

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK MEETING
IONA COMMUNITY CENTER
MAY 17, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Council Member John Price.

VISITORS: Emily Leigh, Michelle Bateman, Scott Serr, Brian Dilenge, Dave Noel, Jennifer Serr, and Kevin Harris.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Presentation of Proposed Mountain Bike Park – Brian Dilenge: Brian Dilenge with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation handed out copies of the proposed mountain bike park, “Exhibit A”. He further reported the specialists at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have reviewed the project and approved the plan to move forward mid-June. The next step will be for the project to come out for public comment with the anticipation to start digging the project next spring. Mr. Dilenge reported the proposal is very similar to the Eagle Bike Park.

Mayor Gubler expressed it has been discussed the bike park would probably work best housed under the City of Iona as one entity to manage it. Then at some point, the City would initiate the process to take ownership of the property further down the road.

Mayor Gubler explained the biggest question at the moment is some further reclamation of the property by the Department of Environmental Quality (DOE).

Council President Geray inquired about the maintenance costs the City would be responsible for. Mayor Gubler explained the bike club would take over the maintenance of the trails and there are also funds available through the State.

Chief Bowcutt inquired if policing of the facility would be the City’s responsibility. Mayor Gubler indicated that was correct.

Mr. Dilenge reported there are landowners to the east and south of the property who have expressed interest and involvement in the project as well.

Mayor Gubler outlined future visions for a city park or green space, and/or a shooting range on the property.

Discussion of Possible BMX Bike Park/Pump Track: Citizen Scott Serr handed out copies of his proposal for a small kid’s version of a BMX bike park/pump track next to the skate park in Iona Square, “Exhibit B”. He expressed the proposed bike park up on the hill will be wonderful for the community, but expressed the need for a smaller version for kids to be able to access easily here in town. Furthermore, he would be willing to try and design something.

Dave Noel with Forsgren Associates explained to the Council they may want to talk to Ted

Hendricks with the East-Central Idaho Planning & Development Association (ECIPDA) as this type of project may fall into a category that is fundable with city improvement grant funds.

Council President Geray supported the idea of having a beginning stage appropriate track available in town opposed to up on the hill with the more advanced bike park.

After further discussion, the Council supported Mr. Serr pursuing a design and cost plan for the proposed project and bringing it back for consideration at a future date.

Discussion of Possible New Business in Iona – Emily Leigh: Citizen Emily Leigh explained she approached the Council last month to discuss a possible pop shop business. The discussion was tabled until the Council could seek legal counsel first regarding what type of liabilities could potentially exist if it was placed on city owned property.

Attorney Rawlings asked if she intended for this to be a long term or short term arrangement to help determine whether a lease or a permit would be more appropriate. Mrs. Leigh expressed the intention is for the business to be a long term arrangement.

Attorney Rawlings inquired if she would be leasing a city building or setting up a separate structure. Mrs. Leigh reported they would build a 10 x 12 structure and would like to set it up on city owned property possibly on the east side of the tennis courts by Iona Square on Dayton Street.

Attorney Rawlings inquired if the business would be set up as a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Mrs. Leigh responded it would be.

Council President Geray expressed his number one concern regarding this proposal is setting precedence.

Attorney Rawlings recommended the Council consider adopting standards for leasing out city owned property or facilities instead of on a case by case basis.

Council President Geray inquired if Mrs. Leigh has explored other options for property for the business to be located on.

Director Prouse expressed placing a structure in a city owned public right-of-way next to an established street is going to create traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

Mayor Gubler suggested the empty lot on the corner of Iona Road and Main Street next to the old Ernie's Café.

Mayor Gubler also suggested the north side of the Stanger Building in the parking area since the building is owned by the City, but leased to the Bonneville Arts Association.

Attorney Rawlings indicated he would need to review the lease first for that particular scenario. Mayor Gubler directed Clerk Roberts to provide a copy of that document for his review.

After further discussion, the Council indicated privately owned property would be their number one preference. Mrs. Leigh understood the Council's concerns, but did express private property

would be a very expensive route for this type of business proposal.

Discussion of School Safety: Mayor Gubler suggested tabling this item until Council Member Price can be present as he is the individual who requested it for discussion.

Request from the Church of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) to hook up sprinkler system to the City's water system: Mayor Gubler reported he received a request from the LDS Church to permanently hook up their sprinkler system to the City's water system.

Director Prouse expressed from his perspective the LDS Church including the landscape was designed to run on off of secondary irrigation. He believes looking into the future it could be used as a benchmark for water conservation. He is not comfortable at this time hooking it up to the City's water system.

After further discussion with the Council, they supported Director Prouse's perspective. Mayor Gubler expressed he would explain the reasons why they are denying the request at this time.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:43 pm

COUNCIL APPROVED: June 26, 2018

Dan Gubler, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shara Roberts, City Clerk