

**CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

ABSENT: Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Amy Sullivan, Officer Dustin Mathie, and Public Works Laborer Bryce Stucki

VISITORS: None.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Report: Secretary Layne Roberts and Fundraiser Coordinator Erika Jenkins presented a quarterly report for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC). Ms. Roberts reported during Thanksgiving and Christmas they volunteered at the Idaho Falls Food Bank by handing out dinners for families in need. In addition, MYAC adopted a family for Christmas in which they purchased and delivered gifts to the home.

Members also have plans to volunteer time for the Annual Iona Easter Egg Hunt by stuffing eggs and helping with other tasks that may be needed. Ms. Jenkins reported on March 18th MYAC has planned a fundraiser event. The event is a black light Spring Dance. Proceeds will be used to donate to a local charity and help members attend the Annual Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) Youth Conference in June. Mayor Andersen also reported MYAC will be taking the lead on the 4th of July breakfast as a fundraiser event. For full report please see Exhibit "A".

Water Committee's Recommendations: Mayor Andersen reported Chairman Lee Andersen was unable to attend the meeting tonight. However, during the last Water Committee meeting it was recommended the City Council needs to prioritize going through the water section of the City Code book with the goal of making revisions and updates to the verbiage. Until the City can define waste, they are recommending a watering schedule outlined in the City Code with tools to enforce it. This will better equip the City to deal with people on an individual basis. Additionally, they are recommending increasing education on water conservation and scheduling a meeting for the individuals who use the irrigation ditches to establish a chairman who can assist with organizing and managing the City's ditches.

Water Initiative and Referendum Discussion: Mayor Andersen discussed the Water Initiative and Referendum. He explained Dennis Bateman has presented this proposal to the City with the request to change sections 8-2-3 and 8-2-27 of the Iona City Code, Exhibit "B". Mayor Andersen explained the changes in verbiage would allow the citizens to have a vote prior to any wholesale water meter installation throughout the City. Mayor Andersen explained it will be discussed primarily during the City Council meeting. However, he wanted to gather input and thoughts from the Council during the work session.

Council President Gubler expressed he feels there is a need for some revisions to the verbiage in its current form. He explained the way it's written restricts the Council from the ability to put a meter on individuals who habitually waste water. It was discussed how these changes could potentially affect other regulatory functions the City Council oversees.

General Water System Discussion: Council President Gubler asked what is the most water the City has ever been pumped in one month. Public Works Director Zech Prouse reported in July of 2008 the City pumped 86 million gallons of water. The allowed usage for the City per month is 115 million gallons of water. Council President Gubler expressed according to these numbers the City is still in a good position and well below the allowance.

Public Works Director Zech Prouse explained the underlying issue is the City needing to prepare for the future with the current consumption rate. Council President Gubler inquired if the current consumption rate is overstressing the system. Public Works Director Zech Prouse explained the City knew they were deficient in certain areas of the water system when the water study was completed. He explained specifically, the City is deficient in fire flow and nothing has been done to change that. Additionally, the City is deficient in redundant pumping capacity which means if we lose our biggest well we don't have the capacity to pump the full allotted water right plus fire flow at our highest times of demand. Director Prouse acknowledged that yes the City is not using all of their allotted water rights, but the major concern should whether the City is developing practices of conservation for the future. Currently the answer is no. He further explained there is the potential for the City being curtailed and told what they are allowed to use in the future.

Mayor Andersen explained it is important to not lose track that the goal in all of this is to try and plan for the future. Rockwell Development has already come to the City letting them know they purchased 80 acres of land in the City's impact area with plans for development.

Council President Gubler explained he doesn't believe the course of action for the City is to acquire additional water rights at this time. However, he acknowledged the importance of saving funds towards that as a future need.

Council President Gubler further explained the City needs to examine the water connection hook up fee. It currently is set at \$3,000 per new dwelling, but would like more information on whether that is an adequate fee to buy into the City's system. Mayor Andersen reported he talked with Engineer Paul Scoresby of Schiess & Associates who can do a detailed calculation study to show if the fee is adequate but it would cost approximately \$3,000-\$4,000. However, another alternative for a less detailed study would cost a few hundred dollars.

Building Inspector Allen Eldridge commented during discussions at past Water Committee meetings another factor in purchasing the 23 water meters was not only to gather data, but to check the health of the City's system. Public Works Director Zech Prouse explained from the operator's perspective through the high usage times of the year if the City loses power and one of the generators doesn't react in time, and we lose pressure to the system, that is extremely detrimental until testing and resolution can be completed. He further expressed water is a utility, and every other utility Iona has is paid for on a consumptive rate.

