

Plummer City Council Meeting
November 12, 2015

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m by Mayor Bringman.

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

Also Present: Sara Gauthier; City Clerk, Paul Sifford; Public Works Superintendent, Andrew Doman; City Counselor, Walter Steed, Tim Farrell, Mountain Waterworks; Jesse Herdon, Mountain Waterworks; Steph Allen, Nancy Allen, Doug Colley, Tim Clark, Dan Jolibos, Carl Richel, Jena Morris, Jessica Johnson, Brian Morris.

Public Hearing: Mayor Bringman suggested an amended to the agenda to remove the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Application due to the Water Bond failing.

The public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Application has been cancelled due to the Water Bond failing. Walter Steed presented to the public that he had started working on the application in September and the application was about 95% complete we were just waiting on the election results and a few other documents. The State of Idaho restricted the bond elections to twice a year May and November of each year. With the change in City Council which will occur in January and Walter Steed stated he has at our disposal to come and discuss it with us. He would suggest that we restructure the proposal since we had a 64% no vote on the bond.

The Public Hearing for the Public Records Request Fee Schedule was called to order at 6: 06p.m. The City Clerk stated the proper notice was given in the Gazette Record Newspaper on November 4 & November 11th. City Clerk stated that we need to implement these fees because they do take supplies and valuable time of the individual completing the records request. The fees would only be applied if the request is over 100 pages and then it would be .10 per page plus tax. Also, the labor costs would only be charged if the time was over two working hours to process and prepare the material. Public Testimony in favor of the Public Records Request Fee Schedule: None. Public Testimony neither in favor or opposition of the Public Records Request Fee Schedule: None. Public Testimony in opposition of the Public Records Request Fee Schedule: None. Rebuttal by City: None. The Public hearing for the Public Records Request Fee Schedule was closed at 6:07 p.m. The City Council voted to approve the Public Records Request Fee Schedule. Stockdale stated that it is a pretty standard fee schedule. Weems made a motion to approve the Public Records Request Fee Schedule. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

2015-09 Public Records Request Fee Schedule: Stockdale made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-09 Public Records Request Fee Schedule. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

2015-10 Benewah County Prosecutor: City Clerk stated we need to approve the Benewah County Prosecuting Attorney Contract prior to approving the Resolution. Hampton made a motion to approve Item A under new business Benewah County Prosecuting Attorney Contract. Weems seconded the motion. Weems made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-10 Benewah County Prosecutor and wave the reading of the resolution. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye. Motion Passed.

Presentations & Announcements: None.

Consent Agenda: Hampton made a motion to approve the consent agenda including meeting minutes from October 22, 2015, the Treasurer's report for Second Half of October 2015 and the disbursements for second half of October 2015. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye, Stockdale aye. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business:

Letters to Utility Customers: City Clerk stated that garbage refusal rate is for the transfer station that we pay as part of our landfill fees to the County. Stockdale made the motion to send letters to utility customers to have them pay only the back sewer bond amounts and starting January 1, 2016 they

will start being billed the base rates for the utility services. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Weems aye, Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- A. Benewah County Prosecuting Attorney Contract:** City Attorney went through the Contract for the Benewah County Prosecuting Attorney, this needs to be put in place since we have a new Prosecuting Attorney for Benewah County. We have not updated the contract since 1996. Weems made a motion to approve the Benewah County Prosecuting Attorney Contract. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- B. Utility Billing G Street House:** City Clerk stated that this resident is currently in the process of getting the property transferred into their name as it is still in her father's name. They do however have a balance from the RV/Shop space that hasn't been paid yet, they are aware of the fees but we really do need these fees paid as soon as possible. I am requesting that we ask the customer for permission to transfer the balance of this account to their current account so that it gets paid. I would like to have the due date of it to be paid in full by December 11, 2015. The Resident went before the Judge today in Benewah County to get the property transferred into her and her sibling's names. The Judge made a decision to push the court hearing to November 25, 2015. City Attorney suggested holding off. Tabled until next council meeting.
- C. Discussion on Business License Penalty:** City Clerk stated that in order to make the Business License penalty we would have to amend the ordinance to add that wording and the fee. The City Clerk also stated she has worked with the City Attorney on this and they would keep working on it if the council would like to proceed with the amended to the Business License Ordinance to add penalties to it. If business license fee isn't paid by the end of January then the \$100 fee would be assessed. If they don't pay the fee and fine we have to shut them down by the end of February. .
- D. Tuck-Inn Penalty Fee Write-Off:** City Clerk stated that Tuck-Inn paid both accounts off except for the penalty fees as he feels they shouldn't have to pay the \$90.00 in penalty fees as he had thought this was all taken care of? Weems made a motion to not write-off the penalty fees. Hampton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Weems aye, Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye. Motion Passed.
- E. Bayless Garbage Charges:** Kennar made a motion to reimburse Mr. Bayless from April 2014. Weems seconded. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- F. Employee Gift Cards for Thanksgiving \$50 & Christmas \$100:** The City Clerk asked the City Council if they would like to give all the City Employees Gift Cards again for Thanksgiving and Christmas in the amounts of \$50.00 and \$100.00! Weems made a motion to give all City Employees a gift card of \$50 for Thanksgiving and a gift card of \$100 for Christmas. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- G. Election Certification:** The City Clerk stated she had received the Certified Election results from the County Commissioners. The Votes for Mayor were Bill Weems 64, Carl Richel 51, and Write-in for Mayor Stacy Sonder 57. The Votes for City Council were Julie Miller 109, Tim Clark 68, Debra Ivey, 64 and Leticia Kennar 60. The Water Bond Votes were 65 yes and 114 no's.
- H. Payables Second Half of October 2015:** Hampton made a motion to approve the payables for the second half of October 2015. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye, Stockdale aye. Motion Passed.
- I. Contractor's Pay Application #5 Accelerated Construction:** Stockdale made a motion to approve the Contractor's Pay application #5 for Accelerated Construction. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Weems aye, Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye. Motion Passed.
- J. Pay Request for Mountain Waterworks Invoices:** Weems made a motion to pay the Mountain Waterworks Invoices. Kennar seconded the motion. Stockdale stated that the misc invoices are getting wild here that his opinion. Paying Mountain Waterworks \$5,000-\$7,000 per month. All the contract negotiation with Kootenai Electric, working with Andrew Doman, and the account we placed the funds into. Stockdale asked if they could break the invoice down into a little more in depth. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

