

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,
HELD ON JULY 24th, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M.
AT MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL CHAMBERS
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

20048 CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at the Mountain Home City Hall Chambers, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho on July 24th, 2017. A quorum was established with, Councilman Bundy, Councilman Perez, Councilman Schipani, Councilman Bryant and Mayor Sykes being present.

RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

- Brian Orban from the Mountain Home News was present and introduced the new Managing Editor, Jenna Crow. Brian said he will be leaving the position to return to school.

- Randy Valley, was present and said he was concerned with the bee ordinance that is being written. He said he is a bee keeper and this ordinance will not affect him though he would like to see at least two hives per lot allowed simply because bees are in decline and having two hives gives more opportunity to sustain the bees.

Mayor Sykes asked what his suggestion would be for this ordinance.

Randy said it should be enforced that they have water available for the bees, and he had read where some ordinances state there needs to be some type of barrier between the hives and the next lot or residence. Also to allow two hives per lot.

Mike McCain, Building Official said the ordinance is set for the next Planning & Zoning Meeting but it could be changed at the Planning and Zoning level to two hives before it comes to the Council.

UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN - Review of Plan Concepts with Wendy Shrief and Clint Boyle

Wendy Shrief and Clint Boyle were present from Horrocks Engineers. Wendy said she wanted to let the Council know she is now a subcontractor on this project as she now works for JUB. Wendy and Clint gave an update on Plan Concepts and the work they have been doing with Economic Development to get the community involved with the planning.

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- Mayor Sykes said item K would be pulled from the Agenda completely.

- Nina Patterson, City Clerk said the funding for the roof was carried over from cash carryover in next year's budget and is there in case we have to purchase the rail line, so the roof has been put on hold until there is more information on the cost of the rail line. She said Keller Associates has already been advised and is fine with the situation.

- Councilman Bundy said he would like to hold off on Item H as we are in the process of procuring some other storage space and he would like to see how that works out first.

- Mayor Sykes pulled Item H from the Agenda completely.

- Councilman Schipani asked if on Item F the user fees would be going up for the Season and Weekday golf passes.

Mayor Sykes said they would not be raising those fees they talked to golf pro, T.J. Gomez and went with his suggestions on what fees to raise.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed without items H and K. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

- Mayor Sykes said before moving forward with the meeting he wanted to let it be known that he did not appoint Councilman Perez and Councilman Bundy. He said according to Idaho statute he is supposed to appoint a Councilman in this situation but he thought in order to have an unbiased Council it would be best if the Councilman resigning picked his replacement and that is what he let both Councilman Urquidi and Councilman Schroeder do. He went along with the appointments they recommended.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Decision on Mayor's Salary Increase Amount to be effective January 1, 2018

Councilman Schipani said he thinks there should definitely be an increase but that it should be over a series of steps not in one bigger increase. He said over the last year the City Employees were given a 3% increase and given that it has to be in an election cycle he thought the Mayor's increase could be 6% every two years.

Councilman Bryant said he does think the Mayor needs a raise so that it isn't only a job for a retired person to have. He said he does agree

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that it would be hard for the public to understand and justify the increase all at once and thinks breaking it in to several increases would be best. He said he doesn't think the Mayor should be making less than the Department Heads that serve underneath him.

Councilman Bundy said at the last Council meeting he made some comparisons and when looking at comparable cities, in 2014 Blackfoot wanted to go from \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00 with the comparisons being Mountain Home and Chubbuck and they did go to \$60,000.00. Rexburg is a little bigger and pays their Mayor \$63,000.00. Idaho Falls is considerably bigger and pays their Mayor \$78,000.00. Councilman Bundy said the point he wanted to make with that is Rexburg and Chubbuck rely a lot on Idaho Falls services. He said both Hayden and Ammon are approximately our size and have part time Mayors that make about \$15,000.00 a year but that they also employ a City Administrator who makes around \$90,000.00 a year. He said the time period from 2002 to 2014 is what created this problem if it had been raised even \$150.00 every two years there wouldn't be this issue. Councilman Bundy said something that is unique to our City is the Air Force Base and the time the Mayor spends on dealing with the base.

