

City of Weiser
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

55 West Idaho Street

Weiser, ID 83672

Monday

AUGUST 11, 2014

7:00 pm

Call to Order [7:00:04 PM](#)

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Perry Plischke, Dan Randleman, Layna Hafer, Cliff Barberis and Sherry Young.

ABSENT: Virgil Leedy.

STAFF: Diana L Thomas, David Tate, Nate Marvin, Deb Dawson, Chuck Kroll, Greg Moon, Don Loos, Pat Malay, Ken Anderson, Bill Taylor and Sherri Breaux.

[7:00:31 PM](#) Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that Virgil Leedy had informed them that he would not be at tonight's meeting.

Guests: Mike Macedo, Trina Macedo, Lyle Crawford, Thomas Crawford, Paul Crawford, Artem Moskalenko, John Evans, Dorothy Evans, Greg Eichelberger, Tonya Crawford, Steven Ruth, Del Newquist, Elena Newquist, Jeanette Palmer, Nathan Cleaver and Tom Murphy.

Invocation was given by Reverend Steve Ruth [7:00:27 PM](#)

Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Ken Anderson [7:01:02 PM](#)

Additional Items to the agenda - [7:01:21 PM](#)

Delete Item #2 - Citizens For Job Creation.

Commission Reports – [7:01:35 PM](#)

Dan Randleman, reported on the 911 Commission Meeting he and Clerk Tate had attended. At the meeting they went over some of the budget items and some of the process. They are working to correct some organizational glitches so that the governing bodies receive a budget to review in a timely manner. Dan informed the Council that 911 matching funds to purchase equipment use to be 10%, now it is up to 30%, so this is something we need to keep an eye on. Basically this is taking tax dollars from our General Fund to subsidize 911. Dan cautioned that we need to closely watch the 911 budget so it does not come up short or long.

Committee Reports - None. [7:03:26 PM](#)

Department Reports were presented by Clerk Tate. [7:03:30 PM](#)

MINUTES [7:07:06 PM](#)

Motioned by Cliff Barberis and seconded by Sherry Young to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on July 14, 2014 and one (1) Special City Council Meeting on July 29, 2014, as presented and place them on file.

[7:07:39 PM](#)

AYES: Perry Plischke, Dan Randleman, Layna Hafer, Cliff Barberis and Sherry Young

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS [7:07:44 PM](#)

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Perry Plischke to approve the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and present them to the Treasurer to have warrants drawn for payment.

[7:08:02 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Sherry Young, Dan Randleman, Perry Plischke, Layna Hafer and Cliff Barberis

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ZONING [7:08:15 PM](#)

Motioned by Cliff Barberis and seconded by Sherry Young to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular P & Z Meeting on June 16, 2014 as presented and place it on file.

[7:08:35 PM](#)

AYES: Perry Plischke, Dan Randleman, Layna Hafer, Cliff Barberis and Sherry Young

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

AWARDS PRESENTATION MAYOR THOMAS [7:08:44 PM](#)

Mayor Diana L Thomas presented awards to Weiser Memorial Pool lifeguards Artem Moskalenko, Thomas Crawford and Ashley Mink for outstanding service they each provided in ensuring the safety of the children they served.

CITIZENS FOR JOB CREATION - Item Deleted.

PRELIMINARY PLAT EXTENSION REQUEST WHISPERING MEADOWS [7:12:43 PM](#)

Mr Mike Macedo, 1645 E 9th Street, Weiser ID addressed the Council with a request for a one year preliminary plat extension for the Whispering Meadows subdivision.

Motioned by Dan Randleman and seconded by Cliff Barberis to approve the one year preliminary plat extension for Whispering Meadows Subdivision.

[7:13:45 PM](#)

AYES: Dan Randleman, Cliff Barberis, Sherry Young, Layna Hafer and Perry Plischke

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PRELIMINARY PLAT EXTENSION REQUEST THE COTTAGES [7:14:06 PM](#)

Mayor Diana L Thomas asked if there was anyone here to represent the Cottages. No one came forward. Dan Randleman asked if we had received a written request. City Clerk David Tate informed the Council that he had called ALS, which is The Cottages engineer who has sent us a letter every year without hesitation requesting the extension. After leaving several phone messages at ALS Clerk Tate still has not heard back from them. Dan Randleman stated that we could give them another years extension, then, if there is any activity it would have to come back to the Council anyway and we could change anything we need at that time. Clerk Tate stated that is correct. More discussion followed. Clerk Tate explained that a preliminary plat means they are ready to start construction; the Council has approved a preliminary plat based on their engineer and our engineer and they have a green light to start construction. For whatever reason The Cottages or Whispering Meadows has not yet began construction, the extension continues the preliminary plat and gives them the green light to start construction within the next 12 months if they so desire. Mayor Thomas asked if there is a limitation to the number of extensions? Clerk Tate stated there is nothing in our code to limit the number of extensions, it just states they will come back every year. Dan Randleman added that the consequences of not getting an extension is that all the preliminary plat work is null and void, which is a lot of money. Clerk Tate affirmed. Discussion continued. Clerk Tate stated that if the Council is going to stick to what they have done in the past, then he would highly recommend that they approve the preliminary plat for The Cottages. Discussion continued. Layna Hafer recommended that the Council move the request to the September meeting. Discussion continued.

