

**CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

55 West Idaho Street

Weiser, ID 83672

Monday

MAY 13, 2024

7:00 pm

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

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Randall Hibberd, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Dave Loos, Troy Krahn, Bill Taylor, Mike Shepherd, Ron Pope, Robert Torres, Jim Hehir, Lonnie Chambers, Pete Ney, Mackenzie Kissell, Sjon Spens, Doug Wicks and Jim Metzger.

Guests: Thereasa Rasmussen, Phil Janquart, Blake Coats, Ginger Taylor, Valeena Shepherd, Larry Boots, Jon C Walker, Delton Walker and Bonnie Akbar.

Invocation was given by Reverend Blake Coats.

Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Mike Shepherd.

Commission Reports:

Marg Chipman, Library Report. Marg noted that the Library will have to create an Adult Only section due to House Bill 710. Marg then gave the April 2024 Library use statistics.

Committee Reports:

Sterling Blackwell, Design Review Committee report. They are currently in the process of adopting and figuring out how to do a design layover. They are still waiting for the codified version of the landscaping.

Sterling Blackwell, Economic Development Committee report. As a Committee they are in the process of rewriting their mission and determining how they can best serve our community. Sterling also mentioned some personnel shifts for Main Street.

Department Reports were presented by Public Works Director Mike Campbell.

MINUTES

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on April 8, 2024 as presented and place them on file.

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 Marg Chipman to approve the bills pending further review by the Finance Committee and presenting them to the Treasurer to have warrants drawn for payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mike Campbell noted that Item 10, Accept Transportation Plan Grant and Authorize the Mayor to sign all Documents Moving Forward will be removed from tonight's agenda because the paperwork from ITD did not come through yet.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to remove Item 10 from tonight's agenda.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

WATER AND WASTEWATER AWARDS PRESENTATION.

Mayor Hibberd announced that the City of Weiser Water Department were named Water Operation of the Year for the State of Idaho. They received a beautiful award and each member of the Water Department received a commemorative jacket.

Mayor Hibberd announced that Wastewater Operator Sjon Spens had been named "Rookie of the Year" for all the Wastewater Treatment Plants in the State of Idaho.

Bill Taylor, Water Department Supervisor announced that Mike Shepherd was also named Operator of the Year for the City of Weiser.

FIREWORKS UPDATE.

Bill Taylor updated the Council with the plans to raise funds for this years Fireworks Displays. Bill

noted that the Fireworks Shows are for the community and funded by the community. Bill thanked the City of Weiser for their continued support.

APPROVE ARTFUL BON'S PROPOSED MURAL FOR CITY HALL – Action Item.

Bonnie Akbar, Artful Bons 35 W Idaho, Weiser Idaho. Bonnie presented her mural proposal for the back side of City Hall. Bonnie presented two different designs with stylized American Flags. Bonnie stated that it will take about five days to complete and she is ready to go once the wall is power washed and repairs completed. Discussion followed.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Herb Haun to approve Artful Bon's proposed mural for the backside of City Hall.

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

WALKER REZONE REQUEST A-1 TO C-3 – Action Item.

Larry Hogg, asked about the development agreement Council were asked to consider, when this is a zone change request. City P&Z Administrator Dave Loos, in my staff report I recommended that we approve a C-3 Zoning with a Development Agreement. Discussion followed concerning the use of City Code within the Impact Area. Dave Loos further explained that a Development Agreement stays with that property for perpetuity and can not be changed. Discussion about what is allowed in C-3 followed. Mayor Hibberd, this property is the gateway to our city, do we want light industrial in our gateway, is that how we want to develop it? More discussion followed about C-3 Zoning.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the Walker Rezone Request from A-1 to C-3 contingent upon a Development Agreement that is reviewed and approved by the City Council.

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

Mayor Hibberd – The Zoning Committee will meet to make a recommendation on what we want to see in the Development Agreement.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF AIRPORT MOWER – Action Item.

Mike Campbell, the Airport is requesting to purchase a 7 foot, 3-point mower for their tractor. The John Deere Mower from Campbell Tractor is low bid coming in at \$4,775.00. It seems to be the best mower and it is also available to purchase now. We did not budget for this mower, but there is room in the budget to purchase it. Discussion followed.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the purchase of a of a mower for the Airport not to exceed \$5,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

WILDWOOD FLOWERS AND EVENTS BEER AND WINE APPLICATION – Action Item.

Lt Troy Krahn, Weiser Police Department. I do not see any potential problems with this request. A brief discussion followed.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the Wildwood Flowers and Events Beer and Wine Application.

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

APPROVE SURPLUS OF CITY VEHICLES – Action Item.

Mike Campbell reviewed the list of surplus city vehicles for the Council.

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Larry Hogg to declare the following vehicles surplus:

1. Impala Police Cruiser Scrap #P1153.
2. Impala Police Cruiser Scrap #P1093.
3. Impala Police Cruiser Scrap #P1091.
4. Impala Police Cruiser Scrap #P1049.
5. Impala Police Cruiser Scrap #P543.
6. Impala Police Cruiser Scrap #P404.
7. Impala Police Cruiser #P185.
8. GMC 4x4 Extended Cab #50.
9. 1999 International Line Truck #42.
10. 1986 International Truck S1900 #707S
11. 3 Animal Control Pickup Bed Boxes.
12. 480 Volt Diesel Generator.

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

AUTHORIZE THE MOVEMENT OF FUNDS BETWEEN BANKS AND POSSIBLY OPEN NEW ACCOUNT AT UMPQUA BANK – Action Item.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to recuse Council Members Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg.

AYES: Herb Haun, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Margaret Taggart, City Treasurer presented for Council approval the proposed movement of funds for investment purposes between Zions Bank, DL Evans Bank and including the addition of a new bank account with Umpqua Bank. Mayor Hibberd added some back ground information.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to authorize the movement of funds between banks and open a new account with Umpqua.

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

Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg returned to the Council Bench.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN NEW CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT – Action Item.

Mayor Hibberd presented for Council approval his appointment of Reece Hrizuk Attorney at Law as the new City Attorney.

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Mike Hopkins to approve Reece Hrizuk Attorney at Law as the new City Attorney and authorize the Mayor to sign the new attorney contract.

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

ACCEPT TRANSPORTATION PLAN GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS MOVING FORWARD – Action Item. Removed from agenda.

APPROVE THE APPRAISAL FOR CURRENT POLICE STATION BUILDING; COST TO BE SPLIT WITH THE COUNTY – Action Item.

Mayor Hibberd requested Council approval for \$2,500.00 the City's half for an appraisal of the current Police Station Building. Mayor Hibberd brought up the possibly of renovating the old City Fire Station to house the City Police Department.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to authorize splitting the cost for an appraisal of the current Police Station Building with Washington County.

Larry Hogg – Have either the County or us looked for an appraiser? Mayor Hibberd stated that the County has one in mind that they have used before. Discussion followed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BID - Action Item.

Sterling Blackwell, Facilities Committee Report. The Committee met and reviewed five different plans and bids for the Playground Equipment. The Plan being presented for Council approval tonight has several areas that allow for wheel chair accessibility, this will allow more youth and citizens to enjoy the new facility. Mike Campbell added that we were actually able to add another piece of equipment to this plan and can still utilize that last bit of money if there is something that comes up, even during the installation process.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the Playground Equipment Bid.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to adjourn.

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 [8:24:06 PM](#)

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk

