

Plummer City Council Meeting
June 11, 2015

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.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, Zack Sifford; Police Officer, Les Hall; Chief Hall, Officer Welch, Officer Bucher, Summer Williams; Gazette Record, Gary Willard, Bob Curley, Bettie Hensley; Tim Farrell; Mountain Waterworks, Melody Strout, Amaryah & Lester La Fleur.

Presentations & Announcements: Mayor Bringman swore in Tribal Officers Bucher & Welch to be Cross-Deputized for the City of Plummer.

Consent Agenda: Weems made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2015 & May 19, 2015 and the Treasurers Report for May & April 2015 and the disbursements for May 2015. Stockdale seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Melody Strout wants the City Council to change the due date of the utility bills. Mrs. Strout gave examples and the council explained to her that bills are due the 10th of each month and they will be shut off on the 20th of each month. Mayor Bringman suggested that she pay her bill on the 19th. Mrs. Strout stated she would see us in court.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Hearings: None

Ordinances & Resolutions: 2015-03 Electric Rate Increase- Mayor Bringman read the resolution to the Council and the public. Weems made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-03 Electric Rate Increase. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Hampton aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- A. **La Fleur Nuisance:** Bettie Hensley read a statement from the neighbors to the City Council regarding the nuisance at the La Fleur residence. She stated that 1 year ago a complaint was filed; they have a illegal wood burning shed. City Counselor stated they were cited for the nuisance violations and they are going to court later this month; no further comment on this matter. Mayor Bringman stated at this time the City cannot take any further action.
- B. **Plummer Worley School District Street Closure modification:** Bob Curley from the Plummer Worley School District asked that they City Council modify the current ordinance to include a road closure from 13th-14th Street. He would want to use the barricades during school hours. It's a block further than originally. The Districts biggest concern is the little kids, parents dropping off by the big tree above 14th Street or by 13th Street. No action taken at this time.
- C. **Lease Agreement- Time Warner:** Stockdale made a motion to allow Time Warner the additional 5 year term for their lease agreement. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Hampton aye, Weems aye, Stockdale aye. Motion Passed.
- D. **Agreement with Phil Lampert:** City Counselor stated that this agreement is so that Phil Lampert can plow the weeds down so that they don't go into his field on Tolety road. Weems made a motion to accept the agreement with Phil Lampert provided changes are made for liability insurance. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Hampton aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- E. **Discussion to amend Ordinance to Include 2 Council Meetings per month:** Mr. Allen stated that this has been talked about for 5 years and it's something that we really should consider. Kennar made a motion to change the Regular City Council Meetings to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Weems aye, Kennar aye, Hampton aye. Motion Passed.
- F. **Electric Power Attorney:** Mr. Allen talked to Electric Power Attorney about 2 of our main issues with the electric. He was referred to this Electric Power Attorney by the City Administrator of Bonners Ferry. Weems made a motion to retain Holden Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo Law Office either

on a need basis or until we have completed our project. Stockdale seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

- G. Motion for Town Hall Meeting for June 27, 2015 to discuss with and educate residences on utilities:** Councilman Weems stated that this is part of the taskforce; he recommends that we start educating our public on the utilities. Kennar agreed that we need to educate. Stockdale said try it out one time and see how it goes! No action taken at this time. Possibly move the town hall meeting to June 20th at 7p.m. and possibly another one towards the middle of the summer if all goes well.
- H. Motion to start campaign for Water Bond for November Elections:** Stockdale stated we have a lot of projects on our plate; Mountain Waterworks also has a lot on their plate currently. Stockdale thinks we need to see how the Town Hall meeting goes 1st before we start trying to campaign for water bond.
- I. Payables April 2015:** Kennar made a motion to approve the Payables for May 2015. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Hampton aye, Weems aye. Motion passed.
- J. Pay Request for Mountain Waterworks Invoices:** Weems made a motion to pay the Mountain Waterworks invoices. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye. Motion passed.
- K. Mutual Aid Agreement:** City Counselor asked Paul Sifford if we have any agreements currently in place with any other entity. Paul Sifford stated that there may be no charges, ie... if we go to the aid of Worley we can submit a bill for reimbursement for our crew, equipment, vehicles, etc. We also have the right not to submit a bill for reimbursement. City Counselor is going to work with Paul Sifford on this! Tabled until next meeting.

Reports:

Staff Reports:

Terry Allen: On June 5th we submitted the Grant for the Tiger Grant so now we just wait and see what happens. Also, announced that for Block-Grants we have not been eligible for a few years. The surveys that were going around for the Block Grant, Walter Steed finally received enough and Walter went to Boise are we are finally eligible again for the half million dollar block grants.

Sara Gauthier: On File

Les Hall: On File

Paul Sifford: None

Paulina Freeburg: On File

City Engineer Reports:

Tim: Army Corp design is going to be submitted to DEQ then once approved, bids will go out in August 2015 hopefully. Then hopefully by September or October a contractor will start working.

Stockdale stated about 90% of the information looked like it was from the City. Tim Farrell stated that it was; and Stockdale stated that \$100k is ridiculous. Tim Farrell stated the study was to find an alternative a lot of the work was a field study and negotiating with KEC. Stockdale sated nothing could be said until they seen the whole study completed.

Legal Reports: None

Council Reports:

Mayor Bringman: None

Tim Stockdale: None

Brad Hampton: None

Bill Weems: None

Leticia Kennar: None

Regular Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Jack Bringman, Mayor

Sara Gauthier, City Clerk