

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
FEBRUARY 14, 2022
7:00 pm

Call to Order [7:14:00 PM](#)

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Layna Hafer, Mike Hopkins, Alicia Cavazos and Sterling Blackwell.

ABSENT: Larry Hogg and Cliff Barberis.

STAFF: Randall Hibberd, David Tate, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Steve Stuchlik, Tim Atwood, Dave Loos, Bill Taylor, Lonnie Chambers, Matthew Holmes and Sherri Breaux.

Note: Council Member Barberis was out of the Country and Council Member Hogg was ill.

Guests: Alex Chavarria, Dan Randleman, Tony Edmondson, Dorothy Evans, John Evans, Will Hart, Lisa Collini, Jim Reed, Michael Szura and Curt Stanley.

Invocation was given by Jim Reed. [7:14:37 PM](#)

Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Mike Campbell [7:16:38 PM](#)

Commission Reports - [7:17:00 PM](#)

Layna Hafer, Economic Development Task Force Report. On February 28, 2022 there will be a meeting with Jerry Miller an Economic Development Specialist for the Idaho Department of Commerce from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Vendome, this meeting is open to the public.

Secondly, the Economic Development Task Force is still actively looking for a place to put their first “Welcome To Weiser” sign. Layna stated that they are looking at all three entrances into Weiser to find the best location to do some landscaping, put some solar lighting, etc. The Task Force is open for ideas and would love to have some feedback.

Committee Reports - [7:18:52 PM](#)

Sterling Blackwell, Library Report. Timbra Long our Librarian is working very hard to get new stuff in the Library at all times. At the moment she has just over 29,000 different items to check out. She has just over 4,000 different library cards out in the community and about 300 that are being actively used. There is a great selection of DVD's, audio books and all sorts of other things including Libby the audio book service. They also have Book Clubs for every age level and movie night for little kids once a month.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk Tate. [7:19:56 PM](#)

MINUTES [7:22:46 PM](#)

Motioned by Mike Hopkins and seconded by Layna Hafer to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on January 10, 2022 as presented and place them on file.

[7:23:03 PM](#)

AYES: Layna Hafer, Alicia Cavazos, Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

[7:23:12 PM](#)

BILLS

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

7:23:30 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Alicia Cavazos, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Layna Hafer
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF PLANNING AND ZONING – No minutes to approve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: None.

WILL HART WITH IDAHO CONSUMER-OWNED UTILITIES ASSOCIATION MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT – Action Item. **7:23:48 PM**

Will Hart, Executive Director of the Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association of which the City of Weiser is a member. ICUA represents (11) eleven rural electric cooperatives and (10) municipal power company's across the State of Idaho and serves about 140,000 consumers and member owners across the State. My job is to represent you at the State, Regional, Federal and International level on issues relating to energy, Bonneville Power Administration and such. I am happy to answer any questions you might have about that, but I'm here tonight to talk to you about the Mutual Assistance Group and ask you to join. In August of 2017 the majority of utilities in Idaho signed on to the Idaho Mutual Assistance Group. This is a voluntary organization that was formed so that our utilities can help each other out in times of disaster. We got almost everybody to sign on and through some paperwork glitches we realized we had some members that had not signed on yet, and the City of Weiser is one of them. I reached out to Clerk Tate and asked for some time to talk to you and ask you to sign on to the IMAG Agreement. We thought that there may be some concerns that the Agreement was codified back in 2017 and now it is 2022. Well, there have been no changes to the Agreement and as we have added utilities over the years they have just dated their signatory page to the date and month of signing and provided us a contact at your utility and then you are a member of the Assistance Group. With that I am happy to answer any questions on the IMAG or ICUA issues, Bonneville, anything going on in the State House, if not, I just humbly ask for you to sign on and join the rest of the utilities in Idaho, protecting you and helping protect them.

7:26:58 PM – Mayor Hibberd, I've read the contract, but what is the intent in your words? Will Hart, mutual assistance agreements are very common across the country and in Idaho we've had a couple over the years, some involved just a few utilities along with their neighboring investor owned neighbors. We really made a concerted effort back in 2017 to more accurately formalize this group. Especially in expectation, we never want it to happen but we know it has happened, whether it's flooding, wind, snow, disasters, fire...we want to make sure we had an actual process that was easy to follow moving forward and that we had an agreement that stated, that everybody could agree to, here's how we're going to reimburse each another, here's how employee's are defined, here's the process that you go through if a disaster happens. It's almost like an old phone tree, you start with the first name on the mutual assistance group if you can't reach them you go the next one. As soon as you get that person the IMAG meets on a conference call and decide what is needed. Your contact gets together with the IMAG contact and we move forward from there. Really the purpose is to make this Mutual Assistant easier, more accessible and for our contacts to know who each other are in the time of disaster.

7:28:46 PM – Layna Hafer, do we just have whoever is the head of our Electric Department as that contact? Clerk Tate, we will probably have at least (3) contacts.

7:29:02 PM – Alicia Cavazos, there's no fee associated with this right? Will Hart, there is no fee, again it's voluntary to join. In the event of a disaster the Agreement spells out how you reimburse the aiding utility at that time. Plus you are a member of ICUA already so this is made available to you through your membership.

7:29:57 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Layna Hafer to accept and sign the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association Mutual Assistance Agreement.

7:30:10 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Layna Hafer, Alicia Cavazos, Sterling Blackwell and Mike Hopkins
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

7:30:23 PM – Mayor Hibberd thanked Will Hart for coming and talking to us and giving up his Valentine's night to do so.

