

City of Weiser
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Tuesday
OCTOBER 14, 2014
7:00 pm

Call to Order [6:58:55 PM](#)

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Perry Plischke, Layna Hafer, Virgil Leedy, Cliff Barberis and Sherry Young.

ABSENT: Dan Randleman.

STAFF: Diana L Thomas, David Tate, Nate Marvin, Chuck Kroll, Greg Moon, Val Blevins, Bill Taylor, James Edwards, and Sherri Breaux.

[6:59:16 PM](#) - Mayor Thomas informed the Council that Dan Randleman had called and informed her that he was sick.

Guests: Bob Thomason, Officer Leo, Wendy Blevins, Nick Hylton, Toby Epler, Justin Walker, Nikelle Walker, Greg Eichelberger, Jonathan Eichelberger, Tom Murphy, Heather Murphy and Eli Murphy.

Invocation was given by Reverend Nick Hylton [6:59:53 PM](#)

Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Eli Murphy, Boy Scout Troop #330 [7:00:56 PM](#)

Additional Items to the agenda - [7:01:16 PM](#)

Motioned by Perry Plischke and seconded by Virgil Leedy to add item #6 Purchase a Sand Truck for the Street Department.

[7:01:37 PM](#)

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

[7:01:43 PM](#) - Mayor Diana L Thomas noted changes to the order of New Business items.

Commission Reports - [7:02:12 PM](#)

Layna Hafer reminded the Council to read the SREDA updates.

Committee Reports - None. [7:02:36 PM](#)

Department Reports were presented by Clerk Tate. [7:02:43 PM](#)

[7:06:24 PM](#) Chief Moon updated the Council about the accident Animal Control Officer Chuck Green was in. On his way home from a training session in Coeur d' Alene, just outside of Tamarack there was a dead Black Angus cow in the road and Officer Green hit the animal causing his vehicle to go off to the side of the road blocking the north bound lane. The truck was totaled and Officer Green sustained minor back and neck injuries. Officer Green is currently on medication for his injuries and is on light duty until Friday 10-17-14 when he sees the doctor. After that appointment Officer Green will know if he can return to regular duty or has to stay on light duty a while longer.

7:07:38 PM - Mayor Thomas encouraged the Council to go by and see the work being done on the WWTP project.

MINUTES 7:08:08 PM

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Cliff Barberis to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on September 8, 2014 and one (1) Special City Council Meeting on September 22, 2014, as presented and place them on file.

7:08:38 PM

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:08:43 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.

7:09:07 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ZONING 7:09:20 PM

Motioned by Cliff Barberis and seconded by Virgil Leedy to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular P & Z Meeting on August 18, 2014 as presented and place it on file.

7:09:36 PM

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

OFFICER LEO RETIREMENT CEREMONY 7:09:47 PM

Police Chief Greg Moon in a special retirement ceremony presented K-9 Officer Leo with gifts for his many years of service to the WPD. Chief Moon explained that under State Statute a law enforcement K-9 is a law enforcement officer with the same protections and standards as a regular police officer. K-9 Training Officers and their K-9 partners work very hard and train very extensively. Chief Moon went on to explain the hours of training the Training Officer and K-9 go through to become a team that can work in tandem with one another. Chief Moon thanked Officer Blevins for his years of service as a K-9 Officer and noted that Officer Blevins will be stepping down from this position with K-9 Officer Leo's retirement.

7:11:43 PM - Officer Blevins thanked the City of Weiser and the Police Department for allowing him the opportunity to be a K-9 Officer. Officer Blevins stated that it is his opinion that having a K-9 Officer was forward thinking by the City and that it has helped make the City a lot safer and a little more drug free.

7:12:09 PM - Layna Hafer asked what happens to K-9 Officer Leo now that he is retired? Chief Moon explained that Officer Leo will be retired into the hands of his handler, so will live with Officer Blevins and his wife Wendy remaining part of their family.

7:13:33 PM - Mayor Thomas thanked Officer Blevins for the amount of time he has put into being a K-9 Officer and for the care he and his wife Wendy have given K-9 Officer Leo.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT [7:14:32 PM](#)

Mayor Diana L Thomas thanked City Superintendent Nate Marvin for locating Eagle Scout projects in the City and coordinating the projects with the scouts. Eli Murphy, Scout Troop #330 updated the Council about his Eagle Scout Project. Eli explained that his project was renovating the City Park Restrooms. They repainted the outside of the restrooms and did some interior work on the ceilings, then repainted them. Eli thanked Nate Marvin for all his cooperation and help. Mayor Thomas asked Eli to explain what he had to go through to complete his project. Eli explained that there was a lot of shopping to do, he had to buy a lot of paint supplies and thanks to Nate they found the right place to buy those supplies. Eli further explained that there was also a lot of construction work that had to be done. Leaders and members of Eli's Scout Troop helped him complete the project.

