

CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
APRIL 19, 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: None.

VISITORS: Tim Solomon, City Engineer Paul Scoresby, Greg Hansen, Kurt Roland, Jerry Hansen, Rod Gardner, and Ken Rose.

Rocky Mountain Power General Update: Regional Business Manager Tim Solomon with Rocky Mountain Power, presented a general update for the City Council. He provided a copy of the Idaho State Report for 2015, and explained residential is the highest usage. Mr. Solomon discussed different energy sources and their costs. He explained as they move away from more traditional sources such as coal and hydro, and they move towards more renewable sources and environmental impacts there will be a pricing change. Mr. Solomon explained through the Wattsmart Program they try to encourage people to use less power, as it decreases demand and it's cheaper for them to pay people to use less.

Mr. Solomon addressed safety concerns when a driver hits a power pole. The individual should stay in the car, and advise others who may want to help to stay back. If the vehicle starts on fire, the individual needs to get out very cautiously by shuffling their feet at least 100 feet away from the vehicle. All handouts for the discussion are available in "Exhibit A".

Rockwell Development – General Water Discussion: Greg Hansen with Rockwell Development explained he would like to discuss sources of water for the proposed new development just north of Rushton Circle. Mr. Hansen provided copies of the proposed map and explained they are planning for ½ acre lots or bigger.

Mayor Andersen explained three potential options for supplying water to the new development could be hooking up to the City's water system, a secondary pressure irrigation system, or having Falls Water Company come in to provide the service.

City Engineer Paul Scoresby expressed he didn't think it was in the City's best interests to let Falls Water Company come in and service the water because of issues with different water systems. Mr. Scoresby recommended the City figure out a way to supply the water to the new development, essentially leaving two options for consideration.

The first option would be a combined system which would include a drinking water system and developing the land for progressive irrigation district to do secondary water through a pressure irrigation system. He explained it would entail a dual pipe system which would consist of 2 lines,

as opposed to 1 line, being laid down on every street. It would require a pump and screen in the ditch accompanying each property.

The second option presented by Greg Hansen would be to have Rockwell pay all the water hookup connection fees upfront totaling approximately \$330,000 to assist the City with being able to fund another well. Public Works Director Zech Prouse expressed concern about not having additional water rights to accompany the 4th well.

City Engineer Paul Scoresby commented the purpose of the additional well wouldn't be to provide more supply, but to be a redundant well to what the City already has. An additional well would give you the redundancy and better pressure and it becomes a reliable resource to always max out your water rights.

Council President Gubler inquired what the estimated cost would be for the new well Mr. Scoresby explained to accomplish the redundancy you would want to match it to your current biggest well, and would cost approximately \$500,000.

Council President Gubler inquired how many surface water rights came with the land they are planning to develop. Mr. Hansen replied he was unsure and would need to find out the answer.

Additionally, those present discussed potential issues with the way the access roads were outlined on the draft map provided. It was suggested more of the access roads be moved towards Telford Road.

In conclusion, Greg Hansen with Rockwell Homes indicated they would be moving forward with providing a preliminary plat to be reviewed by Iona's Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: May 18, 2016

Brad Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shara Roberts, City Clerk