Council Member Geray wrapped up the conversation by explaining it sounds like what the City needs most is pumping capacity. He explained it looks like a two-step process to get the tank, the well, and the pumping capacity then look into the future for acquiring additional water rights.

Rockwell Development Discussion: It was discussed providing water service to the new subdivision that will be developed in the future. Public Works Director Zech Prouse stated the City would need to upsize the line that goes down 55th or would need to loop it through Main St. or Rushton Cr.

Council President Gubler expressed he does not want Falls Water providing water utilities in the City. He believes it creates a double tiered and ambiguous cost system. Council Member Geray inquired why the City would want to expand the water enterprise and not just focus on maintaining what we currently are providing. If Falls Water wants to come in and provide service to that area let them. Council President Gubler noted it is important to be able to have the control on what the future growth in and around Iona looks like. He noted part of the Area of Impact Agreement with the County is the only way you have control over annexation is if you are providing a service. Public Works Director Zech Prouse suggested the possibility of billing the new subdivision on a metered rate. A secondary pressure irrigation system was also discussed.

Council President Gubler suggested exploring any local opportunities for purchasing additional water rights as an opportunity for the future, but not as an absolute.

Mayor Andersen expressed this will need to be an ongoing priority so the City has a plan when Rockwell comes to them with development plans.

Solid Waste Hauler Ordinance Implementation Update: Mayor Andersen reported all the solid waste entities are in compliance with the newly passed ordinance with the exception of Eagle Rock Sanitation. Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt stopped the driver last week on a Friday to let him know they were out of compliance. Clerk Roberts has sent correspondence on more than one occasion outlining the changes, providing a copy of the newly passed ordinance, and giving them deadlines to come into compliance.

Owner Kim Galloway replied to Clerk Roberts email with notification he would need a few weeks to get his company into compliance, "Exhibit C". Chief of Police Bowcutt and Clerk Roberts discussed the possibility of the Council revoking the permit if they continue to be noncompliant with this ordinance. It was determined Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt will communicate to the owner via e-mail he has a deadline to meet before the Council considers revoking the permit.

Alleyway Discussion: Due to time constraints, this agenda item was covered in the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Discussion of New Police Vehicle: Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt presented to the Council the possibility of purchasing a second police vehicle. He researched grants that could be available to help with the purchase, but in his research found that grants for police vehicles do not exist. He further explained with the hiring of the second police officer, and the pickup being ran everyday

it is going to get run into the ground quickly. From his perspective, for response and liability purposes the second vehicle is important. Chief Bowcutt has looked at the budget and different financing options that may be available to the City. In addition, he has looked at adjusting the budget in a couple of other areas.

Council Member McNamara stated it was her understanding when the new pickup was purchased the agreement was the vehicle would be shared between both officers. Council Member McNamara inquired if the vehicle was going home with Chief Bowcutt. He explained it currently is. Council Member McNamara expressed she was against that.

Council Member McNamara explained she has received concerns from citizens the police vehicle is being seen outside of Iona on the west side of town. Council Member McNamara stated the officers should be in Iona, and expressed that she and the community are not seeing the police vehicle.

Chief Bowcutt explained the paperwork and documentation side of their job occurs at the Bonneville County Courthouse in Idaho Falls so yes there are instances when the vehicle goes outside of Iona. He expressed officers put in 80 hours every two weeks and are staying very busy. They provide reports to Mayor Andersen documenting their daily activities. In addition, he is training a new officer.

Council Member Geray stated all concerns about the police officers whereabouts and schedule need to be sent straight to Mayor Andersen, as it is his role to manage and oversee the City employees.

Council President Gubler expressed Shelley, ID is too far for the vehicle to be coming to and from because it is more wear and tear. He stated in the past with other officers if they lived within the radius set they were welcome to drive the vehicle home. Chief Bowcutt proposed taking funds out of their checks to help cover wear and tear on the vehicle.

In closing, Chief Bowcutt expressed his only interest is meeting his and the officer's needs and planning for the future of the Iona Police Department. Due to time constraints, this agenda item was discussed further during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Discussion of Remodeling Iona Square Stage: Due to time constraints, this agenda item was covered in the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: March 15, 2016

Brad Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shara Roberts, City Clerk

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