

Plummer City Council Meeting
July 9, 2020

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Council President Ashley Gauthier

Present: Ashley Gauthier, Council President
Julie Miller, Council
Leticia Kennar, Council
Chris Dohrman, Council

Absent: William Weems, Mayor Temporary leave of absents

Also, Present: Tammy Montague; Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer, Les Hall; Chief of Police, Andrew Doman; City Attorney, Charlotte Pebbles, Torr Bonney, Diana & Daniel Flint, Valinda Ratz, Debra Ivey, Kristine Kennar, Marcia Hoffman, Tim Clark.

A. Special Use Permit 212 12th Street Plummer, Idaho

- Open hearing by Presiding Officer: Council President Gauthier opened the public hearing at 6:01p.m.
- Determination if proper notice has been provided: Yes, it was published in the St. Maries Gazette Record for 2 weeks on July 1st and July 8, 2020.
- Presentation by City: City Clerk-Treasurer stated that the council all have the plans and
- Staff Report: None.
- Public Testimony in favor of application: None.
- Public Testimony neither in favor or opposition: Tim Clark stated he is in favor of tiny houses, he believes the intent was for an individual to put a tiny home on their lot.
- Public Testimony in opposition of application: Debra Ivey stated the added traffic is going to be a problem. She only received one letter and it was very vague. Tim Clark asked if
Marcia Hoffman: Completely agrees with Tim Clark. Feels this is too many for this lot.
Clerk read 3 letters from residents.

Tim Ivey Letter: "This letter is in concern to the property that is directly behind our residence at 1148 C Street. I do not support this special use permit, I do have reasons for this decision.

- 1) With this situation with our Mayor Bill Weems, Problems with this situation needs to be settled first before this town can go forward.
- 2) There is too many units that will be built on this property, this creates to much traffic for our area.
- 3) There is no review on how much revenue this will bring to the City of Plummer.
- 4) The letter from city was to vague, I cannot agree to something that can lower my property value.

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Thank you for your time, Timothy Ivey.”

Akilah O’Dell Letter: “ I own the property directly across from the lot that has been proposed to have 10 tiny house and 15 parking space put in. I really do not want this to happen. The traffic alone would be very disrupting. I have no problem with even 2 single family homes put on that lot, but 10 tiny homes is to many for the space. Please take into consideration the neighborhood when making your decision. Would you want 10 tiny homes across from your home in a lot that size? I do not.”

AnnDee Brown Letter: “I am property owner at 1150 C Street. I am NOT in favor of 10 (little) houses on 5 lots! This is not a good housing solution. The City is in too much chaos (turmoil) to promote this kind of housing in 1 block. Get Stability in City Government- before making a decision that would be tough on Plummer in years to come! I vote too many small homes for total area.”

- Rebuttal by City: Miller asked if this would be better on a bigger lot such as an acre. Torr Bonney is from the Tribal Housing stated that initially they would be rentals and possibly even owned. This funding is coming from CARES act. Dianna Flint- Stated when this was first brought to her it was 4 homes, she was notified yesterday that the plan was for 10 tiny homes. There won’t be enough room for Fire, EMS. The City would have to put the alley way would have to be put through. Dohrman asked if there will be a fence put up. Torr stated yes there is funding. Miller asked about if there is grass. Charlotte asked if there is any way to control how many people can live there. Dohrman talked about not wanting a bunch of tiny homes behind his home especially those with COVID. He wants to work with the Tribe as much as possible. Torr explained Gauthier asked if this is something for people to rent that have COVID how are they are going to pay for it and utilities if they have no income. Dohrman explained this is a great idea, just a different location. Marcia: If it is all COVID related and when this is all over then what is going to happen to these, are they are going to be taken out. Torr stated that after the COVID crisis is over they would like to turn them into semi-permanent housing.
- Close of Hearing: 6:22p.m.
- Deliberation and Decision: Miller made a motion to table the motion. Chris stated he feels like it’s a great idea, however the location is just not the best place. Torr asked if there is any amount of houses that they could put up there. Chris stated maybe 4 tiny homes total. Miller a made a motion to amend her motion to deny the special use permit. Dohrman. Roll Call Vote all aye.

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Consent Kennar made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the meeting minutes for June 11, 2020, June 25, 2020 and June 30, 2020, the treasurer's report for June 2020, the disbursements for June 2020 and the check register for June 2020. Dohrman seconded. Roll Call Vote Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Kennar aye, Dohrman aye. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Tim Clark: Wants to thank the Council on their last decision on the special use permit. Also, a little disappointed in the City Mayor for his temporary leave of absence.

Debra Ivey: Stated of the years she has been arguing with the head of the maintenance there is a ditch and the City has refused to deal with the ditch. Stated she is always drowning in water. Clerk-Treasurer will make a work order for the crew to go take a look at it and see what we can do. Tim Clark stated that if he remembers correctly the city is responsible for right away ditches. Clerk-Treasurer stated we do not put in culverts but once they are in we do maintain them.

New Business:

- A. Customer Billing dispute/property:** Clerk spoke with the Council. Kennar made a motion to not forgive the bill. Dohrman made a motion to forgive the bill with the exception of \$30.00. Miller seconded. Roll Call Vote Kennar Nye, Gauthier aye, Miller aye, Dohrman aye. Motion Passed.
- B. Budget Proposal/Tentative Approval:** Clerk-Treasurer went through the progress. General Discussion. Put on the agenda about discussion on having a tax increase for streets to take to the residents possibly in the future. General discussion on taxes. Community Center rental fee, liquor license fee. Look at oil treatment for sealing roads, community center sinks, as well as the Senior center grant. Schedule special meeting for tentative approval.
- C. COVID Procedures:** FLMA Covid Guidelines. Gauthier talked about with the rising cases of COVID to maybe make everyone wear a mask city wide. Possibly make a policy. Kennar made a motion to do a temporary approval to pay if someone contracts COVID between now and special meeting. Dohrman seconded. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Dohrman aye, Gauthier aye, Miller aye. Motion Passed.
- D. City Crew Position:** Miller made a motion for the time being to waive the high school diploma or GED as long as they are willing to work towards it within 1 year of hire date. Kennar seconded. Roll Call Vote Miller aye, Gauthier aye, Dohrman aye, Kennar aye. Motion Passed.

Reports:

Staff:

Les: On File. Cougar sitting on 7th between D & E Street. 2 Sightings.

Paulina: On File.

Sara: On File.

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Legal Report: Summary of all the bills that were passed by the legislature that we were passed. Andy will send to City Clerk-Treasurer.

Council Reports:

Leticia Kennar: None.

Ashley Gauthier: None.

Julie Miller: Has noticed that the grass where the farmers market is was starting to look rough, but it was taken care of and looks great.

Christopher Dohrman: None.

Mayor Weems: On a Temporary Leave of Absence.

Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (1) B: made a motion to enter into executive session Idaho Code 74-206 (1) B. seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Miller aye, Gauthier aye, Kennar aye, Dohrman aye. Entered Executive Session at : p.m. Adjourned Executive session at : p.m. **None needed.**

Regular Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Ashley Gauthier, Council President

Sara Allen, City Clerk-Treasurer