

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,  
HELD ON AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.  
AT MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL CHAMBERS  
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

- 20365 CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM
- 20365 MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA MAYOR'S POLICE CHIEF RECOMMENDATION
- 20365 PRESENTATION BY BSU - Downtown Parking Study
- 20365 RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE
- 20365 CONSENT AGENDA - All matters listed within this Consent Agenda section require formal Council action, but are typically routine or not of great controversy and will be enacted by one motion. Questions for the purpose of clarification may be asked about a particular item before the motion is voted on. However, for lengthy discussion or separate motion a Council member or citizen may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda section and placed on the Regular Agenda. ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE ACTION ITEMS.
- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - August 8, 2018  
City Council - August 13, 2018  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - August 15, 2018
  - B. BILLS - 8/14/18 to 8/27/18 in the Amount of \$286,885.30
  - C. TREASURER'S REPORT - for the Period Ending 7/31/18
  - D. APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION to accept and adopt the Mountain Home Pollinator Protection Policy as listed in Resolution #30-18 below
  - E. APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES in the amount of \$70.00 by Elmore County for the installation of fiber optic connection at the Courthouse for a new phone system
  - F. APPROVE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR AUDIT SERVICES with Harris & Co., P.A. to Audit the FY18 financials in an estimated amount not to exceed \$34,000.00 and Authorize the Mayor to sign
  - G. APPROVE REQUEST TO CONTINUE ON STATE CONTRACT and allow the City to continue to use the WEX Government Fleet Card Program for Fuel in City Vehicles and Equipment for the 2018/2019 budget year beginning October 1, 2018
  - H. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT with Idaho Power Company for the Bennett Mountain Power Plant and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign
  - I. CERTIFY L2 FOR FY19 Budget and Authorize the Treasurer to Sign
  - J. PASS RESOLUTION #30-18 - Concerning the Mountain Home, Idaho Pollinator Protection Policy

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ORDINANCES

Ordinance - Adopting FY19 Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings  
by title only). ACTION ITEM.

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FINAL COMMENTS

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ADJOURN

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A quorum was established with, Councilman Schipani, Councilman Bundy, Councilman Bryant and Mayor Sykes being present. Councilman Brennan appeared by telephone.

MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA MAYOR'S POLICE CHIEF RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Sykes requested to add to the agenda his Recommendation for the Appointment of Scott Conner to the Chief of Police Position. The Mayor advised that Mr. Conner did not accept the position until today, so this was not included on the original agenda because it was not known at that time if he was going to accept this position. This is an emergency and cannot wait until the next meeting because Mr. Conner needs to give notice at his present position and the City needs to start the background process. We do not want to start spending City money on this process and do not want Mr. Conner to give notice at his present position until City Council approves this recommendation.

Councilman Bundy advised he did consider this item to be an emergency and made a motion to allow the Mayors Police Chief Recommendation to be added to the agenda under new business because this is a time sensitive item that needs to be addressed at this meeting before the Candidate can give notice at his present position and before any City funds are spent to begin the background process. Councilman Schipani seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

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

PRESENTATION BY BSU - Downtown Parking Study

Courtney Lewis, Economic Development Director said one of the biggest concerns with the Downtown Plan was parking. BSU Economics Department did a study and have compiled the data to present. The members who compiled the data were present and Courtney introduced each of them to the Council.

Annie Walker from the BSU Economics Department said they observed Mountain Home's Downtown Corridor on four separate occasions in July and August. She said they observed that currently there are 389 parking spaces in the total downtown area and with the new plan it would be reduced to 336. Currently the average number of parking spots used is 121. Annie said even with the reduction in parking spaces there would still be more than enough parking spaces to accommodate parking needs even if the needs were increased in the future.

RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Decisions on amendment to Parking Ordinance. ACTION ITEM.

There was a discussion on the amendment to the parking ordinance.

It was decided City Attorney, Jay Friedly would work with Geoff Schroeder of MSBT Law, the City's Prosecuting Attorney firm and bring something back that can work or tell the Council if it cannot be prosecuted why.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Items Removed from Consent Agenda Section. ACTION ITEM.

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Discussion/Decision to approve the Mayor's Recommendation for the Appointment of Scott Conner as the Police Chief for the City of Mountain Home beginning on or about October 15, 2018. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Bryant said he wanted to express his feelings about the hiring process. He said in the past he didn't see any opportunity for advancement. He feels with three lieutenant positions within the Police Department the City should be able to pick a candidate from within. If we continue to bring police chiefs in from other departments there is no opportunity for advancement.

Councilman Brennan said he respects Councilman Bryant's position but would like to point out you cannot put someone in the job if they didn't apply for it and only one of the three lieutenants applied.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to accept the Mayor's Recommendation of Scott Conner to the position of Police Chief for the City of Mountain Home. Councilman Schipani seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	NAY
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The majority of the vote being in favor, the motion was carried and so ordered.

#### ORDINANCES

Ordinance - Adopting FY19 Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings by title only)  
ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for the second and third readings with the second and third readings tonight. Councilman Schipani seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Brennan	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 second reading by Title Only.

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

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Bryant	AYE
Councilman Brennan	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 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 Brennan	AYE
Councilman Schipani	AYE

• Mayor Sykes said he had the numbers of how much electricity the food trucks hooking into City services are costing the City and he would be bringing that to the next Council meeting.

Councilman Schipani asked if City Clerk, Nina Patterson would reach out to other Cities to see how they handle the trucks plugging into City services.

Tiffany Belt, Recreation Superintendant spoke up and said the City of Boise has quite a process before you can use their services as a food truck and advised she would bring back some information for the Council.

• Mayor Sykes said the oval track at Optimist Park was just about ready and in speaking with some riders he found out there is nothing else quite like it in the valley, so it could be that Mountain Home has cornered the market.

Councilman Bryant said he would be coming to Mayor Sykes with some cost estimates for permanent bathrooms at Optimist Park.

• Chief Moore wanted to thank the #30 Masonic Lodge for approaching him about the Guns and Hoses softball game. He said it was good fun and the lodge treated the participants to a meal after the game. He said they are getting equipment serviced in the next couple days. The fire academy that will be here September 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> is all going according to plan.

• Courtney Lewis, Economic Development Director said the rail engineering is underway and she is working with the base on that. The Downtown Plan Engineering will be headed back to ITD for them to look over.

• Russ Griggs, Police Chief said they have gotten the concrete pad poured for the canine that the City will be receiving. When the funds are available they will be getting a car outfitted for the canine unit.

• Gene Palmer, Street Superintendent said most of the road projects are winding down. Right now they are planning for Air Force Appreciation Day.

• Miguel Pedroza, Parks Superintendent said they are also getting ready for Air Force Appreciation Day and working on the oval track at Optimist Park.

• Tiffany Belt, Recreation Superintendent said they are moving into fall activities. They are hoping to help the school with homecoming spirit and have started a decorating competition they are trying to get local businesses involved in. They are also planning for Spooktacular in Carl Miller Park at the end of October.

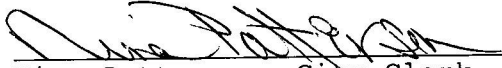
• Rich Urquidi, Director of Public Works said work on the corner of American Legion that Papa Murphey's sits on should be finished soon. He said ITD approached him today about working on the other side of American Legion next year. He said with the weather cooling off the wells aren't running as much. Work should start with the 18<sup>th</sup> street traffic signal light September 10<sup>th</sup>.

• Mayor Sykes said they toured the HUB building last week and the purchase of the building has been finalized by the URA.

ADJOURN

  
Rich Sykes, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nina Patterson, City Clerk