Mayor Sykes said it wasn't a raise for only him but a raise for anyone in the position.

Councilman Bundy said he felt 6% is low for the initial pay raise and that is what got us here in the first place.

Councilman Perez said to get the Mayor to what a grade 18 City Employee makes you would have to give the Mayor almost a 40% increase.

Councilman Bundy said he thought the number that continues to come back to him is to bring the Mayor's salary to \$5,000.00 a month.

Councilman Perez said if you do that and then give 6% raises after that it would take two more election cycles to get him to what a grade 18 makes right now.

Councilman Schipani said he thought \$500.00 increase for two election cycles wouldn't get things where they needed to be immediately but would be a good start to the process.

Mayor Sykes said then he proposes a change from a full time Mayor to a part time Mayor and hiring a City Manager.

Councilman Bryant said he liked the idea of a full time Mayor and that's why he wants to get the pay where it should be.

Councilman Perez made a motion to increase the Mayor's salary to \$5000.00 a month and \$60,000.00 a year to be effective January 1, 2018. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Discussion/Decision regarding the City not participating in the Floodplain Study and no longer paying \$11,000.00 as decided at the last Council meeting

Mayor Sykes said he went to the County Commissioners and they don't want to participate in a flyover for a road that will be changing soon, as South 18th will. Because it will change the flood plain.

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Councilman Perez said that is what they had discussed at the meeting prior and why they had decided not to allocate the entire \$22,000.00 to the project. He said he thinks the right thing to do is to go ahead with the plans to complete 18th street and then look at possibly doing a flyover if it is needed.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to withdraw the City's participation in the Floodplain Study and not pay the \$11,000.00 as voted on at the last meeting. Councilman Perez seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

Items Removed from Consent Agenda Section

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed at this meeting.

Discussion/Decision on terms for renewal of Golf Course Concession Agreement with Brandie Kearby dba Kurlys 2 Sports Grill

Brandie Kearby was present from Kurlys 2 Sports Grill and there was a discussion with the City Council about the terms for renewal of her lease with the City of Mountain Home.

Nina Patterson, City Clerk asked if Brandie had any requested changes.

Brandie Kearby advised she did not. She was happy with the terms and had no objection to renewing the contract the same way it was.

Council advised they had no requested changes to the contract.

Councilman Perez made a motion to leave the terms of the lease as is and bring the renewal back to the next meeting for approval. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Discussion/Decision on issuing vouchers for taxi cab services instead of the Treasure Valley Transit Bus System

Councilman Bryant said he had spoken to City Attorney, Jay Friedly and he needs more information on how the program would run so he will know if it is legal or not. He said Treasure Valley Transit is a private company so it would just be a matter of choosing a smaller company but he should have more information on that by the August 28th meeting.

It was decided this item would be continued to the August 28th meeting.

Paula Szafranski, City Treasurer advised that the Council had just

approved the tentative budget on the Consent Agenda and that had to be published next week to meet state guidelines. That tentative budget includes the \$20,000.00 for the bus, is the Council changing that because it cannot wait until the August 28th meeting and be changed at that time.

Councilman Bryant advised he was not asking it to be changed for the FY18 budget this would be a decision for the FY19 budget. The FY18 budget would remain the same with the \$20,000.00 that was approved for Treasure Valley Transit.

Discussion/Decision to use pass through money from Auction to purchase replacement vehicles for departments not to exceed the amount received

Mayor Sykes said the problem is the Parks Department's vehicles are all aged. He said he was grateful that the Council approved the proposed budget to get some new vehicles for the Parks Department, but he was hoping to use the pass through money to get them vehicles sooner if possible.

