

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 3RD, 2021
AT 6:00 P.M.
AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL
160 SOUTH 3RD EAST STREET

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

DISCUSSION/DECISION on Customer Purchase Order with John Deere Financial to lease a 2021 John Deere 524P Wheel Loader to replace the 2016 John Deere 544K Wheel Loader that the lease will be up on in April and Authorize the Mayor to sign all required documents once approved by the City Attorney. ACTION ITEM.

DISCUSSION/DECISION on COVID Vaccination Policy. ACTION ITEM.

DISCUSSION/DECISION on Lease Agreements, Fees and Requirements. ACTION ITEM.

ADJOURN

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,
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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at Mountain Home City Hall, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho on February 3rd, 2021. A quorum was established with, Councilman McCain, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Stokes and Mayor Sykes being present at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Bundy appeared by phone.

Recognizing Persons in the Audience

Lonnie Black came forward to speak on leases with the City of Mountain Home.

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The Council discussed the possibility of buying the Wheel Loader Machine outright versus continuing to lease one.

Councilman Brennan said if you continue to lease the machine for the next five years by financing, the end balloon payment of the current lease then you would have bought the machine instead of having a never ending lease cycle every five years. He said since the last meeting he has gone to Coastline in Meridian and was told there shouldn't be any major problems on a machine like this until after 15,000 hours. After five years the City has less than 1,000 hours on it. He said he didn't think it is in the best interest of the City to have a new machine for the sake of having a new machine.

Mayor Sykes said it would take over ten years to get to the point where this machine would start to have maintenance issues.

Councilman McCain asked how much the maintenance budget at Public Works would have to be increased by, if the machine was no longer on a lease with maintenance included.

Rich Urquidi, Director of Public Works said he thought he would have to budget \$22,000.00 every year. \$11,000.00 each from the Water and Wastewater Departments. He said part of what he was budgeting for was a rental if the machine is out of commission. Though that \$22,000.00 could carry over from year to year if it was not used.

Mayor Sykes asked if there were other machines in the City that would suffice if this machine was out of order for a little while.

Rich said it would depend on what kind of job came up. Some of the machines in the City are too big to do some of the jobs and maneuver in tight spaces.

Councilman Bundy was concerned with buying this outside of the budget cycle.

Paula Szafranski, City Treasurer said it looked like Water and Wastewater each had budgeted \$6,000.00 for payment on a Wheel Loader so both departments would have to take \$2,000.00 from a different line item for the loader.

City Clerk, Nina Patterson said when the budget was set they didn't know the cost of the new loader, so there's always the possibility of having to take money out of a different line item for purchases like this, but they did budget to make a lease payment on a loader, it was just budgeted at less than what the new payment ended up working out to be.

Councilman McCain said when he first started with the City there was a lot of old equipment that was not in good shape and it took a long time to get out and it looks like now they will be headed back into that pattern.

Councilman Stokes said even after five years this was basically a brand new piece of equipment and it seemed the best way for the City to build equity is to buy the old machine outright with a five year lease to purchase. His suggestion was to take a loan out for five years on the \$96,900.00 owed for the current loader.

Mayor Sykes said if we were to go that route, he would like to purchase a new loader in the amount of \$144,000.00 over six years.

Councilman Brennan said he could see getting a new loader on a five- or 6-year lease with the intent to keep it at the end of the lease. He said at the end of the lease he would need some justification, if at that point the City did not want to keep the loader.

Councilman Bundy left the meeting at 6:50 and the meeting continued.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to purchase the outgoing 2016 John Deere 544K Wheel Loader with an extended two year warranty as a five year lease to own. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Stokes	AYE
Councilman McCain	NAY
Councilman Brennan	AYE

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

Discussion/Decision on COVID Vaccination Policy. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Stokes said he was in favor of putting the Covid vaccine in the area of \$50.00 unless the City wanted to incentivize the vaccine.

Councilman Brennan said he could see including the vaccine on the Wellness Program but didn't think it should be worth the entire \$220.00 because the City should still try to encourage employees to be healthy in other aspects of their lives as well.

Mayor Sykes said the motion from the January 11th meeting still needed to be voted on and it was as follows: Councilman McCain made a motion to allow the Covid-19 vaccination to be added to the Wellness program for the maximum benefit of \$220.00, but the wellness program is still available to employees who do not wish to use the benefit for the Covid-19 vaccine. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Stokes	NAY
Councilman McCain	NAY
Councilman Brennan	NAY

The vote being unanimous, the motion was declined.

Mayor Sykes said he would like to see the Covid vaccine be worth a total of \$110.00 on the Wellness plan.

Councilman McCain made a motion to place the Covid Vaccine on the Employee Wellness Program for \$110.00 total (whether that required one or two doses) which is include in a not to exceed amount of \$220.00 total for the Employee Wellness Program. Councilman Brennan seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Stokes	AYE
Councilman McCain	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE

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

Discussion/Decision on Lease Agreements, Fees and Requirements. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Stokes said the overall idea of this was to make an objective process where entities were not coming to the Council to ask for discounts or different treatment.

Mayor Sykes said his recommendation was to let Tiffany Belt, Recreation Superintendent come back to the Council with a recommendation of what is fair for everyone. He said it doesn't make any sense to push away people who are willing to give their time and money to help support the parks.

Councilman McCain said when people make programs succeed in Mountain Home it is a benefit to the citizens who live in Mountain Home regardless if the people putting it on makes money or not.

Tiffany said she thought it would be impossible to put everyone in two or three boxes when they have such varied groups that use the City Parks.

Councilman Brennan said his only concern is people wanting access to the same park time and time again for \$5.00 and then charge a family \$35.00 a day to rent a smaller park.

Paul Fitzer, City Attorney said things like the Daniel Dopps Rodeo could be treated as a Special Event Permit.

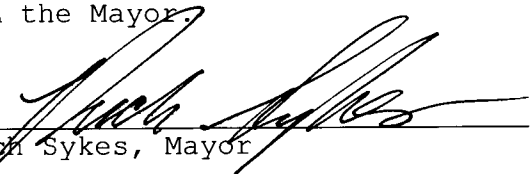
Nina Patterson, City Clerk said there is already a Special Event form and a Meeting once a month where people who are having an event come and apply for any extra services they may need.

The Council discussed what they would like to see addressed in leases or permits for the parks.

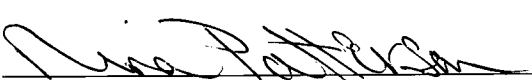
It was decided Tiffany Belt, Recreation Superintendent would come back to the Council with a recommendation of how to proceed with Lease Agreements, Fees and Requirements.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M. by orders from the Mayor.


Rich Sykes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nina Patterson, City Clerk