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Motioned by Perry Plischke and seconded by Sherry Young to approve a one year preliminary plat extension for The Cottages.

[7:20:38 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Perry Plischke, Dan Randleman, Cliff Barberis and Sherry Young

NAYES: Layna Hafer

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

WEISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UPDATE [7:20:55 PM](#)

Mr Tom Murphy, 362 Clabby Rd, Weiser, ID 83672, CEO of Weiser Memorial Hospital addressed the Council with an update. Mr Murphy informed the Council that Weiser Memorial Hospital has signed a Letter of Intent to integrate with St Luke's Health System. Mr Murphy then highlighted three items in the Letter of Intent, one being that St Luke's has agreed to operate the hospital as a critical access hospital if everything goes through. To be classed a critical access hospital they must have a staffed emergency room with physicians 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The hospital must also have the ability to take care of patients, inpatient.

Second, St Luke's has agreed in large part to keep the services and access to those things that are there now in place for the next three years until they can coordinate what services will be best in Weiser. Third, our tax levies compared to other tax districts is much smaller and we do not have programs that depend completely on those tax levies, we do however have debts that depend on those tax levies. St Luke's is willing to let those tax levies go away once the debt is paid, which will take about 15 years. Mr Murphy further explained that independence is not a safe place for small hospitals anymore with today's health care reform. Mr Murphy thinks we are very fortunate in this part of the State to have somebody like St Luke's that has good values around patient centered care and is willing to reach out and help small hospitals be viable and be able to have access to these kind of services in our community. Mr Murphy stated that Weiser Memorial Hospital has all ready benefitted greatly from its management agreement with St Luke's that has been in place for the past 6 years.

[7:26:36 PM](#) - Mayor Thomas asked Mr Murphy to give the Council a brief update about what is going on at Family Medical Center. Mr Murphy informed the Council that after 3 years of searching they have found two Primary Care Providers or

Family Practice Physicians into our community. Dr. Gardner and Dr Blanchard started in August 2014 and in order to accomodate having more physicians they need a bigger clinic. We are now in Phase I, the power has all ready been placed and moved so we can get ready to put in place a modular building that was donated to us by St Luke's. They are working diligently on Phase II, getting the permits and getting permission to start the renovation. We will be hooking the modular to the existing medical clinic then renovating it into something more modern and efficient. The two new physician's are working a couple days a week in the clinic wherever there is space and are also covering shifts in the emergency room until the space is available at the clinic. They are anticipating the clinic to be up and running in December 2014.

[7:29:39 PM](#) – Dan Randleman asked Mr Murphy how many doctors they have working in the Specialty Clinic? And what do they do? Mr Murphy stated that they have an Orthopedic Surgeon, and the ability in the hospital to do just about everything except complete shoulders. They have a General Surgeon that comes in one day a week for clinic and one day a week in the OR. They have an OB/GYN that comes every other week and a Cardiologist that comes in every other week. Clerk Tate asked Mr Murphy what the time frame is for the merger? Mr Murphy stated April 1st, 2015 is the goal. Mayor Thomas added that there will be an advisory vote at the November election mainly to let the people know. Mayor Thomas also explained that as far as the taxing district going away, that would be a choice of the people to vote that out because they voted it in.

APPROVE FY2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET [7:34:10 PM](#)

Mayor Diana L Thomas addressed the Council asking for a motion to pass FY2015 Tentative Budget so we can go out for advertisement and have a Public Hearing on August 25, 2014 at 7pm to respond to any questions that the public might have.

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Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Cliff Barberis to approve the FY2015 Tentative Budget so that it can go out for advertisement and Public Hearing.

