

**CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Council President Dan Gubler, Council Member Dan Garren, Council Member Rob Geray, Council Member Kathy McNamara, City Clerk Shara Roberts, Public Works Director Zech Prouse, and Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Brad Andersen.

**VISITORS:** None.

Council President Dan Gubler entertained a motion to add to the agenda the Discussion of Authorization for Schooling. A seconded motion was not stated.

**Discussion of Authorization for Schooling:** Council President Gubler proceeded to explain that, in the past, when an employee was sent to training, regardless of whether it was in the budget or not, it was discussed amongst the City Council. He expressed he didn't recall a conversation during a meeting in which there was authorization for Officer Dustin Mathie to attend Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) and to pay his wages while he was away.

Council Member Geray inquired if the hiring committee was aware of him needing his POST certification when he was hired. Council President Gubler explained he had the certification when he was hired, but it lapsed about a week after.

Council President Gubler expressed he understood the reason for Officer Mathie needing to attend POST, but from his perspective it should have been taken through City Council because of how it affected the City financially and physically, since now they are down to one officer. Chief Bowcutt explained he did let Bonneville County know they were down to one officer and requested extra coverage until Officer Mathie returns.

Clerk Roberts referenced resolution 2008-1, which authorizes one elected official and one employee to pay invoices less than \$5,000 between city council meetings. She expressed it is important to talk about whether that process is still the same, and if not making changes to the resolution so everyone was on the same page to avoid situations like this in the future. Council President Gubler expressed the intention behind that resolution is for the day-to-day stuff.

Chief Bowcutt noted in Officer Mathie's employment contract he signed when he was hired, it was contingent upon him passing his POST training. He further explained he had discussed this with and the Mayor and let the City Council know via a report each month that Officer Mathie would be attending POST.

Overall, it was discussed making the entire City Council more aware of these decisions in the future and reviewing this further at a future meeting.

**Discussion of Annexation Agreement and Chip Sealing in Country Haven Subdivision:** Public Works Director Prouse explained the last time they met with Rockwell Homes regarding other development, it was brought up in conversation the chip sealing in Division 1 of the Country Haven Subdivision was never completed. He further explained it appears Rockwell doesn't believe they have the responsibility to fulfill that stipulation of the development agreement. He reported he discussed this with City Attorney Dale Storer who has drafted a letter, and recommended sending it to Rockwell outlining the City's expectations moving forward. Depending on what their response is, the City can look at a set of standards to follow which are outlined in the original development agreement regarding lack of compliance.

**Discussion of Bonn. Co. Law Enforcement Contract:** Council President Gubler inquired if there was anything different in the contract from last year. Chief Bowcutt replied there was a 5% increase. Council President Gubler indicated he would like Chief Bowcutt to gather more information regarding the reasons behind the increase. Chief Bowcutt informed the Council he would discuss this more with the County tomorrow and bring it back to the next meeting.

**Discussion of Police Vehicle Options:** Chief Bowcutt reported he looked into some other options besides an SUV for a second police vehicle. He explained he contacted Smith Chevrolet and Broadway Ford and they do not lease vehicles to police departments. He has been working with 20<sup>th</sup> Century out of Blackfoot, ID who does have a great lease program for police departments.

Chief Bowcutt further reported during his conversations with the dealership he found out a police equipped vehicle is actually cheaper because of governmental rates. He had them do a price comparison between these types of vehicles: Ford Taurus, Ford Interceptor, Dodge Durango, and a Dodge Charger. A sedan type of vehicle is \$300.00 cheaper per year vs. an SUV. The dealership offers a 5 year bumper to bumper 60,000 miles warranty. Council Member Geray commented he would like to see that in writing, and asked if Chief Bowcutt knew what the difference was between the fuel mileages on the models. Chief Bowcutt indicated he wasn't sure, but informed the Council he would gather more information.

**Discussion of Reserve Police Officer Program:** Chief Bowcutt reported the City office asked Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) how the City could be affected in regards to liability and insurance costs if they were to organize a reserve police officer program.

Treasurer Sullivan talked with J'Lean Wadsworth who informed her if any reserve officers were to be injured it would be covered under workers compensation and covered under the City's insurance as any other employee would be under the scope of their duties. Since they are volunteers, the insurance premiums would not increase. However, if there was multiple claims there could potentially be a spike in insurance premiums.

After further discussion, it was determined Chief Bowcutt would discuss with ICRMP if it was a possibility to have the officers pay for their worker compensation premiums.

Council Member Garren inquired what need the City has for a reserve officer program. Chief Bowcutt explained it would provide for a two-man unit, which would result in better coverage, and helps individuals who are interested in getting their foot in the door with law enforcement.

Additionally, they can assist with larger city events and not have to rely as much on Bonneville County.

**Discussion of Security Cameras:** Chief Bowcutt reported the reason he initiated getting a quote for additional security cameras was mainly for the Public Works Department's shop, as it currently does not have any. Public Works Director Prouse explained the door is left open while they are on duty for convenience reasons, and it would be nice to know who is coming and going. Council President Gubler suggested looking into a motorized gate in addition to increasing surveillance.

Chief Bowcutt explained the second quote was for moving and/or adding additional cameras at the City building. He explained since the new stage was built one of the cameras on the backside of the building points directly at the roof. He further explained there have been a couple of break ins and there are no cameras currently on the library's side of the building, or in the foyer of the building. Council Member McNamara suggested also looking into some surveillance coverage for the parks.

After further discussion, regarding resolution quality it was determined Public Works Director Prouse would look into a self-install system with better resolution, as well as, a motorized gate. Council Member Geray also suggested the possibility of looking into simplifying the lock system and implementing smart keys, which could be transmitted from a Bluetooth capable phone.

**Reports:**

Public Works Director Prouse reported everything is on schedule regarding the water tank rehabilitation. Originally, a contractor out of Utah was going to perform bacteria removal and disinfection of the tank. However, Director Prouse determined he could perform the exact same procedure and save those funds. He just received a change order this afternoon to remove it from the list of services to be performed, resulting in a decrease of \$8,200. The change order also includes an increase of \$763.82 to remove some existing hardware.

Council President Gubler asked if that change order was on the agenda for tonight's City Council meeting. Clerk Roberts reported she received it via email yesterday afternoon, but she was out of the office sick. Council President Gubler noted he would like to add it to the City Council agenda for approval.

Meeting adjourned 6:57 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Brad Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shara Roberts, City Clerk