

CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10 2008

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor asked Gary Mallon in the audience to lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Roll call of Danford, Miller, Hatfield, Hynes constituted a quorum.

The minutes of the November 26, 2008 public meeting were reviewed. The Mayor made a few clerical changes to the minutes. There was a motion made by Hatfield, seconded by Hynes to approve the minutes with changes. Motion carried with Danford, Miller, Hatfield, and Hynes.

The financials for November and accounts payables for December were reviewed by the Council. The Clerk read the payables and the bank balances into the record. A motion to approve the financials and the account payables for December was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Hynes. Motion carried with Danford, Miller, Hatfield and Hynes.

The Mayor asked if there were any Council reports. Council President Danford stated that he had nothing to report but to inform the Council that tonight would be his last public meeting. Councilmember Miller requested that the Council hold a strategic planning meeting to work on organization and the distribution of duties and various committees. The Mayor said that she would like to have that agenda item moved to the January meeting. Councilmember Hatfield had nothing to report. Councilmember Hynes had nothing to report.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to give the administrative reports. The Clerk/Code Administrator reported on the ongoing projects within the City. As the Code Administrator she reported that the Planning Commission was continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor questioned the Administrator about the Plan and stated that she was concerned about the progress. The Administrator updated the Mayor about the progress of the Commission.

The Mayor opened up the public hearing for the Annexation of the property owned by Amelia Kirk (see public notice). Cindy Espe was the applicant's representative and presented the request. There was no public comment on the annexation request. There was considerable discussion about the annexation agreement and the details of the agreement related to cost incurred. Ms. Espe stated that the fee waiver in July addressed most of the costs related to the annexation. The Code Administrator mentioned that the publication of the costs associated with the ordinance should be covered by the Applicant. The Council was fully supportive of the annexation request. There was a motion made by Danford, seconded by Hatfield to annex the property of Amelia Kirk and to amend the annexation agreement to take out the items associated with the cost of legal review, engineering review and costs associated with the preliminary subdivision, which has already been paid. The motion also directed the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried with Danford, Miller, Hatfield and Hynes.

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There was a review by the Council of the contract for Back up Snow Plowing Scott Weston dBA Cedar Creek Builders, Inc. Council President Danford stated that Mr. Weston had researched the local hourly rates for snow plowing and had submitted his hourly rate at \$65.00 per hour. There was a discussion about the price and a clarification of the duties regarding back-up plowing. There was a discussion about the appointment of a Council liaison between the Highway District and Mr. Weston. Council member Miller suggested that Councilmember Hatfield have that responsibility. The Mayor questioned Ms. Hatfield on this and Ms. Hatfield agreed to that responsibility. Hatfield will call Mr. Weston if back-up snow plowing was needed. There was also a discussion about the plowing of driveways and who would need assistance. A form that the City of Post Falls uses was introduced as an example of a request form for driveways (health/medical related). Council President Danford made the motion, seconded by Miller to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for Scott Weston, doing business as Cedar Creek Builders for \$65.00 per hour for back-up snow plowing. Motion carried with Danford, Miller, Hatfield, Hynes.

The Mayor stated to the City Council that the review of the attorney proposals should be postponed until the January meeting. Council President Danford and Councilmember Miller disagreed and requested to continue the discussion. The remainder of the Council agreed. The Mayor conceded and stated that she would recommend William Appleton as the legal counsel for the City. During discussion of the Council the Council did not endorse the Mayor's recommendation. Councilmember Miller made a motion to retain Art MacComber as legal counsel. This was seconded by Councilmember Hynes. Motion carried with Miller, Hynes and Danford. Hatfield voted nay.

The Mayor suggested that the future vacancy on the Council would be discussed at the January meeting. Councilmember Miller asked the Mayor about the selection of Council President and the Mayor stated that issue would be addressed at the January meeting.

The Mayor addressed the Council regarding the renewal of Planning Commission members and mentioned that Cris Justus had expressed interest in renewing for another three year term. There was a brief discussion and Councilmember Miller made a motion to renew the term for Cristene Justus for an additional three years. The motion was seconded by Claire Hatfield, motion carried with Danford, Miller, Hatfield and Hynes. The Code Administrator stated that due to the resignation of Diane Ruebush, there was an opening on the Commission for a city resident.

The Mayor briefly discussed the possibility of the amended budget because of the new State Revenue Projections. She questioned the Council and asked for suggestions on budget revisions. There were none at the time.

There were no public comments. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:13.

Cheri Howell, Clerk

Olita Johnston, Mayor