

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER  
OCTOBER 26, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**VISITORS:** Susan Gardner.

Mayor Andersen welcomed everyone and Public Works Director Zech Prouse led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda:** None.

*Items of Business:*

**General Discussion of the City's Water System:** Mayor Andersen reported he attended the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC's) Municipal Water Summit which was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Boise. He explained they are organizing a statewide committee by electing a couple of board members from each district to raise awareness to the legislature and individuals involved with issuing water curtailments. He reported the presentation is available on AIC's website for further details.

Mayor Andersen outlined the steps involved if the City Council decides to prioritize the construction of a storage tank up on the hill. He noted the application for such a project would be due by January 13, 2017, and explained it is a large project, and would take years before construction would begin so the City Council needs to begin discussions on the future plans for the water system. He expressed this topic was food for thought, and would be on the agenda for further discussion in November's City Council meeting.

Council President Gubler commented the Water Committee identified the water system's deficiencies, and now the City Council just needs to start prioritizing this next year.

**Sports Recreation Director:** Mayor Andersen reported Angel Chapa will be resigning from his position as the Sports Recreation Director. He explained in the past the Council has discussed possibly making the position full time by adding on flag football, soccer, and having them be in charge of coordinating other large city events, such as Iona Days. However, he noted it is not in the budget for this year so they need to discuss options to fulfill this year's need as Angel Chapa has already started arranging details for this year's basketball season. After further discussion, the Council directed Clerk Roberts to work on putting hiring information out to see if they can find an individual with experience to fill the position.

**Discussion of Council and Employee Matters:** Mayor Andersen expressed the importance of working together in a respectful manner even when everyone may not be in agreement all of the

time on certain matters, and to remember their purpose is to make decisions which are best for the community as a whole and not just on an individual basis.

He outlined if a concern or complaint is brought to a city council member's attention regarding an employee to bring those to the Mayor as Chief Administrator so it can be handle discreetly with that individual instead of during a public meeting.

He explained council assignments are given out at the beginning of each year, and expressed each council member needs to be familiarizing themselves with what those are. He explained the purpose is to serve as liaisons to find out what the needs are, and bring those to city council meetings for further discussion and decision making. He then opened up the discussion for further input from the Council and the employees.

Council Member Garren expressed although it might be uncomfortable sometimes when these decisions are being made he feels differing opinions is one of the strengths of Iona's City Council. He explained differing opinions means the outcome is better for the citizens and the Council needs to embrace those differences in a respectful way and not take it personal.

Council Member Geray expressed the need for the Council to build up credibility after the last meeting. He further expressed everyone needs to keep the right perspective they are not going to be able to please everyone 100% of the time, but to come together to try and make decisions on what is the best for the community as a whole.

Clerk Roberts commented she agreed with what has been said thus far, and suggested reaching out to Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) to try and schedule training to cover roles and responsibilities of local government, ethics, and harassment in the workplace to address some of the issues that have come up recently to better equip the Council, employees, and the public with knowledge.

Council President Gubler communicated he feels it's important to also keep the perspective the Council and employees work for the citizens and when concerns are brought to them they need to listen, communicate with them, and try to fix them when possible.

After further discussion, the Council directed Clerk Roberts to move forward on scheduling ICRMP to provide training.

**Reports:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Brad Andersen, Mayor

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

