

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Gubler, Council President Rob Geray, Council Member Michael Thompson, Council Member Kathy McNamara, Attorney Andrew Rawlings, Public Works Director Zech Prouse, City Clerk Shara Roberts, Chief of Police Karl Bowcutt, and Police Officer Chris Hinton.

ABSENT: None.

VISITORS: Sally Price, John Price, Dee Johnson, Ryan Walker, Melinda Christensen, Prescott Christensen, Bridger Prince, Kirt Schwieder, and Kaelyne Schwieder.

Mayor Gubler welcomed everyone and Chief Bowcutt led with the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken to open the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: City Council Special Work Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018, City Council Minutes of January 16, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2018, and Special meeting Minutes of January 30, 2018 were reviewed. Council reviewed the finance reports for the period ending January 31, 2018 (34% of the fiscal year elapsed). The City had \$993,834.88 in the bank and routine bills had been paid, “Exhibit A”.

Council President Geray asked about the costs associated with Officer Hinton’s Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) and noted the training budget for the Police Department is almost expended.

Chief Bowcutt reported the program in Boise, ID is a 10 week long program and costs \$8,000 dollars vs. the program at Idaho State University which is a 15 week long program and costs \$850. Officer Hinton will be attending the ISU program which is available in the budget. Additionally, there will be no further training costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

He has that remaining in his training budget, and the department will have no further training costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mayor Gubler entertained a motion. Council Member McNamara made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Appointment of John Price to City Council: Mayor Gubler inquired if the Council had any further questions or concerns regarding his desire to appoint John Price to the City Council. The Council did not have any further questions or concerns.

Mayor Gubler entertained a motion. Council President Geray moved to approve John Price to fill the vacancy left by former Council Member Gubler. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Roberts swore-in appointed official Council Member John Price, “Exhibit B”.

Appointment of James West to Planning & Zoning Commission: Mayor Gubler reported Citizen James West could not be present tonight but would like to recommend his appointment to the Commission based off of Council Member Thompson’s recommendation.

Council Member Thompson reported he is the General Manger of the Hampton Inn downtown and described him as an intelligent and meticulous individual. He also served on a Planning and Zoning Commission in a community he resided prior to Iona.

Council President Geray inquired if the Commission has had the opportunity to meet Mr. West and approved his appointment.

Mayor Gubler expressed typically that is what occurs. However, this month the Planning and Zoning Meeting fell on the evening of Valentine’s Day so the Commission decided to cancel the meeting and rescheduled it for tomorrow evening.

Mayor Gubler entertained a motion. Council President moved to approve James West to the Planning and Zoning Commission pending the approval by the Commission. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Reappointment of Jake Lindsay, John Lott, and Dee Johnson to Planning & Zoning Commission: Mayor Gubler reported he has spoken with Jake Lindsay, John Lott, and Dee Johnson whose terms expired in January. He further expressed all members are willing to continue their service.

Mayor Gubler entertained a motion. Council President Geray moved to approve the reappointment of Members Jake Lindsay, John Lott, and Dee Johnson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member McNamara seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Introduction of New Police Officer Hire – Chris Hinton: Chris Hinton stated he is originally from California and moved to the Idaho Falls area about 22 years ago. He worked for the Shelley Police Department alongside Chief Bowcutt for approximately 5 years. Him and his family then moved to Utah for about 5 years, but really wanted to come back to the Idaho Falls. After the interview process, he was offered the opportunity to come work for the City of Iona and hopes to do a great job for the community.

Approval of Licensing Agreement for Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) Police Policy: Chief Bowcutt reported ICRMP has notified the City in order to maintain coverage the City needs to adopt a separate police policy. The document in front of the Council for consideration is a subscription based license agreement with the entity Law Enforcement Policy Center for that purpose.

He further explained the policy would be updated yearly, and it his understanding this entity can make adjustments if it doesn’t fit the Department based on the legal advice and recommendations of their attorneys and the City’s Attorney.

Mayor Gubler entertained a motion. Council Member Thompson moved to approve the licensing agreement for the police policy in the interest of maintaining the City's status with ICRMP, "Exhibit C". Council Member McNamara seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution for ICRMP Police Policy: Council President Geray outlined a typo in the document of "formal" which needs to be revised to "formally" and requested Attorney Rawlings make the necessary revision, "Exhibit D"

Approval of the Idaho Unified Certification Program Agreement: Mayor Gubler explained the purpose of the document is for the City to acknowledge that Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) administers and regulates the Idaho Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion. Council Member McNamara moved to approve the Idaho Unified Certification Program Agreement, "Exhibit E". Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion of the Belnap Christmas Show: Mayor Gubler reported he has been in contact with the Belnaps who have expressed to him they will not be able to be in attendance at a city council meeting until their basketball program is over for the year. He directed Clerk Roberts to table this item until further notice.

