



CITY OF IDAHO CITY

AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:00 P.M

City Hall, 511 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631

MINUTES

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 859 1310 6899

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Everhart called the special city council meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Clerk Ptak called roll, Heffington, Elliott, Adams, Secor in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Everhart led the pledge of allegiance.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. IDAHO CITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT


Mayor Everhart explained that this meeting is to discuss the Fire Protection District building and property. Mayor Everhart asked Brent Adamson if he had any update on proposals. Adamson explained he spoke with the board members and the Chief. Their suggestion is that so far they have paid \$8000 towards the city and the city would provide transfer of deed for them to sign. Counselor Elliott asked what they thought about the budget numbers that were provided and Adamson responded that their takeaway was that the city did not support the Fire Department very well during those years. Counselor Secor added that the Fire Department did not go without anything during those years either. Discussion on the budget and financial support ensued. Adamson asked what the city's proposal is. Counselor Elliott explained that she is not speaking on behalf of the council but when she looked at the budget numbers she saw \$127,000 as a budget line item that the city taxpayers paid to the fire department since the building was built. Her hope was that the discussion would begin somewhere around there. Elliott added that she was hoping that the Fire Department would have provided proof that the land was part of the grant. Mitch Tain explained that the information is on the first page of the grant paperwork. Council explained that they have never seen any grant paperwork. Mayor Everhart explained that the city has been asking for copies of the grant paperwork or any other documentation since the district was first formed and have not received anything. Tain left to get copies of the paperwork. Discussion on the budget numbers ensued. Elliott asked Goodlett for the total budget amount from 1996-2017 (when the building was built to when the District was formed). Goodlett responded \$185,698 from 1996-2017. Tain returned with paperwork and presented it to Mayor and Council. Tain explained that it is the third line item down on the first page which states - Land, structures, and right of ways - \$45,500 plus administrative costs. The city bought the land initially and would be reimbursed when the grant was obtained. Discussion on the grant ensued. Mayor Everhart explained that the purpose of this discussion was to determine a value that the District was willing to spend to compensate the city for the time that the city funded the Fire Department before the District was formed. This meeting has now turned into the District having no desire or intention or offer of any compensation to the city for the facility. Adamson stated that they did not know the purpose of this meeting was to come with an offer. Mayor Everhart reminded Adamson of what was discussed at the April 24th meeting. Clerk Ptak informed council that during the regular meeting they do have an executive session to discuss this matter. Counselor Adams added that as far as what she understood from the meeting in March is that the compensation amount was definitely not zero. The citizens of Idaho City paid taxes and part of that was used as a line item for the Fire Department in the budget. Discussion on taxes ensued. Adamson explained that when the Fire Department built the building it was never intended for them not to have it. When the District was formed to take over with a different taxing process their goal was to make the Fire Department function better. The District was formed and there was a transfer, but the building did not transfer with the department. Mayor Everhart added that many times in this meeting Adamson has referenced the Idaho City Fire Department, and to use Adamson's logic the building is the Idaho City Fire Departments, not the District. Adamson responded that the building was built by the Fire Department by a grant they acquired with help from people in and outside the city. The intent was that the building would be the Fire Departments and the city has stated that they would never make them leave. If the District has the deed

to the property they can then benefit the building and the District better. Mayor Everhart asked what is prohibiting them from doing that as the situation stands now. Adamson responded that they cannot get grants on a building they do not own. Mayor Everhart responded, "sure you can, with the partnership of the city". Discussion on other Fire departments and their buildings ensued. Tain added that the concern is that the current council agrees that the District can use the land and building forever but they cannot guarantee that in 5-10 years when there is a whole new council that will be the case. Discussion on things in the past ensued. Elliott added that she believes the Fire Department wants the transfer for \$0 and the city wants to be reimbursed \$185000 for the 20 years of supporting the department. Something in the middle needs to be agreed upon to move forward and whatever happens a survey needs to be done, and that should fall to the District. Discussion on value and taxes ensued. Counselor Elliott suggested ending at this point and allowing council to discuss and the Fire Department to discuss and then plan another meeting. Counselor Heffington added that he knows the Fire Department has feelings invested and that they built the building, but the council has a responsibility to the citizens of Idaho City to try and do what is best for them as well. Counselor Adams added that if there is any other paperwork that they consider pertinent, to please get it to council. Adamson explained that they are going to talk with the volunteers and constituents to discuss and he will get a date when they are ready to come back and talk. Counselor Adams stated that everything the District and volunteers do is appreciated and thanked them.

ADJOURNMENT 6:55 PM

ATTEST:


Nancy L. Ptak, City Clerk-Treasurer

Date approved: 5/22/2024

Ken Everhart, Mayor

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