him in retrospect was that this could be anywhere in Northern Idaho, and that it is something that cannot be ignored. He said they plan for it on a County level and Fire District level, but it is something that also needs to be planned for at the City level. He asked the City to think about the role of the City if such an occurrence happens in Hauser, particularly if residents and their animals have to be evacuated from the City.
- Jan Hensch: Jan stated a stop sign is needed at the corner of 1st Street and Main Street in the village. The post is there but the stop sign itself is missing.
- Ms. Hensch also asked if the City is responsible for the maintenance of the trail at Waterford, to which the Mayor responded the City is responsible for the 35 acres donated to the City. Ms. Hensch stated the weeds are blocking views and neighbors seem to be dumping their grass and yard clippings on the trail. Howell stated she has met with the Waterford Homeowner Assn. Chair and is working with him to develop a plan of responsibilities for the trail and property, and other details of the properties.
- Barbara Rostad then asked for and received some clarifications of ownership of the properties in question.
- D.J. Nall asked what the City was looking for in a Councilmember, since recommendations for two people have now been denied. Hatfield explained that councilmembers did not have the opportunity to review all of the letters until this week and I just feel that there are other people also qualified. Further questions and explanations ensued.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Hynes moved to adjourn the meeting. Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Ray, City Clerk

Olita Johnston, Mayor