

**CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
MARCH 15, 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, Officer Dustin Mathie, and City Clerk Shara Roberts.

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

VISITORS: Bryce Contor and Officer Malin Reynolds.

Rockwell Development & Growth Discussion: Visitor Bryce Contor presented concerns regarding future development in the City of Iona, and provided Council Members a handout for reference purposes, Exhibit “A”.

Mr. Contor explained there are steps that can be taken to help isolate the City of Iona from the growth. He referenced the future development by Rockwell Homes going in on the North side of the City and explained if the main arteries into the new subdivision are Dayton Street, Main Street, and Olsen Street it will have a different effect on the community if the access was isolated to Telford Road. Furthermore, he explained there are different categories of costs the City doesn't have to incur unless they choose to. Mr. Contor encouraged the Council to make sure any future growth pays for everything that it costs, and to put those costs back on the developer.

Mayor Andersen thanked Mr. Contor for his time and his presentation. He commented the information presented was food for thought as they begin the planning process this next year for the new development.

Discussion of New Police Vehicle: Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt discussed the future of Iona's Police Department and the benefits of a second police vehicle. He explained he thought about the pros and cons of a second police vehicle, and the only con he could think of was cost. He has reviewed the Department's budget and the funds are available. He believes it would better serve the citizens and the employees.

He presented a lease option which would require a payment of \$7,400 per year up to 3 or 4 years. Upon, completion of the last year the City would be able to purchase the vehicle for \$1.00, Exhibit “B”.

Chief Bowcutt asked for the Council thoughts. Mayor Andersen expressed when this was first discussed with the previous Chief it was decided one vehicle would be sufficient and two officers could work different shifts. However, he thinks that may have been a little short sighted after discussing it more with Officer Malin Reynolds who works for the Idaho Falls Police Department.

Officer Malin Reynolds explained Idaho Falls Police Officers have two options: 1) they are charged one price to drive it directly to and from their jurisdiction to their resident or 2) they are charged a higher monthly price to have the option to drive it within City limits off duty. If officers come upon a situation in which they need to act, all of the gear and equipment is there and ready if needed. He has had his assigned police car for 8 years and it is treated as his main office. Furthermore, they were able to show nationally there is a cost savings for the Department when officers are given options to keep their cars home as it helps with response time, accountability, care, and maintenance. Mayor Andersen inquired if Idaho Falls Police Department has a defined mile radius officers are allowed to take vehicles home. Officer Malin Reynolds responded it was a 15-mile radius. However, there are situations if an officer's residence is a couple miles over the defined radius the Chief can go to the City Council and ask for permission.

After further discussion, Council members determined it needed to be budgeted for and could potentially be considered for next year.

Due to time constraints, the remaining agenda items were covered during the City Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: April 19, 2016

Brad Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shara Roberts, City Clerk