

# CITY OF IDAHO CITY



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday August 25, 2021

6:00 P.M

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

## MINUTES

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Canody called the meeting to order at 6pm.

ROLL CALL: Secor, Everhart and Martin present. Hillyard absent.

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

### I. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent calendar includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar in order that it is discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the Council agenda packet regarding these items and any contingencies are part of the approval.

#### ~~A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 11, 2021 AND AUGUST 23, 2021~~ **ACTION ITEM**

Tabled for next meeting

#### B. IDAHO CITY EVENT CHECKLIST: **ACTION ITEM**

1. SPOOKY FALL FESTIVAL – COWBOY CAMPGROUND – LEGACY PARK TRUST – OCTOBER 16, 2021

Sabrina Amidon presented the council with an event checklist for October 16, 2021. After a brief explanation of the event, Chief Otter thought the only reason to come to council with this event would be to ask for use of the rodeo grounds parking lot since the event is actually on their property. Having insurance for a minimal amount would be required and any vendors would need to pay city fees. The council agrees, Secor made a motion to allow the Spooky Fall Festival to utilize the rodeo grounds parking lot for parking only, contingent on insurance provided to the clerk, seconded by Everhart. 3 ayes. Sabrina also mentioned that with the help of the volunteer fire department they may be having a small bon fire for the event.

#### C. BILLS/PAYABLES: AUGUST 12, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2021 **ACTION ITEM**

Everhart made a motion to pay the bills dated August 12, 2021 through August 25, 2021 in the amount of \$5403.65, seconded by Secor. 3 ayes.

### II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Items listed as public hearings allow citizen comment on the subject matter before the Council. Residents or visitors wishing to comment upon the item before the Council should follow the procedural steps. In order to testify, individuals must sign up in advance, providing sufficient information to allow the Clerk to properly record their testimony in the official record of the City Council. Hearing procedures call for presentation by the applicant, submission of information from City staff, followed by public testimony. **ACTION ITEM**

### III. ENGINEER'S REPORT

None at this time, work is progressing at the RO plant.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. MAILBOXES IN THE IDAHO CITY CITY LIMITS

Public works director Tami Franklin was present to give her thought on the need to put into action of limiting where mailboxes can be within city limits. They are a burden on the city's road department, mostly in the winter months and have been obstructed by city equipment. Hazard to the equipment and citizens. McCall has it on their website as a policy. The council and mayor believe we should look into this seriously, maybe an ordinance? Attorney Joan Callahan will look into this as an option.

#### 2. LOCAL OPTION TAXES

Discussion on the possibility of Idaho City entering a local option tax, in order to qualify the city must be considered a "resort city". While many do not believe we are, the criteria is there, further investigation will need

to happen and obtain some information from the Chamber may be helpful. Town has not slowed down at all and our resources are used heavily, why put this burden on the city and its locals? This will be an ongoing topic until final determination is made on whether the city can or cannot do this and ensure that the residents will not be hit with additional taxes on their own necessities as a result of this tax.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. ADOPT TENTATIVE 2021/2022 BUDGET **ACTION ITEM**

Clerk Ptak presented the council with a balanced budget but asked council to consider having a special meeting on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> to adopt, giving them more time to adjust or check for clerical errors throughout the weekend. Council agreed.

2. PERFORMANCE OF HISTORICAL MONOLOGUES IN THE PIONEER CEMETERY – DANA ZOCH – IDAHO CITY HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE **ACTION ITEM**

Dana Zoch, Theatre teacher at Idaho City MS/HS, met with Idaho City Historical Foundation to ask about the possibility of having an Idaho City Historical Ghost Tour on several weekends in October. She and her theatre students would write and perform historical monologues based on some of the pioneers buried in the cemetery. This would be considered a fund raiser for the theatre and also educate people on the history of local pioneers. The ICHF gave full support. Council agrees it would be a great event and has asked Dana to present an Idaho City Event Checklist to Clerk Ptak to have it put on the agenda.

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances and resolutions are formal measures considered by the City Council to implement policy which the Council has considered. Resolutions govern internal matters to establish fees and charges pursuant to existing ordinances. Ordinances are laws which govern general public conduct. Certain procedures must be followed in the adoption of both ordinances and resolutions; state law often establishes those requirements. **ACTION ITEM**

1. PERMANENT CAMPING STANDARDS AND PROHIBITIONS

Council and Chief Otter discussed the pros and cons of such an ordinance. Chief Otter would like to have something enforceable sooner rather than later as the weather starts to cool down, people need safe places to live. Quite a few places in town right now are not even close to health and safety standards. Landlords need to step up and ensure the safety and well-being of their tenants, Chief feels this is a situation that needs to be addressed and he has proposed a fairly strict ordinance, looking at it from the view of law enforcement. The council and city attorney are working on putting something in place that will work the uniqueness of our community and consideration those it would affect.

2. MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMITS

It was decided Idaho City would hold a public meeting on this matter, September 8, 2021. This will be considered for the purpose of proposing an emergency moratorium on building permits and development applications that require or involve new connections. Exceptions of this are the previously pending and approved connections already in place (Mores Creek Crossing phase 1 and 2). Clerk Ptak will get a notice in the Idaho World. Everhart made a motion publish a notice in the paper for a public hearing to be had at the regular city council meeting September 8, 2021 for a moratorium on development and building permits, seconded by Secor. 3 ayes.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

None at this time

B. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Rhonda Jameson updated the council on the CLG grant and the cancellation of the conference that she was expecting some reimbursement payment. They will not be happening this year. The grant will rollover to next year. There may be some grant opportunities for the Merc, the last position has for the commission may have some interest, concerns regarding the trailers getting moved and just wanted everyone to remember that they are not allowed in the historic district as permanent structures. Clerk Ptak asked her to clarify the thought on the possible upcoming grants and if they needed to be added this upcoming budget. It was suggested to add ten thousand to general budget for the historic commission, just in case a grant does go through.

C. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Planning and zoning was updated by clerk Ptak, the previous application that was sent back to Planning and Zoning for Idaho City Estates and has sent a letter from the city explaining more information would be needed.

D. IDAHO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

None at this time

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Certain City-related matters may need to be discussed confidentially as a matter of law subject to applicable legal requirements; the Council may enter executive session to discuss such matters. **ACTION ITEM**

IX. EMPLOYEE UPDATES

A. PUBLIC WORKS

Tami Franklin, public works director, update council, RO system has been getting pressure testing done, disinfection will be next. Fire hydrants are getting flushed and found a few that may need some repair. Samples are done. Construction update meeting went well. She will be getting quotes on the some of the new chemicals needed and safety gear. Start date for the RO could be middle of September.

**B. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Chief Otter updated the council on a couple items, he would like to relook into the dog kennel idea but maybe on a smaller scale and just the city. The dog complaints are just becoming more frequent. The old dog kennel may be able to be used and refurbish. He plans on doing more traffic patrolling in the next few weeks, the battery has been ordered for the traffic speed light.

**C. CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Clerk Ptak gave an update regarding the building permits; she has already started sending some items to AOKA and the transactions have been smooth. A very easy system to use and understand and convenient for the applicants. She gave them some water bill updates on past due balances, and one water shut off. She has had a couple of people come in a get election applications for candidacy. Clerk Ptak and Attorney Joan Callahan will be working on getting some liens setup on some of the larger owing water and sewer accounts. Council agrees and would like to see this on the next agenda.

**X. COUNCIL UPDATES**

Martin is concerned with the speeding in town.

**XI. MAYOR UPDATES**

Mayor Canody was given compliments throughout town regarding public works and all the hard work they have been doing around town.

**XII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Council regarding City-related issues that are not on the agenda. In order to ensure adequate public notice, Idaho Law provides that any item requiring Council action must be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting, except for emergency circumstances. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. Repeated comments regarding the same or similar topics previously addressed are out of order and will not be allowed. Persons wishing to speak will have 5 minutes. Comments regarding performance by city employees are inappropriate at this time and should be directed to the mayor, either by subsequent appointment or after tonight's meeting, if time permitting.

John Adams wanted the council and city staff to know how much he appreciates all the work everyone does to look out for the citizens in town.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ATTEST:

Date approved: August 30, 2021

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Nancy L Ptak, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Phillip Canody, Mayor

Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk, 511 Main Street or call 208-392-4584.

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Tom Secor Jr  
Ken Everhart  
HD Hillyard  
David Martin

Chief of Police:  
Mark Otter  
Public Works:  
Tami Franklin  
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