
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY JAMES R. SMITH, MAYOR.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: JAMES R. SMITH, MAYOR
JON D. GOODE
ROBERT M. LAU
SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED: MITCHELL J. HART, PRES.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele
Alan Skinner, Director
Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
Clyde Nelson, Attorney

The invocation was given by Mayor Jim Smith, he then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

Councilmember Hart was excused.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and noted no changes he then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the July 19th, 2017 minutes in their current form. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll for July, 2017 were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable for July 18th through July 31st, 2017 and the payroll for the month of July 2017. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. Councilmember Lau asked about the PERSI sponsored life insurance payment to NCPERS and Councilmember Goode commented on the tree trimming budget of $20,000. Director Skinner explained that usually the tree trimming is split between spring and fall but this year it has been completed all at once. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Director Skinner reported on the utility line projects. The sewer line is complete and all connections have been made in the Barnett Subdivision alley, about half the water line is complete and then they will begin connections. The next location the contractor will move to will be to install the water line under the highway connecting from Bomgaard's and running down 3rd West Street and then west to the new hotel. The boring contractor will work independent of the city contractor. The Mayor mentioned that they are trying to get the new easement approved before proceeding with the hotel water line. Sept 25th is the expected completion date of the projects. Director Skinner also reported that the surveying and utility locates are being completed for next year's project on 1st East Street and packets for the lift station pumps should be ready for review at the next meeting. The trash rake engineering is done waiting for the report and still hope to complete this year. The variable frequency drives have been delivered for Ledge Creek.
Chip and seal began on the north side of town. The first Friday is complete and it will continue for the next two Fridays. Mayor Smith mentioned that he then wants to move on getting the recycled asphalt spread in the Industrial Park. The Mayor also reported that several cleanup letters had been sent out and citations will be issued and the fire prevention letters have received a good response from surrounding property owners and you will see work being done. The Mayor also shared a cleanup success and complimented the property owners who have been willing to work with the City to improve the City.

Clerk Vorwaller requested to close city hall on August 21st to observe the solar eclipse. She explained that her staff all wanted to make plans and would like to take a day of personal time off to travel and experience the solar eclipse. The Mayor supported the request and shared information regarding the influx of people Idaho is expecting for the event. Councilmember Goode, seconded by Councilmember Lau moved to approve the City Hall closure on August 21st. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor reminded the Council that the Budget Hearing would be held at the next meeting on August 16th and it would be at the new fall meeting time of 6:30pm. The hearing begins at 6:45pm.

The Mayor, Council and Staff reviewed in further detail the proposed Formation Well rate. Clerk Vorwaller explained that the base rate would receive a 3% increase and the new rate would basically be an additional 25% annual increase to all users. The Council agreed to proceed with the proposed water rates as presented. A public hearing will be scheduled and noticed in the paper.

Director Skinner reported that he had just received an email from the Bonneville Power Administration with the final approved increases for purchased power and transmission. The power rate increase will be 4.05% and the transmission cost increase will be .05%. The rate increases will be effective October 1st, 2017 through September of 2019. The Mayor and Council briefly discussed and agreed the current City rate increase incorporated into the budget should cover the additional cost of the purchased power and the rates can be evaluated and increased anytime during the year.

There was no public input at the designated time.

Councilmember Gambles moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

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James R. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk