
MEETING AND AGENDA NOTICE POSTED AT CITY HALL 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE.

MEETING WAS HELD AT 3:30PM.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: MITCH HART, COUNCIL PRES.
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ABSENT: AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR
JON GOODE
SCOTT GAMBLES

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Maughan, Bayer
Doug Tanner, DEQ
Stan Christensen, DEQ
Alan Skinner, Director
Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk

Jason Maughan, Sr. Environmental Regulatory Specialist for Bayer/Monsanto gave a detailed report to the City, as requested, regarding their environmental clean-up efforts under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Mr. Maughan reviewed the history of the local ground water plume contaminated with selenium due to the past industrial processes and highlighted the Environmental Protection Agencies 5 year review of their remediation plan. He shared their current efforts to reduce the plume and gather data for use to create a permanent solution.

The ongoing plan includes a way to limit access to the contaminated ground water along with the construction of a treatment facility that would be a pilot program for treating and eliminating the contaminates.

Their current zoning reclassification application for the new treatment facility was discussed. Councilman Hart expressed his opinion that the City may desire them to rectify, what some of the City Council see as a violation of the zoning code, a zoning and use issue with the placement of an existing cooling pond. Mr. Maughan addressed the concerns explaining the existing cooling pond was initially developed as a wildlife enhancement which was allowed in the Agricultural Zone but has become more industrialized as it was fenced due to liability concerns.

The proposed treatment facility process was reviewed in detail which will include piping from the plant to the treatment facility and also from the treatment facility to the existing cooling pond.
Concerns about the placement of the facility in conjunction with a Mule Deer migration corridor were also addressed. Mr. Maughan offered several ideas to help alleviate any impact on the Mule Deer and will be working with the Idaho Fish & Game.

Mr. Maughan mentioned that updated fact sheets will be available to the public regarding their remediation efforts.

The City Council thanked Mr. Maughan for his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk-Treasurer