V. Executive Session: Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (Items 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. Stockdale made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (Item B). Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye, Hampton aye. Motion Passed. Executive Session was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Executive session was adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Reports:

Staff Reports

Sara Gauthier: On File

Paul Sifford: On File, Electrical Utility Cost on the priority pole replacement \$644,000 with Kootenai Electric Engineering and their overhead Tim Farrell believes we are at just about \$750,000. Streets, he would like the council to direct him in a plan, the streets are going to be worse than last spring. We spent about \$30,000 in cold patch. Terry & Paul were talking about whether the bond goes or not we would need to do a rate increase. Base rate of \$30 per month and keep it moving and not forget about it. Waste Water the SOP project is done, no bill for that. In that were several findings that he will need to discuss with the council when we have more time. The I & I issue, the EQ basin, discharge. We need to decide what we are going to do.

Les Hall: On File

Paulina Freeburg: On File

City Engineer Reports: Tim Farrell stated that all have a November Project report, the well project is complete, accelerated has a few more items to finish. There is a little money left in the grant asked if they could add a little more quality control. Misc Services: working with Paul on the replacement project should begin in the next two weeks and Paul stated that they wanted to start before Thanksgiving. International Line builders received the bid. Someone has to manage the budget for the pole replacement project. There maybe a couple of safety issues that come up, we stated to Kootenai Electric that we would address these issues as they come up. Negotiation of a new operations contract. Need to have a rate increase for Electric for the residential and commercial sides. KEC is going to look for Phase two project, the City is going to have to look at how we will fund phase two of the project. Phase two would be about \$3 million project fund. Tim Farrell stated he feels that it would be good to look at the Electrical study again. Develop a comprehensive plan moving forward. Doug Elliott volunteered to come down for the first meeting in December to give a presentation. Contingence plan, Paul and Tim Farrell met with a few companies about operating the city's power. They said they would be interested in buying the power from the City if the City ever decided to sell. Stimson Mill metering project and went over a couple different proposals and went over the final designs. They are going to the office to see what they can get funding for. I & I Collection system that is funded by the US Army Corps it is in their hands at this point, they need to write a letter to tribe and get a letter back from the tribe stating there is no environmental issues for this project. We will hear by the beginning of the year if IHS is going to fund the storage basin in front of the sewer plant. Well 5 project is complete, pressure testing was done today, bacteria testing the first one failed and they took another sample after re-chlorinating and that one came back fine and the last one we should have the results back tomorrow. Mayor Bringman asked when it is going to go online. As soon as they get the pressure testing unit in. Tim Farrell stated the Well should be online by the end of December early January. Mayor Bringman stated that when the utility bills went out at the end of October there was a note in the newsletter that stated that it should be online by the end of November.

Legal Reports: Agreement with the Tribe with regarding for the sewer hookup has expired; he stated that we talked about it at the last meeting. He stated that he thinks it's time that we start working with the Tribe to start working with the Tribe to get a new agreement going. Also, City Attorney's contract expires next month.

Council Reports:

Mayor Bringman: no.

Tim Stockdale: no.

Brad Hampton: no.

Bill Weems: no.

Leticia Kennar: no.

Regular Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Jack Bringman, Mayor

Sara Gauthier, City Clerk