

Plummer City Council Meeting  
July 9, 2015

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m by Mayor Bringman

Present: Jack Bringman, Mayor  
Tim Stockdale, Council President  
Leticia Kennar, Council  
Bill Weems, Council  
Brad Hampton, Council

Also Present: Andrew Doman; City Counsel, Sara Gauthier; City Clerk, Terry Allen; City Administrator, Paul Sifford; Public Works Superintendent, Summer Williams; Gazette Record, Walter Steed; Steed & Associates, Gloria Rios, Kyle Kennedy, Jim Williamson; DEQ, Howard Lunderstadt; USDA, Tim Farrell; Mountain Waterworks, Jesse Herndon; Mountain Waterworks, Kamie Arista, Matt Frank; Stimson Lumber Manager, Les Hall; Chief of Police, Zack Sifford; Police Officer.

**Presentations & Announcements:** None.

**Consent Agenda:** Hampton made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2015 and the Treasurers Report for June 2015 & May 2015 and the disbursements for June 2015. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye. Motion Passed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** Motion to campaign for Water Bond for November Elections (Discussion) Weems stated that it is the recommendation of the task force hoping for the best and the worst and hoping to move forward with the bond campaign for the November Election. Howard USDA stated he is here tonight to speak to the Council about funding options as well as grant funding options. He stated that they have worked with the City to receive some funding called ECWAG to drill and build a new well it is that the City is currently working on. Jim DEQ they have been working with the City Crew and City Staff the City currently not in compliance, we have issues with distribution, capacity, fire. DEQ has been working with the city and will continue working for the City for improvements. Kennar stated that there was something about backflow. We have a situation where we need to remain pressured, if we run out of water we could depressurize and cause bacteria to back flow. We don't have the level of protection if we had a depressurize event. A Block grant is up to \$500,000. Stimson we have been talking to Paul about the back flow preventions, they are committed to making sure it gets done correctly. They are actively working with the City to take care of their needs without running to the City. They are very interested in trying to help the City and what they can do to help with their part. Tim Farrell stated they made a presentation in 2014 and the City Council selected a mid-level plan that would be 5.5 million dollar project that would be funded through USDA, Walter Steed, Grants and some rate increases. Weems stated the pumps are running 22 hours per week. Kennar stated that the Town Hall meeting went well and the Citizens are having a good response. The citizens want to help and become involved. Stockdale stated that what we bill and what we pump is a difference of a million and a half gallons a month would make a lot of a difference in our whole out lay and our infrastructure does need replaced, but he would like to find out where this is going to. Tim Farrell stated that in the Facility plan has about 40% undocumented. It could be unmetered, going into the ground, leaks. Part of infrastructure improvements would be meters but we need to improve our infrastructure. Kennar stated that we need to go to the public with the bond. Hampton asked how much the bond would be. Tim Farrell said it would be in the million to 2 million with grants. The bond gives the community the authority to borrow the money at 2 ½ to 3 million and 2 million block grant and some other grants from USDA. A couple plus million dollar bond, it gets very difficult if the bond isn't large enough to fund the project. We would have to pick and choose which things we would have to take off. \$40-\$45 per month and it would include the debt relief on the bond. Just because you have a bond amount approved doesn't mean that there won't be reasonable rates for the public. If the project runs low on funds then the project will stop until there are more funds. Mayor Bringman stated that he agrees that we need to fix our infrastructure but we shouldn't run a bond until May so that there is more time. Mayor Bringman asked the City Clerk to briefly state what she has going on right now. City Clerk stated that she has the Budget, Elections, and amending the current budget, and then if we had the bond for November elections all this has to be done by September 14, 2015. Mayor Bringman stated that we don't want to put our City Clerk into an overload. Allen stated that before they did a resolution to run a bond in May so that way it is set in stone to for sure. Hampton asked how long it takes for a rate study. The City Clerk asked Mountain Waterworks and USDA how long it would take. Mr. Farrell stated that the rate study wouldn't take very

