

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
MARCH 11, 2024
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:03:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Mike Shepherd, Carl Smith and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Theresa Rasmussen, Phil Janquart, Mark Burgess, Ron Bruce, Hunter Ostrom, Kristin Nielsen, Ricci Storelli and Veronica Vasquez.

Invocation was given by Reverend Mark Burgess.

Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Mike Shepherd

Note: Time stamp is about 3 hours and 25 minutes fast.

Commission Reports:

10:32:12 PM – Sterling Blackwell, updated the Council on what the Weiser Design Review Committee is currently working on.

10:33:52 PM – Marg Chipman, gave the February 2024 Library statistics report. Marg also informed Council that Timbra Long had applied for and received a grant to purchase ten laptops with a charging cart.

10:35:18 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Weiser Economic Development Committee Report. Main Street is getting up and running and moving forward with the goals they have set.

Committee Reports: None.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 10:36:55 PM

10:41:23 PM – Sterling Blackwell noted that some of the Council Members were able to take a tour of the Water Tower and see its updated progress. The team is doing a great job and it was nice to see how that department is working with them.

MINUTES

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on February 12, 2024 and one (1) Special City Council Meeting on February 22, 2024 as presented and place them on file.

10:42:35 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS

Motioned by Mike Hopkins and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and present them to the Treasurer to have warrants drawn for payment.

10:43:00 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Herb Haun and Marg Chipman
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROSE ADVOCATES ANNUAL UPDATE. 10:43:23 PM

Veronica Vasquez, Executive Director of Rose Advocates gave their annual update. Veronica broke down the 2023 Washington County case statistics adding that they had also sheltered 25 families at their safe house in Payette. Every 2nd Thursday of the Month Rose Advocates, local Prosecutors, the Police Department and Sheriffs hold a CCRT (Coordinated Community Response Team) Training together to discuss how to best serve and not duplicate services.

S.R.E.D.A.'S ANNUAL UPDATE. 10:48:06 PM

Kristin Nielsen, 650 College Blvd, Ontario OR 97914, Executive Director of S.R.E.D.A. Kristen presented the 2024 S.R.E.D.A. update to the Mayor and Council briefly recounting how SREDA came about, what their target industries are, how they are funded, their involvement with local businesses and how they receive leads for new businesses and how they proceed with those leads.

APPROVE POLICY FOR VACATION BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY AT 6 MONTHS AND NEW YEARLY ACCRUAL RATES – Action Item. 11:06:20 PM

Mayor Hibberd, this is separate from the other policies because it is a change from what we are currently doing. Mayor Hibberd briefly explained the six month eligibility change. Clerk McDaniel highlighted why we want to make the changes.

11:11:04 PM

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve the Policy for Vacation Benefit Eligibility at 6 Months and new Yearly Accrual Rate Schedule as presented.

11:11:16 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Marg Chipman, Herb Haun, Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg and Sterling Blackwell

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

IDAHO GEM GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN – Action Item. 11:11:33 PM

Mike Campbell, this is the \$50,000.00 Gem Grant to help the Parker and Parker RV Project run Water Main under the road from the west to the east. The match and in-kind comes from Parker and Parker, the Grant goes straight to them, the City of Weiser is just the administrator.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to accept the Idaho Gem Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign.

11:13:00 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Marg Chipman, Larry Hogg and Herb Haun

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE HWY 95 MOU MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN – Action Item. 11:13:32 PM

Mike Campbell, this is a pretty standard agreement with ITD, if you look at State of Idaho Code this is how all cities do this. Mayor Hibberd added that not having the MOU is holding up the projects south of the Weiser River Bridge. Discussion followed.

11:16:26 PM

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the Hwy 95 MOU Maintenance Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

11:16:36 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

COUNTY ROAD 70 REALIGNMENT UPDATE. 11:17:02 PM

Mike Campbell, this is the road going to the Water Plant. Treasure Valley Farms owns the property and will be moving the road to the south. It has been fully engineered and it meets county road specs for a

dirt road. It will have an ingress-egress and a utility easement and it sounds like they may even turn over the right-of-way in the future when they are completely finished. They also gave us the rest of the easement going east on to the Laird Property. Discussion followed.

11:20:51 PM – Mike Shepherd, Lead Operator Water Treatment Plant. This will actually stop a lot of the conflict we have with their traffic, especially during harvest. It will eliminate all of their commercial traffic and it gets a lot of the traffic away from all of our infrastructure too.

2024 FIREWORKS PROPOSAL – Action Item. 11:22:37 PM

Mike Campbell, there is \$12,000.00 in the budget to cover firework costs. To make the same fireworks order this year will cost \$13,800.00. Most of the firework costs are covered through generous donations, we just cannot guarantee that. Discussion followed.

11:25:29 PM

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to fund the full amount for the 2024 Forth of July Fireworks.

11:25:43 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Herb Haun, Katie von Brethorst, Sterling Blackwell, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins and Marg Chipman

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF WASTEWATER F-150 NOT TO EXCEED \$42,932.00 –

Action Item. 11:26:04 PM

Mike Campbell, this is the State Spec bid through Mountain Home Auto Ranch with options. We budgeted \$50,000.00 for this truck. Discussion followed. Mike added that this truck might not be here until the next budget year, we just need to get it ordered now.

11:27:56 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the purchase of the Wastewater F-150 not to exceed \$42,932.00.

11:28:06 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Herb Haun, Marg Chipman, Sterling Blackwell, Katie von Brethorst and Mike Hopkins.

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ACCEPT WEISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REQUEST – Action Item. 11:28:36 PM

Mayor Hibberd, the Hospital would like to donate 300 water glasses to the Vendome with the caveat to borrow them back for their annual off-site Donor Appreciation Dinner. Discussion followed.

11:30:34 PM

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Mike Hopkins to accept Weiser Memorial Hospital's offer to purchase 300 water glasses for the Vendome with the allowance for them to borrow them back for their special event or events.

11:30:50 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE CONTRACTOR BID FOR INDIANHEAD PATHWAY PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CHANGE ORDERS NOT TO EXCEED THE ORIGINAL AWARDED GRANT AMOUNT – Action Item. 11:30:56 PM

Mike Campbell, this is to approve the \$212,000.00 base bid with \$38,000.00 for add-on's. We actually received the \$250,000.00 in grant funds last year but could not get any bids. This will take the pathway from Indianhead Estates to the bottom of the hill on State Street. Once this grant closes out we can reapply for another grant to finish it out. Discussion followed.

11:34:48 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the contractor bid for the Indianhead Pathway Project and authorize the Mayor to sign any Change Orders not to exceed the original awarded grant amount of \$250,000.00.

11:35:03 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Mike Hopkins, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, Herb Haun, Marg Chipman and Sterling Blackwell
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE TKO VARIANCE (6 LOTS) IN OLDS FERRY SUBDIVISION – Action Item.

11:35:23 PM

Larry Hogg requested permission to be recused from this issue.

11:35:46 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to recuse Larry Hogg from this item.

11:35:55 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

11:36:15 PM – Clerk McDaniel, in your packets is everything that went to Planning & Zoning, everything that went through the Public Hearing, the original application for the variance, the map, the notice of the Public Hearing, the minutes from the Public Hearing, the minutes from Planning & Zoning and their recommendations in their Findings of Facts and also a staff report from Dave Loos. Council discussion followed.

11:38:47 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to approve the TKO Variance for 6 Lots in the Olds Ferry Subdivision.

11:38:55 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR HAPPY PUP PAMPER CAMPER GRAND OPENING – Action Item. 11:40:51 PM

Clerk McDaniel explained that the reason this is coming to Council is because they are going to have vendors on a public street. We did get signatures from all the business owners it would affect and everyone was for it. They will be blocking off State Street from Commercial to Idaho. Discussion followed.

11:44:17 PM

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the use of City Property for the Happy Pup Pamper Camper Grand Opening.

11:44:31 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE POLICIES: VISITORS TO OFFICES AND WORK SITES, REST BREAK AND MEALTIME, PAID HOLIDAY BENEFIT, SICK LEAVE BENEFIT, BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT AND LIBRARY REPORTING STRUCTURE – Action Item. 11:44:38 PM

Mayor Hibberd, are there any questions? Sterling Blackwell asked if the Library was OK with this policy? Clerk McDaniel, this is from our Librarian Timbra Long, she went through this policy and changed a lot and clarified a lot. Clerk McDaniel noted some wording changes in the Library Policy that Marg Chipman had pointed out to her. Discussion followed.

11:47:45 PM -

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the policies including: Visitors to Offices and Work Sites, Rest Break and Mealtime, Paid Holiday Benefit, Sick Leave Benefit, Bereavement Benefit, and Library Reporting Structure.

11:48:04 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg
Chipman and Katie von Brethorst
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to adjourn.

11:48:17 PM

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg
Chipman and Katie von Brethorst
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:48:19 PM

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk