

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
APRIL 8, 2024
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:00:26 PM (15:48:48 PM)

Note: Recording times are still off and now in military time.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Herb Haun.

STAFF: Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Ron McDaniel, Bill Taylor, Mike Shepherd, Troy Krahn and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Theresa Rasmussen, Ginger Taylor, Luis E. Negrete, Maria M. Negrete, Samantha R. Negrete, Patrick Nauman, Keilan Phillips, Doug Phillips and Laura Phillips.

Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Natasha McDaniel.

Commission Reports:

15:49:38 PM - Marg Chipman, Library Report. The Library received ten lap tops and a charging station through the LOR Foundation Grant. Marg then gave the March 2024 library use statistics.

15:50:39 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Design Review Committee Report. They are currently going through documents regarding the ideas behind a historic district.

15:51:20 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Weiser Economic Development Team Report. Still working through the Main Street Program and brain storming ideas for the backs of the entrance signs.

Committee Reports: None.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. **15:52:40 PM**

MINUTES 15:56:15 PM

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on March 11, 2024 as presented and place them on file.

15:56:48 PM

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 15:56:54 PM

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

15:57:19 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE BID FOR CONTRACT MOWING IN THE PARKS – Action Item. 15:57:55 PM

Ron McDaniel, Streets/Parks Supervisor, after doing a cost analysis it won't save us a great deal of money, but with better equipment they could do the mowing faster and more efficiently. Discussion followed.

16:07:33 PM

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the 2024 contract with Eden Lawn Services LLC for mowing only (Memorial Park, City Park, Lions Park and the Soccer Complex) for \$37,800.00 and the two additional Parks (Heritage Park and Time Square) with Veterans Park included at no charge for a total of \$39,450.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

16:08:00 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH – Action Item. 16:08:20 PM

Council Member Sterling Blackwell read the Fair Housing Proclamation into record.

16:10:24

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Mike Hopkins to proclaim April 2024 as Fair Housing Month and authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation.

16:10:38 PM

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

APPROVE POLICIES: VETERANS PREFERENCE POLICY, EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT POLICY, WORK HOURS AND COMPENSATION POLICY, EMPLOYEE REHIRE POLICY, EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY, JURY DUTY BENEFIT POLICY AND MEDICAL BENEFIT POLICY – Action Item. 16:10:45 PM

16:11:26 PM – Larry Hogg requested that the Employee Recruitment Policy be voted on separately. In Section 2 – I – 1. Larry would like to include sibling(s) to the immediate family list.

16:12:31 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve adding sibling(s) to the immediate family definition of the Employee Recruitment Policy.

16:14:07 PM

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

16:14:38 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the Veterans Preference Policy, Work Hours and Compensation Policy, Employee Rehire Policy, Employee Training & Development Policy, Jury Duty Benefit Policy and Medical Benefit Policy.

16:14:54 PM

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

APPROVE ORDINANCE #1269 BACKFLOW CROSS CONNECTION UPDATE – Action Item.

16:15:06 PM Larry Hogg read Ordinance #1269 by Title.

16:16:01 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Mike Hopkins to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance #1269 on to a third and final reading by title only.

16:16:25 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

16:16:35 PM - Clerk McDaniel read Ordinance #1269 by Title only.

16:17:16 PM - Bill Taylor, we are updating Ordinance #1269 to match the State Legislative Code as it is currently written.

16:18:13 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve Ordinance #1269 Back-flow Cross Connection Update and authorize the Mayor to sign the action.

16:18:24 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE NEGRETE SPECIAL USE REQUEST – Action Item. 16:18:42 PM

Mike Campbell, after talking with Dave Loos, the Special Use Request is for a piece of property to build a house that is in a space that can not be farmed. There is City water available to that property, I verified that with Bill Taylor. Discussion followed.

16:21:14 PM

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Mike Hopkins to make a recommendation to the Washington County Planning & Zoning and Commissioners to approve the Negrete Special Use Request.

16:21:30 PM

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE HARVEST BAZAAR REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY – Action Item.

16:21:47 PM Patrick Nauman addressed the Council with a request to move the Fall Bazaar from it's location at Second Chance on Hwy 95 to downtown Weiser keeping the same dates of October 4th and 5th and re-branding it as the Harvest Bazaar. Patrick presented his plans and designs for the event. Patrick's request is to close off State Street from Court Street to Commercial but leaving Court, Main, Idaho and Commercial Streets open to through traffic. Patrick has contacted all the businesses in those three blocks and they are all in favor. He will have signatures from all those businesses by Friday. Discussion followed.

16:28:05 PM – Clerk McDaniel asked Lt Troy Krahn if he had any concerns or questions? Lt. Krahn, the Police Department doesn't have any concerns. Leaving the streets open is a great idea, I would recommend putting temporary stop signs where there is no traffic control. Discussion followed.

16:30:06 PM – Clerk McDaniel explained that the only reason this is coming before Council is because there will be vendors on the street and because it is a new event. Like other annual events with vendors selling on City property, once they are approved it does not have to come back before Council each year unless changes need to be made. Discussion followed.

16:31:35 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the use of City Property for the Harvest Bazaar.

16:31:50 PM

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

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR PARK GRANT. 16:32:06 PM

Mike Campbell, when you get Federal Grants you have to have a licensed Grant Administrator and Region IV Development Association Inc is the one that takes care of those. They actually submitted the Grant for us and have worked through this with us. This just says we will pay them the rest of their money as due as the Grant goes on. Discussion followed.

16:33:41 PM

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Administrative Contract for the Park Grant.

16:34:10 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item.

16:34:27 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to adjourn.

16:34:30 PM

AYES: 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 16:34:38 PM

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk