

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER  
JULY 18, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brad Andersen, Council President Dan Gubler, Council Member Rob Geray, Council Member Kathy McNamara, Council Member Dan Garren, Attorney Dale Storer, Public Works Director Zech Prouse, City Clerk Shara Roberts, Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt, and Treasurer Amy Sullivan.

**ABSENT:** None.

**VISITORS:** Ted Hendricks, Paul Scoresby, and Ryan Walker.

Mayor Andersen welcomed everyone and Council President Gubler led with the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken to open the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** City Council Minutes of June 27, 2017 were reviewed. Council reviewed the finance reports for the period ending June 30, 2017 (75% of the fiscal year elapsed). The City had \$1,038,340.04 in the bank and routine bills had been paid, "Exhibit A".

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council President Gubler moved to add water connection fee to the agenda since the city attorney is now present. Council Member Geray seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council Geray moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Garren seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearings:** None.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Budget Approval:** Mayor Andersen inquired if the Council had any additional changes to the budget since it was discussed at the special work meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Andersen explained in regards to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) line item they increased it by \$500 since they are helping to staff the Iona Day activities.

The Council discussed increasing the budget from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the Iona Historical Museum as requested. After further discussion, the Council agreed they would continue to not charge the Museum for water service, and it would remain at \$1,000. If there were additional requests past the budgeted amount there are discretionary funds the Council can considered on a case by case basis. Additionally, all other utility payments are the responsibility of the Museum. Mayor Andersen asked Council Member McNamara as the liaison to communicate this with Chairman Marilyn Diehl.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council President Gubler moved to approve the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2018, “Exhibit B”. Council Member Garren seconded the motion. Approval was taken by a roll call vote:

Council Member Geray: Yes  
Council Member Garren: Yes

Council Member Gubler: Yes  
Council Member McNamara: Yes

**Approval for Water System Improvement Project:** Ted Hendricks with East-Central Idaho Planning & Development Association (ECIPDA) explained the last time he met with the Council they had discussed moving forward with formalizing the water system improvement project and this evening they plan to present contract proposals.

Once the City has finalized the scope of work for the project, the next step would be to move forward on starting to schedule public information meetings to help educate the public, and put together a fact sheet outlining the proposal, the reasoning behind it, and the estimated costs. Additionally, the City will want to formally notify the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) of their intentions to move forward.

Council Member Geray inquired who would be putting together the fact sheet. Mr. Hendricks explained himself and Engineer Paul Scoresby will draft it and submit for the Council’s review.

Council Member Garren expressed the importance of having a united front moving forward with this project, and asked Council Member McNamara since she wasn’t present at the last meeting if she was supportive of this project.

Council Member McNamara expressed she was supportive of moving forward.

After further discussion, the Council scheduled a special work meeting for Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss finalizing the scope of work.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council Member McNamara moved to approve the water system improvement project. Council Member Garren seconded. Approval was taken by a roll call vote:

Council Member Geray: Yes  
Council Member Garren: Yes

Council Member Gubler: Yes  
Council Member McNamara: Yes

**Approval for November Bond Election:** Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council Member Garren moved to approve for a bond election in November of 2017. Council Member McNamara seconded the motion. Approval was taken by a roll call vote:

Council Member Geray: Yes  
Council Member Garren: Yes

Council Member Gubler: Yes  
Council Member McNamara: Yes

**Approval of Proposal for Bond Attorney:** The Council reviewed the proposal for the bond attorney, “Exhibit C”.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council President Gubler moved to accept the proposal from MSBT Law to represent the City as the bond attorney for the water system improvement project. Council Member Geray seconded the motion. Approval was taken by a roll call vote:

Council Member Geray: Yes  
Council Member Garren: Yes

Council Member Gubler: Yes  
Council Member McNamara: Yes

**Approval of Development Contract with ECIPDA:** Ted Hendricks presented the development contract for the Council’s review. He explained this contract would assist the City with the bond election by working closely with the bond attorney, providing all the educational information for the public, and securing the funding. Additionally, if the bond did not pass the contract would be reduced to reflect any services not rendered.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council Member Geray moved to approve the contract with ECIPDA for a sum not to exceed \$9,000, “Exhibit D”. Council President Gubler seconded the motion. Approval was taken by a roll call vote:

Council Member Geray: Yes  
Council Member Garren: Yes

Council Member Gubler: Yes  
Council Member McNamara: Yes

**Approval for Schiess and Associates to Perform the Required Addendum to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Planning Study:** Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council President Gubler moved to approve Schiess and Associates to perform the required addendum to the DEQ Water Planning Study, “Exhibit E”. Council Member Geray seconded the motion. Approval was taken by a roll call vote:

Council Member Geray: Yes  
Council Member Garren: Yes

Council Member Gubler: Yes  
Council Member McNamara: Yes

**Approval of Water Rights Lease Agreement:** Attorney Storer reported the agreement is identical to what the Council participated in last year, except \$400 less. The purpose of the agreement is for the City to lease water rights from the City of Pocatello.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council President Gubler moved to approve the continuation of the Water Rights Lease Agreement, “Exhibit F”. Council Member Garren seconded the motion. Approval was taken by a roll call vote:

Council Member Geray: Yes  
Council Member Garren: Yes

Council Member Gubler: Yes  
Council Member McNamara: Yes

**Discussion of Establishing a Secondary Irrigation System:** Engineer Paul Scoresby reported he provided a detailed outline to Director Prouse regarding the establishment of a secondary irrigation system, “Exhibit G”. He is estimating the yearly costs to be between \$11,000 - \$12,000, which includes staff labor. The Council discussed the pros and cons of establishing a secondary irrigation system as they consider the future of the City’s system.

**General Water System Discussion:** Mayor Andersen asked Engineer Paul Scoresby if the water system at this time would be able to serve 20 to 25 homes until the water system improvement project is completed. Mr. Scoresby expressed the system could potentially service more homes. However, every connection from here on out has the potential to add stress to the system and lower the water pressure during peak demand.

**Approval to Purchase Tablets:** Clerk Roberts reported the information for this purchase was given to the Council at the last meeting. She explained the cost and time reduction benefits of moving forward with electronic documents for public meetings and digitizing the city code book.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council Member Garren moved to approve the purchase of tablets with accessories. Council Member McNamara seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion of Idaho Sod Zoning:** Chief Bowcutt reported he sent out additional correspondence to the owners of Idaho Sod notifying them of their land use violation. He did receive a response letting him know the business has been moved to the City of Ammon. After further discussion, the Council directed Chief Bowcutt to continue ensuring the true use of the land coordinates with the City's land use ordinances.

**Frank's Auto Repair:** Mayor Andersen reported he has received numerous complaints about Frank's Auto Repair, and the question is whether or not he is in violation with city code.

Council Member Garren suggested talking with him first and letting him know of the public's concerns to see if he has ideas on how to solve the complaints. After further discussion, the Council directed Chief Bowcutt to continue conversations regarding possible solutions.

**Fireworks:** Mayor Andersen reported he received numerous complaints about fireworks this year. He suggested the Council consider putting a curfew in ordinance to help alleviate these concerns.

After further discussion, the Council determined the Police Department simply needs to enforce the city and state ordinances which already exist. Council Member Garren suggested putting information in the newsletter and on the website next year notifying people of the laws, and that it will be enforced.

**Eclipse Planning:** Mayor Andersen reported he did identify someone in the community who has mobile ham radios to be used for emergency communications if needed for the solar eclipse.

Director Prouse reported after the Council approved a budget of \$10,000 for the 500 gallon fuel tank the quote came in for a little over \$10,000 since it requires a little bit more construction to meet the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)'s requirements. So he is seeking approval from the Council for the increased price of \$13,000.

Council Member Geray noted long term this purchase will also mean more affordable fuel on a day to day basis for the vehicles used for the Public Works and Police Department.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council President Gubler moved to approve the \$3,000 dollar increase for the purchase of the 500 Gallon fuel tank. Council Member Geray seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Water Connection Fee Discussion:** Attorney Storer reported Engineer Paul Scoresby is still working on the underlying engineering report in order to substantiate the methodology they are using to justifying the increase in the water connection fee. He further explained they are pretty close on final draft of the ordinance for the Council’s review. Ideally, they would like to share the final draft of the ordinance and the engineering report with the Council during a special work meeting to gather feedback and input.

He further explained the one thing that is not in place at this time is the valuation of the existing water rights. He did contact a water rights appraiser and received a bid for \$8,000, which he feels is on the high end. He is seeking direction from the Council on how they want to proceed. Additionally, he suggested the Council have the appraisal completed more economically and has a few more referrals he can look into.

After further discussion, the Council directed Attorney Storer and Engineer Paul Scoresby to have the draft documents ready for further review and discussion for the special work meeting scheduled on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Andersen requested Attorney Storer continue reaching out to other referrals for finding a water rights appraiser for the regularly scheduled city council meeting on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Reports:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Brad Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shara Roberts, City Clerk