[7:35:06 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Perry Plischke, Dan Randleman, Cliff Barberis, Sherry Young and Layna Hafer

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

WEST 9TH STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT A012(049), KEY NO. 12049 AGREEMENT NO. 8895 [7:35:24 PM](#)

City Superintendent Nate Marvin informed the Council that he, Justin Walker and Nathan Cleaver had met with LTAC and negotiated this agreement for The City of Weiser to do the W. 9th Street Project. The total cost of the Agreement will be \$378,400.00. The First Phase of this Professional Service Agreement (PSA) is \$50,000.00 with the work to begin after October 1, 2014. Mr Nathan Cleaver, Keller & Associates explained that the \$370,000.00 is the total cost of the agreement, it is a Professional Service Agreement. The Agreement gives Keller Engineering the authorization to expend up to \$50,000.00 in FY2015, if we request additional funding from LTAC they would authorize the additional expenditures as long as we are keeping to the schedule. Mr Cleaver stated that the contract for \$378,000.00 is eligible for the federal reimbursement rate, or that federal dollars will pay for about 93%. The City will be responsible for 7.34% of the contract and any overages over the total project budget of about \$2.7 million. Mr Cleaver then gave the Council a verbal contract perspective: 2500 hrs for Keller Engineering, 630 hrs for an Environmental Specialist and 275 hours for a geotechnical firm for soil analysis. Dan Randleman asked if there would be any land acquisition required for the project? Nate Marvin stated that they were not planning on having to get any additional right-of-way. Mr Cleaver interjected that there could be, it really depends on the alignment. Mayor Thomas asked if what we need tonight is to approve the Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign it? Nate Marvin affirmed. Nate added that we anticipate that we budgeted enough money for the engineering costs for the next year, but that we may have to budget more the following year to finish the project. Discussion followed. Dan Randleman asked how long these plans had been going on? Nate Marvin stated that we have had our name in with LTAC, which is urban federal funds and when the City of Weiser's population went over 5,000 we went into the next category, so there is a bigger pond that we have to compete in for funds. We have been working on this project for 6 or 7 years trying to get into the funding cycle.

Now, we are working our way into the funding cycle and we will probably be working on this project for 10 years before it is actually constructed. Nate explained that we have continued to have meetings, but, LTAC had to sit on our request for a couple of years because they were low on funding and had other projects going they were trying to complete. When we came up to the top of the pile again they asked us if we were ready to have Keller put together the engineering proposal, then we negotiated price with LTAC and that is how we got to where we are at today.

[7:44:13 PM](#) - Layna Hafer referring to the handout Mr Cleaver had given them asked if the trailer park shown on W 9th, was not actually on W 7th? Perry Plischke stated that this is a way old map and the trailer park on the map is no longer there. Layna asked if when we are doing a project like this if there was any consideration for sidewalk? Mayor Thomas added that part of the issue that we are going to have as we do this design, is that the west side of W 9th is in the County. Mr Cleaver added that there are also some federal laws that we have to deal with and if we touch any of the sidewalks on any of the project we have to upgrade the entire project to meet ADA requirements.

7:46:25 PM

Motioned by Cliff Barberis and seconded by Sherry Young to proceed with the W 9th Street Construction Project A012(049), approve the Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

[7:46:47 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cliff Barberis, Layna Hafer, Dan Randleman, Perry Plischke and Sherry Young

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

WWTP CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT & CONSTRUCTION PAYMENT REQUEST #1 [7:47:02 PM](#)

City Superintendent Nate Marvin explained that the contractor is on board, they have been busy excavating footings for the chemical building, they have been trenching and burying conduit for chemical feed lines, burying electrical conduit, putting the generator around to the chemical feed building and they have some material on-site, so they are making good progress. We have a request in for a progress payment. Clerk Tate informed the Council that we have all ready had five pay requests for engineering, this is the first pay request for construction. As the Council knows, we do not make a payment until it is approved by DEQ & Rural Development. Once they approve the payment, DEQ who does our interim funding deposits the revenue into our account and that is when we make the payment. Clerk Tate requested that the Council give the Mayor the authority to make the payment construction request. Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Tate if each payment construction request has to come back to the Council? Clerk Tate informed Mayor Thomas that yes it does, unless the Council gives the Mayor the authorization to continue to sign the pay requests. Clerk Tate added that based on the fact that we can't make a payment until it is approved by DEQ & Rural Development and then the money is deposited into our account, he is asking the Council to please authorize the Mayor to sign the construction request. Discussion continued.

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Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Cliff Barberis to authorize the Mayor to sign the construction payment request.

[7:51:45: PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Perry Plischke, Layna Hafer, Sherry Young and Cliff Barberis

NAYES: Dan Randleman

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

7:52:30 PM

Motioned by Sherry Young and seconded by Cliff Barberis to adjourn.

7:52:33 PM

AYES: Perry Plischke, Dan Randleman, Layna Hafer, Cliff
Barberis and Sherry Young

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT [7:52:37 PM](#)

Diana L. Thomas, Mayor

David Tate, Clerk/Coordinator