Discussion of Idaho Sod: Citizen Kirt Schwieder explained he received notification from the City the need to change the zoning of his property due to concerns of commercial use which is prohibited in the Single Family Residential (R-1) zone. He further expressed he would like to discuss options with the Council and work towards complying with the City's zoning ordinances.

He explained he has researched the City's ordinances and can see that the Residential Agricultural (R-A) Zone and/or the Commercial (C) Zone appears to be more appropriate for the true nature of the property's use.

He referenced a meeting with the Council last year in which he discussed with them removing the business office out of their home and constructing an office on the lot he owns to the east of his residence. However, he ended up working with the City of Ammon on another piece of property he owns and received an agricultural exemption. He moved the majority of the daily operations to his property off of Sunnyside reducing the amount of public traffic coming in and out. However, they still do store farm equipment, operate repairs, and still occasionally deliver and receive goods from their property here in Iona.

He presented a proposal to rezone both lots to commercial, and he has already talked to Bonneville County Assessor's Office who said it wouldn't increase his taxes. He presented a second proposal in which he would rezone one lot commercial and the other Residential Agricultural (R-A) Zone. He presented a third option in which he would take the first lot and only zone half of it commercial and everything else would be rezone to residential agricultural.

Mayor Gubler explained to Mr. Schwieder further discussion or decisions on the options he has presented couldn't be made tonight as there is a legal process which must take place when

rezoning property. He encouraged him to work with Clerk Roberts to initiate that process which does require public hearings in front of both the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Council.

Discussion of the Dee Johnson Land Use Agreement: Citizen Dee Johnson expressed he has some questions relating to the agreement he would like to discuss further with the Council. He explained he requested the land use agreement to lease some land from the City for the purpose of placing a prefabricated shed. Initially the agreement outlined a one-time fee of \$250, but then increased to \$475 to include not only legal fees but engineering fees occurred by the City.

Clerk Roberts explained originally the Attorney drafted the agreement with only the cost of his fees in mind, but the City received a bill at later date for engineering fees from Paul Scoresby.

After further discussion, the Council agreed to allow Mr. Johnson to pay for the \$250 fee only as originally outlined in the draft agreement.

General Discussion of the Water System Improvement Project: Mayor Gubler reported the Council discussed this during the work session and was in regards to logistics and timeframe of the upcoming water system project.

Country Haven Park Proposal: Mayor Gubler presented the proposal drafted by Citizen Austin Catlin for the establishment of a park in the Country Haven Subdivision for the Council's consideration, "Exhibit F".

Director Prouse expressed concerns that the proposal outlined too many items for the amount of ground available, and felt the design needed to be scaled back. He encouraged the Council to go and look at the property and try to envision what he is presenting.

After further discussion, the Council asked Director Prouse to communicate with Mr. Catlin some of his concerns regarding the project, and tabled the discussion until further notice.

Staff Reports: Mayor Gubler reported to the Council he has asked Attorney Rawlings to draft an ordinance which would amend the qualifications for members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to reside within city limits or the area of impact. A public hearing on the matter will take place next month in front of the Commission and the Council for consideration.

Mayor Gubler reported Director Prouse asked for approval to purchase a new welder and an oxy settling tank for the shop. He explained it is within Director Prouse's budget so he went ahead and approved it.

Mayor Gubler reported he has requested Chief Bowcutt to move forward in making the Durango a marked police vehicle.

Chief Bowcutt reported he will be sharing more information with the Council regarding radar signs, and possible grants available to help with these costs.

Clerk Roberts reported the Clerk's office has moved all the preparation of the monthly billing statements back in house due the company informing them they weren't making enough money to continue providing this service. Clerk Roberts reported this is because the City now has 190 customers utilizing paperless billing. Council President Geray asked about the cost savings since the City implemented these other options. Clerk Roberts reported they would have to put together a more detailed cost analysis, but prior it cost about .85 cents per statement and now it's down to .50 cents per statement.

Mayor Gubler reported Treasurer Sullivan has requested an additional office space with a computer downstairs in the building so there is quiet space which can be utilized when needed.

Mayor Gubler reported he has been discussing some maintenance concerns with Director Prouse in regards to some water problems. There is an area which deposits water up against the foundation of the building and has destroyed some of the surfaces of the building as a result. They have done some temporary caulking, but long term they will need to look into some costs to remedy the situation.

Mayor Gubler asked if there was anything from the public they would like to bring to the Council's attention.

Council President Geray suggested revising the agenda to include a section at the end of each meeting for future agenda topics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: March 20th, 2018

Dan Gubler, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shara Roberts, City Clerk