WATER RIGHT PERMIT 67-7869 - SHALLOW WELL FIELD [7:17:00 PM](#)

City Superintendent Nate Marvin addressed the Council asking their direction on water right permit #67-7869. Nate Marvin explained that the City owns a shallow well field located at the soccer field. There has been no action on permit 67-7869 since August 28, 1997. Because of the expense to use the shallow well field and problems with the water quality, it is not a viable water supply. The City has a few options to consider relative to these shallow wells:

1. Do nothing and let the permit linger and it will eventually get licensed by IDWR.
2. Request that IDWR issue the license.
3. Relinquish the permit.

Discussion followed. Water Department Lead Man Bill Taylor informed the Council that the wells are not capped and when tested only two of the wells produced any kind of water flow. DEQ determined that the water is GUDI, or Ground water under the influence of surface water and the only way to deal with GUDI water is to treat it. Therefore, we would either have to pump the water to the treatment plant or build a treatment facility on site. Discussion continued. Perry Plischke asked how many wells were at the site and what it would cost to cap them. Virgil Leedy stated that there were 8 wells and Bill Taylor informed the Council that the Water Department just received a \$10,000.00 grant to cap two wells that were 200 ft. deep. The wells at the soccer complex are shallow so the cost would be a lot less, but it does have to be done by a professional well driller. There are grants available, but it would require a 15% match. Virgil Leedy explained that this is not a water rights issue, but is just a permit, so we are not losing water rights. Discussion continued. Virgil Leedy suggested that the City should follow the recommendation of the attorney and relinquish the permit.

[7:25:25 PM](#)

Motioned by Virgil Leedy and seconded by Cliff Barberis to relinquish water right permit 67-7869 Shallow Well Field on East Park Street.

[7:25:56 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST #1 & UPDATE ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT [7:26:15 PM](#)

Mr Justin Walker, Keller & Associates addressed the Council with an update on the WWTP Project. Mr Walker congratulated Mayor Thomas on her appointment to the LTAC Board. Mr Walker informed the Council that the Contractor is probably less than

10% complete and is essentially on schedule, being just a little bit behind schedule. They have worked through a few hurdles and bumps, but have rounded a corner in the past couple weeks and things are proceeding pretty smoothly. Mr Walker complimented the staff stating that Nate Marvin, Jim Edwards, Lonnie Chambers and Rod Millbrook provide a tremendous benefit to the City, the WWTP project and the Community and he appreciates their help. Mr Walker stated that Keller has received 9 field orders and 17 requests for information since the project fully commenced. Mr Walker explained that a field order is a request to modify the construction and that the requests for information are clarifying exactly what the contract is asking for. Mr Walker explained that field orders are a good sign, it means we are pro-actively addressing issues rather than seeing them in the form of a change order. Mr Walker stated that modifications are inherent with the retrofit of an existing facility.

7:30:25 PM Justin Walker addressed the \$4,928.00 change order. Mr Walker explained that the changes primarily deal with the Chemical Building and the Chemical Storage Facility so that the operation of them is more efficient. Keller Associates believe these changes benefit the project, that they are legitimate changes in condition and they recommend that they be approved tonight.

7:31:48 PM Mr Walker reminded the Mayor and Council concerning the \$500,000.00 in Grant Funds that have been granted to the City for the WWTP project. Mr Walker stated that it would be in the best interest of the City to explore ways to use these Grant Funds to improve the functionality and make the operation and maintenance of the facility better.

7:34:23 PM

Motioned by Sherry Young and seconded by Cliff Barberis to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,928.00.

7:34:43 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

AIRPORT DRAFT CIP REVIEW 7:35:35 PM

Mayor Diana L Thomas asked City Superintendent Nate Marvin to do a brief introduction. Nate Marvin explained that the City of Weiser had contracted with JUB Engineering to update our Airport Capital Improvement Plan. Superintendent Marvin informed the Council that after a meeting with JUB where the CIP was discussed, it was decided that the Plan should be presented to the Council to bring them up to speed and give them the opportunity to add their input. Mr Epler was asked if he would come to the Council Meeting tonight and review the CIP for the Council.

