

**CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brad Andersen, Council Member Rob Geray, Council President Dan Gubler, Council Member Dan Garren, Public Works Director Zech Prouse, Building Inspector Allen Eldridge, Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt, Police Officer Dustin Mathie, City Clerk Shara Roberts, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Amy Sullivan.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Kathy McNamara, Public Works Laborer Bryce Stucki.

**VISITORS:** Aaron Lowry, Sara Williams, Kim Hart, Doug Talbot, Thomas Buchanan, Ben Moon, City Attorney Dale Storer, Greg Hansen.

**Development Discussion – Rockwell Homes/Greg Hansen:** General Manager Greg Hansen reported Rockwell purchased approximately 80 acres of property near the City that will be developed in the future. One idea is to go into the area with larger lots similar to what the neighboring subdivisions have.

Public Works Director Zech Prouse inquired if Rockwell is looking to the City to provide water service. Mr. Hansen expressed they were open to ideas and if another source was needed they can explore those options.

Mayor Andersen explained that this past year the City has really been looking at ways in which water can be conserved and how to enhance the City's water system to be able to handle the growth Iona has already experienced. He further explained that without more water rights he does not want to see the system stressed more than it already is.

Mayor Andersen asked Mr. Hansen what Rockwell's timeframe was for the new development. Mr. Hansen explained they are in the beginning process of planning and they have a few other developments they would like to complete before moving forward. Attorney Storer commented that the City will have a better idea regarding their water system within the next 6 months. Mr. Hansen estimated approximately a year and a half.

Council President Gubler commented in the future there would be more opportunities to sit down and discuss further details relating to the development plans. Council Member Geray recommended it as an agenda topic for the next work meeting in February.

**Easter:** Mayor Andersen announced the City's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016 this year. In previous years, the event began at 11:00 am and the City served a hot dog lunch. This year it has been proposed the event start at 10:00 am and the City provide hot chocolate. Mayor Andersen asked Council Members to ask their church groups for volunteers to help Treasurer Sullivan stuff eggs. Council Member Geray requested a reminder email be sent out as an action item.

**Alleyway Discussion:** Clerk Roberts reported the agenda topic was requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Council to have a discussion and develop language regarding the consistent maintenance of alleyways throughout the City. Mayor Andersen inquired if there were specific examples regarding the inconsistency. Clerk Roberts reported she did not have specific information to provide at this time.

Council President Gubler explained to his knowledge the City has paved the alleyways that residents live on, and inquired if there were any alleyways that had not been paved that residents currently live on. Public Works Director Zech Prouse reported there was a block of Longhurst between Main and Dayton that has one permanent residence on it, but the City maintains the gravel.

Council Member Rob Geray expressed until they have more specifics from Planning and Zoning the Council couldn't really move forward with having a productive conversation. Mayor Andersen requested that Clerk Roberts gather more details from the Commission regarding this topic.

**Council Assignments/Calendar:** A calendar outlining upcoming council and employees assignments for the next year was provided. Mayor Andersen asked everyone to review the document, and provide any proposed changes. He noted that the Lion's Club dismantled and he would like to discuss facilitating the breakfasts on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and on July 23<sup>rd</sup> for Iona Days.

Council Member Geray clarified the City would be providing breakfast at both the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and the Iona Days on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Andersen explained that was the Council's intention when they agreed to purchase the grills and other equipment from the Lion's Club a few months ago. Mayor Andersen commented the breakfast at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration could be used as a fundraiser event for a service group and would primarily be run by volunteers, but there would need to be a couple of individuals in charge of coordinating and overseeing the event. Mayor Andersen expressed it was open for discussion and not set in stone.

Mayor Andresen reported the Christmas Party for council and employees will be moved to January 2017 instead of doing it in December after the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Council Member Geray asked Clerk Roberts to provide the itemized calendar that outlined all the special events in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings. Clerk Roberts will locate this document and send out to everyone via e-mail.

**Solid Waste Hauler Ordinance Implementation Update:** Mayor Andersen reported concerns in regards to solid waste hauler entities transporting waste on days other than Tuesday. He asked Clerk Roberts to report on the status of the implementation of the recently passed ordinance.

Clerk Roberts reported the City office sent out a letter including the application for the permit, and a copy of the recently passed ordinance to all entities on November 30, 2015 and gave them a deadline to complete this by December 25<sup>th</sup>. To date, the City office has received completed applications from PSI Environmental Services, Grampa's Trash, and Western Recycling. Clerk

Roberts further reported that Eagle Rock Sanitation and Snake River Disposal have yet to complete the required application. Clerk Roberts has called and left voicemails in addition to the correspondence. After further discussion with the Mayor, he instructed Clerk Roberts to send out a second letter notifying each entity of the required permit to transport waste within City limits, and the scheduled pick up day of Tuesdays, giving them a deadline of February 15, 2016 to come into compliance, "Exhibit A".

Council Member Geray inquired when the second letter was sent, and if it was certified. Clerk Roberts explained it was sent out last week, and reported it was not sent out certified.

Mayor Andersen instructed Clerk Roberts to send the letter a second time certified to the two non-compliant entities.

Council President Dan Gubler recommended to Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt that if the officers witness solid waste hauler vehicles going in and out of the City on days other than Tuesday, or coming into the City without an approved permit, to stop them and remind them of the ordinance and its requirements.

**City Attorney Dale Storer Updates & Reports on Legal Matters:** Mayor Andersen opened with an update on negotiating the purchase of additional water rights for the City. He has been in communication with the seller who has expressed the beginning offering price of \$300,000 is not reasonable, as there is a standing offer for at least \$340,000. Attorney Dale Storer recommended to the Mayor to continue and try to visit with the seller in regards to establishing a reasonable selling price in his perspective and bring that back to City Council.

Attorney Dale Storer reported on a recent meeting regarding the Water Initiative Referendum filed by Dennis Bateman and Deb Sorenson. A meeting was held with the individuals and their attorneys. Overall, Attorney Storer reported it was a very good discussion and he felt the individuals were reassured it was not the City Council's intent of wholesale water meters throughout the City of Iona.

The commonality that was discussed was ways in which the City could continue to enhance the conservation of water, and he would like to share those items with the City Council and further recommends referring them to the Water Committee for their thought and input. First off, Section 8-2-27 under the City Code could use some revisions made to it to better clarify installation of water meters on habitual users vs. wholesale water installation. Attorney Storer explained he thinks the way it currently reads could have led to some of the misunderstanding of the City Council's intent to install water meters wholesale throughout the City. Secondly, the individuals expressed that there is not enough emphasis being made by the City on residents who use surface water to clean out the ditches, which as a result increases the use of the City's culinary water. Thirdly, it was recommended educating residents about their responsibility to maintain their ditches. Fourthly, it was recommended increased efforts by the City informing residents about methods in which to conserve water. Council Member Geray commented that the City has done that. Attorney Storer clarified that they are looking for something more constant to continually keep the focus on water conservation. Lastly, increased enforcement of existing ordinances in regards to the wasting of water. However, Attorney Storer discussed how difficult it is to draft an ordinance that is specific enough to define the wasting of water.

Mayor Andersen explained that was the City Council's intent was to purchase the 23 water meters for residential data usage to gain better understanding of the City's average usage and gather that baseline.

In closing, Attorney Storer recommended the above mentioned items be referred to the Water Committee for thought. Mayor Andersen reported the Water Committee met last night and was presented with the above mentioned concerns. It was decided they would address those at the next Town Hall Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: February 16, 2016

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Brad Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shara Roberts, City Clerk

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