long to do; Rural Water could possibly do it in a week. Test wells to be drilled, Kennar asked where the funds would come from; Allen stated we have money in the reserves that we could use. Kennar stated that what if another well breaks down or system won't hold it. Stockdale stated he is all for the Facility plan, a big part of that plan is replacing 4" lines. Small part of the plan is drilling wells. Once you fix the infrastructure and we drill wells and there is no water, then what? Kennar stated to find the water first then fix the infrastructure. But we still need to go out for Bond. Kennar also stated we are two years out. The bond process is just securing the funding. Howard Lunderstadt from USDA stated that the City of Kellogg passed a bond last November and there are going out for bids next week. It's pretty typical for the time frame to take this long. Walter Steed from Steed & Associates stated if we go out for Bond in November we won't have an answer if we will receive the funding until April 2016. If we don't bond until May 2016, they would want to see match money approval prior. Weems made a motion to move ahead with the Water Bond for November 2015 Elections. Kennar Seconded. Roll Call Vote Weems aye, Kennar aye, Stockdale Nay, Hampton Nay. Mayor Bringman stated that it is his duty as Mayor to break a tie and his vote was Nay. Motion not passed.

**Public Hearings:** None

**Ordinances & Resolutions:**

Ordinance 431 Monthly Regular Council Meeting: Stockdale made a motion to adopt Ordinance 431. Weems seconded. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

Ordinance 432 School Road Closure: Mayor Bringman suspend the full reading of the Ordinance. Weems made a motion to adopt Ordinance 432. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Weems aye, Kennar aye, Stockdale aye, Hampton aye. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2015-04 Tiger Grant Funding Original: Weems made a motion adopt Resolution 2015-04. Stockdale seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2015-05 Benewah County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazards Mitigation Plan: Stockdale made a motion adopt 2015-05. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Weems aye, Kennar aye, Stockdale aye, Hampton aye. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2015-06 Plummer Days Fund Access: Tabled until new business conjoining with Item A. Resolution was not needed.

**New Business:**

- A. **Plummer Days Fund Disbursement:** Hampton made a motion to approve Sara Gauthier to pay for reimbursements prior to Council meeting. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- B. **Mitel Phone Maintenance:** Weems made a motion to approve the 3 year maintenance agreement with Frontier for the Mitel Phone System. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- C. **Benewah Medical Center Health Board Recommendation:** Weems made a motion to make a recommendation to appoint Sara Gauthier sit on the Benewah Medical Center Health Board. Seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Hampton aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- D. **Payables June 2015:** Hampton made a motion to approve the Payables for June 2015. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Hampton aye, Weems aye. Motion passed.
- E. **Pay Request for Mountain Waterworks Invoices:** Weems made a motion to pay the Mountain Waterworks invoices. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye. Motion passed.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 Item B: To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Mayor Bringman called the Executive Session to order at 7:02p.m. Weems made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 item b. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:17p.m.

**Reports:**

**Staff Reports**

**Terry Allen:** Pole Report he would like to have a meeting just for this on Wednesday July 15 at 6p.m.

**Sara Gauthier:** On File

**Les Hall:** On File

**Paul Sifford:** None left due to underground power outage on 1<sup>st</sup> street

**Paulina Freeburg:** On File

**City Engineer Reports:**

**Tim:** Replacement well, had an issue with the retaining wall and had to take it down. The well liner should be in the next couple of weeks. The general contractor got someone else to do the pump. The Well should be online by August 2015. Task force meeting misc services. All the draft SOP for Paul is complete. I & I Project plans and specs were completed and submitted to DEQ and Army Corp of Engineers for approval. The project should be ready for bid in August. Jesse, Paul, Stuart & Sara went and talked to Indian Health Services provide match money of \$130,000 instead of the City.

**Legal Reports:** Executive Session updates

**Council Reports:**

Mayor Bringman: Letter from the Tribe on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Tim Stockdale: None.

Brad Hampton: None.

Bill Weems: None.

Leticia Kennar: None.

Regular Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Jack Bringman, Mayor

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Sara Gauthier, City Clerk