7:36:35 PM - Mayor Thomas welcomed Mr Bob Thomason representing Washington County to tonight's Council Meeting.

7:36:51 PM - Mr Toby Epler, with JUB Engineering updated the Council about the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Weiser Municipal Airport. Mr Epler explained that as part of the FAA program the Airport is required to update their CIP every year. The CIP in front of the Council tonight is the same one that was submitted last year. Mr Epler informed the Council that no changes had been made because we are starting to enter into a Master Plan Update. This is a 15 month study which will look at the Airport and its needs for the next 20 years and will also go through the process of updating the CIP. Mayor Thomas added that the CIP will be sent to the State Aeronautics Board to meet the dead lines we need to meet, with the understanding that as we go through the Master Plan Update process some things on the CIP may be dropped off and others may be added.

7:39:20 PM - Mayor Thomas asked Mr Epler to explain what the next steps are as we go through this 15 month project. Mr Epler explained that the way the Master Plan starts is the Mayor creates a Technical Advisory Committee typically made up of 8 to 12

members. This Committee could include Airport Advisory People, City Council Members, business people, basically people that have a stake at the Airport. This Committee will lead the study as far as opinions go and help JUB do their job. JUB will go to the Technical Advisory Committee lay out the processes and get ideas from them as far as the direction of the Airport they see. JUB will provide the technical background from the FAA stand point. They will look at the finances of the Airport, the inventory based on the number of aircraft, the type of aircraft you have using the airport, the number of hangers, the type of hangers, the type of uses, all the way down to the approaches, the size of planes, everything that has to do with the Airport. We will come up with a 20 year plan for the direction that the Airport is going based on what the Technical Advisory Committee shows us, as well as what the FAA has in mind. This Plan is kind of a road map showing where our Airport is at, and where it is going in the future. This also meets the criteria as completing a Master Plan is part of the requirement of being in the FAA program.

7:41:34 PM - Layna Hafer asked if the current CIP will be revised while we are moving through the 15 month study? Mr Epler affirmed.

7:43:30 PM - Layna Hafer asked if from City Attorney Chuck Kroll's letter, from the County, City decision making and involvement, if the County only has jurisdiction over the monies that are spent from the taxes? Mayor Thomas stated that this is not clarified yet, but that one of the things that the City wants to do, because there is more money coming from the County, is, we want to make sure the County is aware of what is going on and make sure they are a part of the planning process as well. There is a discussion that will be going on between City Attorney Chuck Kroll and the County getting things clarified as far as the Spending Authority and everything. The Airport planning will incorporate people from both the City and the County. There are currently 7 people that sit on the Airport Advisory Board; 4 from the City and 3 from the County. There is also a representative from our City Council who is our liaison out there and a representative from the County, which sounds like will be Bob Thomason. We have also been talking about getting a business person to sit on the Committee. Mayor Thomas has asked David Tate and Nate Marvin to be part of the Committee, either both at the same time or at least one of them each time. That would put us right at 12 people on the Technical Advisory Committee. All these people will be involved as they start through the Master Plan meetings.

7:45:33 PM - Nate Marvin asked if the Council wanted to approve going ahead and submitting the CIP to the State Aeronautics Board and the FAA.

7:45:44 PM

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Cliff Barberis to approve the Airport Draft CIP Review and have it presented to the State Aeronautics Board.

7:46:00 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE SAND TRUCK FOR STREET DEPARTMENT 7:46:51 PM

City Purchasing Agent Nate Marvin addressed the Council with a request to purchase a sand truck. Nate explained that at budget time Street Supervisor Pat Malay had put in \$15,000.00 to purchase a used truck cab and chassis to replace the old one under his Street Sander. Nate received a bulletin from the ITD in Lewiston advertising a truck sale coming up on October 29th with quite a few trucks for sale. Nate is asking permission to spend up to a maximum of \$9,000.00 to replace the old sand truck. Cliff Barberis asked if our old truck was pretty shot? Nate Marvin affirmed and added that it was also under GVW to have a sander with that much weight on it.

Motioned by Sherry Young and seconded by Virgil Leedy to authorize City Superintendent Nate Marvin to spend up to \$9,000.00 for a Sand Truck.

7:48:55 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

7:50:47 PM

Motioned by Perry Plischke and seconded by Sherry Young to adjourn.

7:50:52 PM

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:50:53 PM

Diana L. Thomas, Mayor

David Tate, Clerk/Coordinator