There was a discussion on the best way to proceed with getting the Parks Department new vehicles.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to use the pass through money from the Auction to purchase replacement vehicles for the departments that auctioned vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Councilman Schipani seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Discussion/Decision on installing a dirt track at Optimist Park

Mayor Sykes said he was approached by someone who wanted to build a dirt race track like the one we had at Optimist Park several years ago that had to be removed because of insurance issues. He said ICRMP has changed and will allow Cities to have them now because other cities have them so it would be possible for Mountain Home to have one. He said he told the man inquiring that he would only allow people to race if they belonged to a race track car club and the car club would be required to carry their own insurance. The interested parties would be doing all the work to install the track.

Councilman Bryant asked if there would be liability for the City.

Mayor Sykes said there is always liability for the City, but he was only comfortable if everyone involved belonged to the race track car club and the club carried their own insurance.

Councilman Perez made a motion to accept a written proposal from a car club to install a dirt race track at Optimist Park. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Discussion on Shooting Range

Mayor Sykes said he would like to open the City Shooting Range to allow outside people to use it and not just Law Enforcement. He said for everyone to use it they would be required to belong to a gun club who carried their own insurance, so there is less liability for the City. Mayor Sykes said he spoke to ICRMP and they were okay with opening it up under those conditions.

Councilman Schipani asked where the range would be located.

Mayor Sykes said they are still looking for the best location.

Councilman Bryant said Willy Heckathorn is partnering with some people who might be interested in seeing a shooting range put in.

Mayor Sykes said the one in Prosser Washington he had looked at the plans for was six lanes and cost \$40,000.00.

Councilman Bundy asked if this would be in combined use with the County and local law enforcement.

The Mayor said that it was and he was also looking into what kind of grants are available for this project.

It was decided this item would be continued at the next City Council Meeting on August 14th.

Discussion on Future Projects

Councilman Bryant said he would like to have a working group three to four Council meetings from now on all the City's special project ideas. He said he wanted to see if there was any interest in this kind of group.

The Council was agreeable to scheduling a Special City Council Meeting to discuss future projects.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance - Amending Section 2-2-1 through 2-2-8 changing Advisory Board to Advisory Committee and Adding a Technology Committee (3rd Reading by Title Only)

The City Clerk read the Ordinance for its third and final reading by Title Only.

Mayor Sykes asked, "Does this Ordinance pass its third and final reading by Title Only."

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and given #1661.

Ordinance - Mayor salary Increase

Councilman Bundy made a motion to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance by title only for all three readings with the first reading tonight. Councilman Perez seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Schroeder	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance for its first reading by Title Only.

Mayor Sykes asked, "Does this Ordinance pass its first reading by Title Only."

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

City Clerk, Nina Patterson wanted to let the Council know that in order for this ordinance to pass in the right amount of time by law it will have to be read twice at the next City Council Meeting.

FINAL COMMENTS

• Karl Vaughn from ITD was present and said starting Wednesday the West bound loop around at exit 90 will be closed for the next 21 days while the off ramps are being remodeled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session - Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(f) - Conferring with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss pending or imminently likely litigation

Councilman Schipani made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(f) - Conferring with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss pending or imminently likely litigation. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

The Council went into executive session at 8:07 P.M.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:13 P.M.

Discussion/Decision on termination of BMX Agreement with Shane Knapp dba Rocky Top BMX and possible legal action

Councilman Schipani made a motion to terminate the BMX Agreement with Shane Knapp dba Rocky Top BMX. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

Councilman Bundy

AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Discussion/Decision to allow USA BMX to fix the City BMX track

Councilman Schipani asked if we would need another MOU with the WECRD for this project.

Mayor Sykes said that was correct but we needed to get approval for USA BMX to take over before that could be done.

Councilman Perez said he thought if people other than City Employees were going to be driving the City loader that will be needed to do the job he should have a certificate of liability.

Mayor Sykes said as long as he had all the insurance lined up he would be starting on the track on August 21st.

Councilman Schipani made a motion to approve USA BMX to fix the City BMX track and to turn over operations to Rocky Top BMX and to have all the insurance paperwork to the City before any use of City equipment. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Perez	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M. by orders from Mayor Sykes.

ATTEST:

Nina Patterson
Nina Patterson, City Clerk

Rich Sykes, Mayor

