

Plummer City Council Meeting  
September 10, 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

Absent: Brad Hampton, Council

Also Present: Sara Gauthier; City Clerk, Paul Sifford; Public Works Superintendent, Jeannette Taylor, Kenny & Dolores Sorweide, Jesse Horton, Summer Williams, Doug Colley, Doug Elliot, Debra Ivey, Julie Miller, Leonard Johnson, Don Price, Mike Stoltey, Ty Stoltey's Son, Dan Jolibois, Jody Cuthbert, Michelle Wemhoff.

**Mayor Bringman asked the council if we could add item A for Doug Elliot B Stoltey C Sorweide F Executive Session. Weems Kennar seconded. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.**

**Public Hearing**

**A. Amend Appropriations Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

- a. **Open Hearing by Presiding Officer: Mayor Bringman opened the hearing at 6:05p.m.**
- b. **Determination if proper notice has been provided: Yes there was proper notice.**
- c. **Presentation by City: Clerk presented a written**
- d. **Staff Report: None**
- e. **Public Testimony in favor of application: None.**
- f. **Public Testimony neither in favor or opposition of application: None.**
- g. **Public Testimony in opposition of application: None.**
- h. **Rebuttal by Applicant: None**
- i. **Close of Hearing: 6:07p.m.**
- j. **Deliberation and Decision: Weems made a motion that we accept the amendments to the Fiscal year budget 2014-2015. Stockdale seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Stockdale aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.**

**Ordinances & Resolutions:**

**Ordinance-** Amending Ordinance 429 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015: Stockdale made a motion to amend Ordinance 429 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Weems aye, Stockdale aye, Kennar aye. Motion Passed.

**Resolution-** 2015-08 authorizing the elimination of a General Fund Deficit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2015 Weems made a motion to approve resolution 2015-08 authorizing the elimination of a General Fund Deficit. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Weems aye, Stockdale aye. Motion Passed.

**Resolution-** Amending 2015-06 to add United Heritage Voluntary Vision Insurance to Vendors list of pre-authorized vendors. Stockdale made a motion to approve the amendment of resolution 2015-06 to add

United Heritage Voluntary Vision Insurance to Vendors List of Pre-authorized vendors. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

**Consent Agenda:** Weems made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2015 and the Treasurers Report for August 2015 and the disbursements for the Second half of August 2015. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**New Business:**

- A. Doug Elliot Q & A Session Electric:** Doug Elliot did a presentation on Electric Utility System Management of Operations. KEC is here to help a fellow public power utility. The disrepair of the electric system is in major need of repair. Key issues of consideration- safety of the public (top priority). Efficiency of electric system operations, reliability and power quality, providing service to customers, all other aspects of running a City Government efficiently. Scope of existing agreement. Facilities Inspection program: Pole inspection Program scope: Conducted by Alamo Services under contract, Approximately 1500 poles inspected, below grade resist graph structural integrity, above grade structural integrity assessment, GIS location and digital image of structure. Pad Mount Equipment inspection scope: Contract let on Sept 8, 2015, unknown number of locations requiring inspection, services performed on a time and material basis: visual assessment and thermal scan, GIS location and digital image of device, Findings of assessments and cost estimates: An estimated total of \$4,159,000 cost of addressing identified issues. An average cost of replacing a pole is \$6,500.00 per pole. How long would it take to get the process fired back up. Mr. Elliot stated nothing has slowed down we have that September 19, 2015 drop dead date unless we can have a clean plan. Mr. Sifford spent half the day with Shawn Dolan the head engineer and they went out and started the testing the transformers they finished about 50% today and they are hoping to finish tomorrow. Options available to City: Go it alone, Contract with a trusted utility partner (orTUP), divest facilities/implement franchise agreement, other alternatives. The cost of operating a line crew: total annual costs are \$566,240. Doug Colley asked what the average amount of overtime for a line crew: Doug Elliot stated theirs is about 4% per year. Total cost of vehicles, tools and Equipment: \$1,134,057 and this would be the equipment that they would need to do the job. KEC does not recommend the going at it alone approach. Utility management agreement: Contract with a trusted utility partner(TUP), Representative from TUP would report directly to City Council, TUP would fully manage City's electric utility operations, services provided and paid for as incurred, failure-to-perform trip wires triggering termination of services pre-established, i.e., it's easy for either party to unwind. Divesture of Facilities: Would require an assessment of system value prior to divesture, may require City to solicit bids, and may require approval of constituency. What's next: How can KEC help? Option 1: Self-Reliance: negotiate an engineering services agreement with a full service engineering firm, retain services of a contracted line crew stationed within the city, expeditiously replace or repair all facilities determined defective in recent assessments, then, hire own crew or continue providing services through out-sourcing them to engineering and construction contractors. Option 2: Full Utility Management Services: 1.) Negotiate short-term administrative services agreement with a 'trusted utility partner' (TUP). Conditions of KEC Assistance: City would need to trust KEC as its TUP, city must commit to negotiating and