CRAIG SMITH & MIKE SMITH OF AGILE HOMES REQUEST TO AMEND TITLE 10 ZONING REGULATIONS CHAPTERS 8, 9, AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS B, B-1, SECTIONS 10-8-3: 10-9-3: LOT AREA REGULATIONS – Action Item. **7:30:38 PM**

Mayor Hibberd, this item has been tabled until next month.

TD&H ENGINEERING WEISER AIRPORT INDEPENDENT FEE ESTIMATE AGREEMENT \$3,500.00 – Action Item. **7:30:52 PM**

City Clerk David Tate, Mayor and Council as you well know FAA does require a third party to review JUB's estimate and we hire TD&H. I send them information that JUB does their estimate on and then they come back with an estimate. We then compare the two estimates and see how close we are, if there is a discrepancy we work it out. If the Council so wishes I would recommend a recommendation to approve this TD&H Independent Airport Estimate and authorize the Mayor to sign.

7:31:45 PM

Motioned by Mike Hopkins and seconded by Alicia Cavazos to accept the TD&H Engineering Weiser Airport Independent Fee Estimate Agreement in the amount of \$3,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

7:31:57 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Sterling Blackwell, Alicia Cavazos, Layna Hafer and Mike Hopkins
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

7:32:30 PM – Layna Hafer, so can I back us up for a second. I know we went past the decision on Agile Homes, but for people who are tuning into the City Council Meeting to see what we decide, could the Mayor just go ahead and speak to the fact that it's been tabled until March 14th when we'll have a hearing.

7:32:55 PM - Mayor Hibberd, the decision on the code change regarding set backs has been tabled until March 14th. We were unable to hear from everyone who wanted to speak on this subject so that meeting has been tabled until March 14th at 6:00 PM.

MAYOR APPOINTS ASHLEY KRUSE TO LIBRARY BOARD WITH CITY COUNCIL CONSENT – Action Item. **7:33:28 PM**

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Layna Hafer to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ashley Kruse to the Library Board.

7:34:12 PM

AYES: Layna Hafer, Alicia Cavazos, Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR APPOINTS CLARENCE STARK TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WITH CITY COUNCIL CONSENT – Action Item. **7:34:25 PM**

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Alicia Cavazos to approve the Mayor's appointment of Clarence Stark as an addition to the City Planning & Zoning Commission.

7:33:48 PM

AYES: Layna Hafer, Alicia Cavazos, Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

**MOUNTAIN WATERWORKS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT PADDOCK
SEWER MAIN PROJECT \$5,000.00 – Action Item. 7:34:55 PM**

Mike Campbell, City Purchasing Agent. We purchased all the pipe and manholes to install 800 feet of new Sewer Main behind the Institute. The next step would be having it engineered before we have it installed. We've been talking with Mountain Waterworks, they specialize in sewer and water only. In this case we would like to use them and see how it goes.

7:35:43 PM – Sterling Blackwell, last month we approved the report and investigation, is that correct, is that the same project? Clerk Tate, no separate project. Sterling, so cleaning up the filter and intakes is a different project. Clerk Tate, the monthly report indicated that they had finished their inspection of the Water Intakes in the Weiser River and Snake River. This is the Sewer Main behind the Institute.

7:36:15 PM

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Mike Hopkins to approve the Mountain Waterworks Professional Service Agreement for the Sewer Main Project on Paddock for \$5,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

7:36:36 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Alicia Cavazos, Mike Hopkins, Layna Hafer and Sterling Blackwell
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

**ACCEPT \$405,000.00 FAA GRANT OFFER & AUTHORIZE JUB TO GO OUT FOR BID TO
CONSTRUCT TAXIWAYS – Action Item. 7:37:03 PM**

City Clerk David Tate, we did receive an offer from the FAA in the amount of \$405,000.00 on project AIP 3-16-0037-021-2022. That is a match on City side of \$33,750.00 and the State will match \$11,250.00 for a total project of \$450,000.00. If the Council would so wish, we need a motion and second from the Council and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant offer and then authorize JUB to go out to bid to construct the Taxiway.

7:38:02 PM – Layna Hafer, in our packet it lined it out a little bit differently, so I assume because we got the grant? Clerk Tate, we got the grant after Council got their packets. We didn't get those until late Friday afternoon on the grant offer from FAA, we were trying to keep things moving along because we knew we were going to get it, we just weren't sure of the time.

7:38:35 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Layna Hafer to accept the \$405,000.00 FAA Grant Offer and authorize JUB to go out for bid to construct Taxiways at the Weiser Municipal Airport and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

7:39:01 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Mike Hopkins, Alicia Cavazos, Sterling Blackwell and Layna Hafer
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

7:39:12 PM – Layna Hafer, was that the amount we were expecting from the grant? Clerk Tate affirmed. Mayor Hibberd added that we do have the funds budgeted for our part.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION IDAHO CODE 74-206(1)(F) COMMUNICATE WITH LEGAL
COUNSEL FOR LIKELY OR PENDING LITIGATION – Action Item. 7:39:26 PM**

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Mike Hopkins to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(F) Communicate with Legal Counsel for likely or pending litigation.

7:39:46 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Layna Hafer and Alicia Cavazos

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

AUTHORIZE LEGAL COUNSEL TO TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Action Item. 8:14:00 PM

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Mike Hopkins to authorize Legal Counsel to take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

AYES: Layna Hafer, Alicia Cavazos, Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item.

Motioned by Layna Hafer and seconded by Mike Hopkins to adjourn.

AYES: Layna Hafer, Alicia Cavazos, Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15:00 PM.

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

David Tate, Clerk/Coordinator