

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.  
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

**ABSENT:** Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt.

**VISITORS:** Kirt Schwieder

**Library Improvement Proposal – Robert Wright:** Council Member Garren reported on discussions with the Library Director regarding the opportunity of adding a computer lab in the library. He reported there are hurdles in regards to internet firewalls which are required by the State, but they can be overcome. However, the City Council needs to be prepared if inappropriate use by the public happens and put a policy in place to address it.

Council President Gubler discussed the importance of the computer lab being under supervision, and suggested it not be in the back room as originally proposed, but rather the front room be remodeled to accommodate one or two computers where the librarian's presence is. After further discussion, the Council directed Council Member Garren to contact the donor of the project.

**Accessory Buildings – Allen Eldridge:** Contracted Building Inspector Allen Eldridge expressed he continues to see issues arise when it comes to un-permitted accessory buildings under 200 square feet. To address this he would like to propose establishing a zoning permit fee which is similar to what Bonneville County does. He explained it would be a one-time fee which would outline correct placement for the homeowner, meaning it would make sure all setback requirements by the city code are met and the structure meets fire code.

Mayor Andersen agreed the establishment of such fee would help save time and effort to make sure accessory buildings under 200 square feet meet setback requirements, and avoid Mr. Eldridge and the Police Department having to follow up with home owners when they are out of compliance.

Council Member Geray suggested rather than a zoning permit, the City implement a standard consent form to be signed by homeowners acknowledging they will comply with setback requirements before any accessory building less than 200 square feet is placed.

After further discussion, the Council suggested start by updating the website to provide more information clarifying the accessory building requirements, and put together a packet of frequently asked questions or issues for new homeowners. If they still continue to see problems at that point, they could consider implementing a consent form, or amending code.

**Land Use Discussion – 4949 E. Iona Rd.:** Mayor Andersen gave a brief explanation on the history of the land located at 4949 E. Iona Rd. and explained at the time a Planning and Zoning

Commission did not exist so it was zoned as Single Family Residential (R-1). However, the majority of the land is used for commercial use, and really should be zoned as such.

Owner of Idaho Sod Kirt Schwieder, expressed he would like to get some feedback from the Council on some different options he has regarding the use of his land. He explained his goal is to take his office space which is now in his residence and construct an office building on the adjacent lot. One option he has considered is re-platting the second lot into (2) parcels and rezoning the front portion to commercial and keeping the back lot zoned as R-1. The second option would be to not rezone it and just leave all of it zoned as R-1 and build an accessory building office space.

After further discussion amongst the Council and Mr. Schwieder, it was determined the best fit for the property was to submit an application to rezone it from R-1 to Commercial due to the nature of the land use, along with a re-plat application if he wanted to split it into two lots, both of which would require a public hearing. Mayor Andersen further explained it would be presented in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission first to receive a recommendation before the Council made a decision.

**Iona Days:** Mayor Andersen reported Sasha Belliston would no longer be coordinating the Iona Day Celebration, and asked the Council to start considering individuals they know of in the community who may be interested in participating on a volunteer committee to plan and execute this event.

Clerk Roberts reported she talked with citizen Larie Elliott about possibly taking on coordinating responsibilities of the event. However, due to some personal reasons she doesn't feel she has the time to fully take on the responsibility at this time, but provided some names of individuals who may be interested in taking on the lead or sitting on a committee. After further discussion, the Council directed Clerk Roberts to advertise in the newsletter and on the website the need for volunteers.

**New Construction Water Accounts:** Due to time constraints, this was discussed during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

**Water Rights Application:** Due to time constraints, this was discussed during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

**Playground Equipment:** Due to time constraints, this was discussed during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

**REPORTS:** None.

Meeting adjourned 6:58 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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Brad Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shara Roberts, City Clerk