implementing a full service utility management agreement with KEC, KEC's board of directors must approve proposed approach. This would be sought following receipt of written request by City, until a full service utility management agreement is executed, all design engineering and line work will be conducted through contractors but coordinated by KEC, until necessary replacements and repairs are made, all electrical work will be performed de-energized, from a bucket-truck, with a safety. Beyond the 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> KEC needs a memorandum of understanding outlining terms of transitional administrative services agreement would need to be adopted. Establish instrument necessary to guarantee financial performance acceptable to KEC, KEC board approval. Aspects of Prudent Utility Practice: A 'one- system' approach to utility management: We don't know how to be two utilities in one! Development of a digital system map, deployment of an AMI system, conversion to the NISC system, developing and reliance upon: long range plan and construction work plan, system protection and coordination study, arc Flash analysis, revenue requirements study, cost of service analysis and financial forecasting. Sifford asked a question assuming that KEC was the TUP would they be looking at a contract annually, bi-annually, or every 3 years. For KEC benefit they are thinking of an ever-green contract with short time limit of terminations. Weems stated that he would still like the city to reinvest in itself and crew up still in the future. Johnson asked Doug Elliot if we had our crew and still working with KEC would the crews not get along. In that case Mr. Elliot said they would like to see a mutual-aid agreement. Write Doug Elliot a letter with our full intent and that we are willing to implement the financial performance then he can go to his board and see if they are willing to move forward with our agreement. Colley asked Mr. Elliot what happens if the board says no then what do we do? He stated that he wants to be successful and show them that it isn't going to be a huge burned on his management team and then he thinks they will be fine.

- B. Stoltey Water Issue:** Stoltey turned in the paperwork for a little bit of background. There are 2 issues, #1 cross connect control it is a federal law. On the Stoltey property there is a well that is connected to the City Water, that is a high priority with the engineers, our public works and DEQ. #2 Stoltey and the City needs to come up with an agreement that serves Stoltey's home and three other homes. The Stoltey's are wanting to build another home out there. We have to get this disconnected. This is going to create an issue. We have to determine whose line goes through the timber, Sifford states he doesn't want that line. We are going to be faced with questions from the public on the moratorium. Interest it isn't going to be our water line through the timber, there are right away issues. The City Crew placed in the pipe from just north of the pig farm to those three homes, but it was purchased by Mr. Stoltey. He prefers to be off the city's system. If the water line isn't serving the pig farm then we could lose that easement and the owner of the land in the Timber could be pulled up by the owner. Get the well disconnected from the City and everybody still has water, this needs to be done by the end of the month. Mr. Stoltey would still be on the Cities water until the plumbing with a shut off. There is a master meter at G Street; Mr. Stoltey stated until he purchased the land there was no one being charged until then. Mayor Bringman stated that we as the City need to do some more research to make sure we in the right and have the authority and it's legally ok. No action taken at this time. Until we have further documentation Mike can hook up and the rest of the residents will still have water.
- C. Sorweide Issue:** Clerk explained to the City Council about this property. Mrs. Sorweide stated that she was never told what the base rates were and they have had sellers pulled out. There were in Arizona and came home and there was no house. They don't feel that whoever buys or themselves should have to pay the back bond. If there were to pay all the base rates for the past 44 months it would come up to a total of \$4,343 for the base rates. Table this issue for

tonight until the next council meeting on September 24, 2015. Brian stated that Terry told them we would only charge them \$600.

- D. Proclamation Constitution Week 2015:** The City Council approved the proclamation.
- E. Discussion Not to Budget for Tree Removal in Heyburn State Park:** The City Council agreed that we did not budget for tree removal in the Heyburn State Park.
- F. Payables Second Half of August 2015:** Weems made a motion to approve the payables for the Second of Half of August 2015. Stockdale seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.
- G. Mountain Water Works Invoices:** Weems made a motion to pay Mountain Water Works invoices. Kennar seconded. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye.

**H. 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. Executive Session was called to order at **8:00p.m.** Weems made the motion to enter into 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. Kennar seconded. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Executive Session adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Kennar made a motion to contact an independent employee harassment charge. Weems seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Stockdale aye, Kennar aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

### **Reports:**

#### **Staff Reports**

**Terry Allen:** None.

**Sara Gauthier:** On File

**Les Hall:** On File.

**Paul Sifford:** Would like clarification of pay raises and if they were approved. Leticia stated that the City Crew doesn't receive any over time until after 40 hours. If they get called back out that same day if it's after 8 hours no matter if they haven't hit the 40 hours they should receive the over time for a daily basis. Mayor Bringman stated that he believes that we can't separate departments out; he believes that all departments have to be treated equally. Paul would like the council to consider giving the City Crew a raise. The guys have been really swamped with the whole electric thing and in the future he will be giving an official written.

**Paulina Freeburg:** On File.

**City Engineer Reports:** Jesse the first project is the well project and he stated that the sub contractor has been waiting for KEC to do the electric work. KEC has had some issues of their own. The engineer Doug from KEC stated that it will be done by Tuesday September 15, 2015. Once the electric is done we can do the pump test. Project 2 Pole replacement project and the contract negotiation. Mountain Water works has been helping with the task force. Stimson mill metering project, the cost of the project will be shared with Stimson. Water Bond Election they have also been helping with this and they have another meeting scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Building. Jesse handed out a presentation from Tim from the Presentation on August 29, 2015. Project 3 is the I&I project through Army Corp, they are requesting additional environmental studies. They want to have a public meeting so

that the public can see the studies and then they have to give the public 2 weeks for any comments. Electric utility system study and we have discussed on this already tonight. Wastewater treatment operations and procedures policy, Stuart will be up here next week to meet with Paul and Leonard.

**Legal Reports:** None.

**Council Reports:**

Mayor Bringman: None.

Tim Stockdale: None.

Brad Hampton: Absent

Bill Weems: None.

Leticia Kennar: None.

Regular Council Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Jack Bringman, Mayor

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Sara Gauthier, City Clerk