

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY
7 November 2011
City Council Chambers (Library)
7:00 pm

On the 7th of November 2011 the city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with Council member's Mayer, Esplin and York in attendance. Councilman Cline was absent. Staff members present included Public Works Director Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen, Deputy City Clerk and Leon K. Jensen.

Regular Agenda –**Councilman York moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Consent Agenda – **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Old Business

Decision on Park Fee-Ordinance 336 – The council discussed requiring reservations on weekends but also to leave bathrooms open during regular city business hours. A motion was made by Councilman York to approve Ordinance 336 but died due to a lack of a second. Another motion on the matter may be made later in the meeting under Ordinances and Resolutions. The council determined that they would like to discuss having the bathrooms open during working hours during a business item in the spring of the coming year. No further motion was made.

A brief report was given on an update of the E Idaho, Holly Ave project by Beau Ziemer and Holladay Engineering representative, Andy Gehrke. No further action was taken at this time.

New Business:

Broker Appointment Form – Staff presented the council with a form to designate our current Broker for Health Insurance to continue in that capacity as the city transitions into a State wide group titled III-A Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority. The purpose of the transition is to gain benefit of belonging to a large pool of city employees across the state. By belonging to a larger pool, the large increases each year in insurance coverage should shrink without having to reduce benefits. **Councilwoman Mayer moved to approve assigning a Broker for the city. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Holladay Engineering – Status Report – An update was given by Beau and Andy Gehrke.

Holladay Engineering – Transportation Funding Grants and E Idaho Holly Ave project funding – An update was given by Andy Gehrke and Beau Ziemer. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the search for and the obtaining of matching grant funds for the project. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Parking complaint at the corner area of Hawthorne Ave and W Maple St – There was much discussion on this item of business. The city council agreed to parking in the area as long as a safety triangle for vision at the corner was adhered to. That agreement was made 2-3 years earlier. There has been encroachment on that vision triangle as well as parking of equipment and other items in the right of way on both streets. Chief Moore of the Payette County Sheriff's Department stated that consists of an oral warning allowing for a 10 day abatement period. That is followed by a written warning allowing for a 10 day abatement period. If no abatement occurs then a more stringent enforcement action may be taken. Councilman Esplin expressed his concern that there are other situations in the city such as this one. If this particular situation is enforced, then there are other businesses in the city who also need to have their individual situation discussed, thus not singling out one business, but making all businesses conform who may be in violation of using the right of way inappropriately. **Councilman York moved to approve enforcement action as stated. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Councilman Esplin moved to approve the VEBA Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer and the voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.

Councilman York moved to approve the Park Fee Ordinance 336. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer and the voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.

Open Forum

No comments from the public

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer urged all to get out and vote in the upcoming election. Councilman York also encouraged all to get out and vote. He also commented that the city cleanup was going well and that the leaves were being cleaned up. He complimented city staff for their efforts in the cleanup.

Councilwoman Mayer asked about the FMTC Agreement document which was in the council packets. The item was not on the agenda and will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Adjournment

Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer