

CITY OF IDAHO CITY



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday November 4, 2020
6:00 PM.

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Canody called the meeting to order at 6:02pm
ROLL CALL: Martin, Hillyard and Everhart present. Secor absent. Secor called in at 6:07.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Canody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. CITY HALL REQUIRING MASKS DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS. **ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Canody opened the discussion with statistics from the State and County. He explained his reasoning for issuing the mask requirement, all backed up by science and stats. He presented Sue Robinson's letter and asked Clerk Ptak to present her statement. He felt this was his responsibility to protect the employees who work in the building. The other employees out in the field are always taken care of and it should be the same for those who work in the building. The mayor told the council if they wish to rescind the decision, he will honor that decision.

Secor feels the employees should be able to be protected as does Hillyard. The concern is whether the mask works or not and if it should be necessary.

Everhart presented his research he obtained from the Mayo Clinic to show his standing on mask requirements and the masks do not do what they say they are doing. He also states the two employees in question have been seen throughout town without masks, so why the difference here at city hall. He feels this is not necessarily the right action to take. He was more than willing to show his findings.

Martin feels strongly about wearing the mask even though he doesn't like wearing one. He feels the employees should have a say and respects their decision.

Clerk Ptak presented her feelings and thoughts on wearing the masks and the safety of herself, friends and family. She explained we are a small community and we need to take care of each other. The office will continue to wear a mask even if the action gets rescinded. NO ONE will be refused entrance of the building and business will be conducted as it has been since the COVID partial shutdown. There will be no shaming of any individuals wearing or not wearing a mask. The county had adopted a resolution regarding how they will be handling preventive measures of COVID in their buildings. Clerk Ptak does not feel the need to go that far at this time.

Secor spoke up again and said safety of the employees is not the question here, the main issue regarding this mask requirement, it is more or less as to how it came about.

Council agrees it should have come to them to allow them their voice in making the requirement for the mask requirement in city hall and public meetings.

Everhart and Hillyard share the opinion of the governmental overreach and the balance of protecting the employees.

It was decided by council to not rescind the mask requirement at this time.

2. RESCHEDULE NOVEMBER 11, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council decided the 18th of November, 2020 and then it would take care of the Thanksgiving schedule. If the December 9th, 2020 meeting needs to be changed the mayor can approve bills up to \$5,000 and they can be presented to the council at a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 6:34pm

ATTEST:

Date approved: November 18, 2020

Nancy L Ptak, City Clerk-Treasurer

Phillip Canody, Mayor

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