

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Franklin City Building

June 14, 2023

7:00 P.M.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

John D. Packer

Lyle J. Fuller

Stuart Parkinson

Mark Dietrich

Kevin D. Beck

STAFF

Tyona Atkinson, City Clerk

Council meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Packer.

Prayer: Councilmember Stuart Parkinson

Pledge: Councilmember Kevin Beck

It was moved by Councilmember Mark Dietrich and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Beck to approve minutes of May 10, 2023, Council Meeting. Motion passed. Unanimous

It was moved by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson and seconded by Councilmember Mark Dietrich to approve the bills for May 2023. Motion passed. Unanimous.

Family Place – Mental Health First Aid – Cari Phillips (5:05) See Attachment

Cari Phillips represents Family Place, a non-profit organization in Logan, that serves Cache, Rich, and Franklin Counties. Cari is the Mental Health First Aid Projects Director. She went over the attached information sheets covering statistics, mental health first aid, and training. Classes are available and at the end of the training individuals will be able to identify, approach and respond to help those in need.

Idaho Days Update – Erin Munson (21:55) See Attachment

Erin Munson stated that there are 44 total booths for Idaho Days 11 are food vendors. She has contacted the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for the flag ceremony, the port a potty's have been rented, Clark Migliori and friends will take care of the trash, and the auction is being taken care of. Erin will reserve a dumpster for the trash.

Erin has reached out to all three wards to get youth volunteers to help pick up the park after the fireworks. Preston Elks will be making breakfast. Erin stated that there will be a more detailed agenda available next Monday listing what will be served and the price. It will also have a list of sponsors for the spelling bee. The agenda will be posted online. Erin has a plug for Idaho Days advertised on the radio and has flyers on the windows of community businesses from Preston to Logan.

Erin stated that fund raising has been tough this year because most businesses do their budgets in January and because of the economy. She has been e-mailing and hand delivering sponsor letters.

There are 44 booths coming this year, the food vendors have to supply their own electricity. Jared Jensen will be doing the fireworks again. There is a bounce house coming that is a bigger expense, the cost will be recouped by collecting payments. The bounce house will be for all ages and affordable for families. She stated there are a lot coming to be in the parade. The Rocky Mountain Bronco Club will be in the parade then park their rigs for a mini car show. The stage and sound will come on Friday to verify if the electricity is sufficient.

Councilmember Lyle Fuller commented that he likes what Erin has done, he stated the color fun dance party will be fun.

Erin requested the Councilmembers take a shift at the city booth where residents can vote for citizen of the year. She will make up a schedule.

Mayor Packer asked the councilmembers if they would like to ride in the truck with him again this year, he will be pulling the float. They stated it worked well last year. They also decided to throw candy.

Erin Munson stated the Lions Club has committed to donating a minimum of \$1,000.00 towards the new playground project.

Dog Ordinance (34:40)

Mayor Packer stated that he has followed up from last month's meeting. The city has purchased two dog pole catchers that have the catch, hold and release. These are available for employees and city council members to use in helping catch dogs. Mayor Packer stated that he has asked two people to be the dog catcher and so far, they have all said no. The council discussed chipping dogs that have been caught and updating the ordinances.

Councilmember Stuart Parkinson stated that the city should advertise to get the word out that the city is looking for a dog catcher. Mayor Packer stated that he will get Preston City's dog ordinance and study it and he will give it to all the council. Councilmember Lyle Fuller stated a letter from the mayor could go out stating there has been a violation of the kennel ordinance and the city attorney could file misdemeanor charges if need be. Councilmember Kevin Beck stated that a lot of the complaints that have been coming into the city cannot be handled by a code-enforcer. He stated that if residents want their complaints to be heard by the council they need to come in and file a complaint as the council cannot comment on a face book post.

Councilmember Kevin Beck stated that he will make a post for a dog catcher and give the information to Erin Munson to post on face book.

It was moved by Councilmember Kevin Beck and seconded by Councilmember Lyle Fuller to table the discussion on the dog ordinance until next month when a decision will be made.

Motion passed. Unanimous

Sunrise Engineering Contract (53:12)

Mayor Packer stated the city needs to sign a contract with Lance Evans, an engineer with Sunrise Engineering to hire him to work as a per item situation. Lance Evans is a level 4 engineer, if the job does not require a level 4 engineer, he will pass it on to a lower-level engineer. The city can have Lance work on a project and can limit the time spent on the project. Mayor Packer

suggested that the city sign the contract and have Lance work on two projects. One is Bessinger's Storage Units. The second is to have Lance answer Kaleb Bickmore's concerns with the Planned Unit Development (PUD) in Legacy Ranch. Councilmember Mark Dietrich stated the decision for the PUD was approved by councils before this council took over. He also stated that the city needs to find out the legality if the soccer field is not put in place, which was part of the original plan. Councilmember Kevin Beck stated that the council can agree to change that specific plan if recreational activities in the area have changed. Kevin stated that the city needs to make sure the park area is upheld.

Mayor Packer asked for a motion to approve signing a contract with Sunrise Engineering for the two specific line items. (Mentioned above)

It was moved by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Beck to approve signing the contract with Sunrise Engineering for the two items discussed, Bessinger Storage Units and Kaleb Bickmore's concerns with the PUD in Legacy Ranch.

Motion passed. Unanimous

Truck Bed for Dodge (58:00)

Mayor Packer asked the council if they wanted to drop purchasing the truck bed for the Dodge, take action on it or table it. Councilmember Mark Dietrich stated that he had not had a chance to inspect the truck bed, but he knows the truck bed is rusty. Mayor Packer stated that he doesn't know if the truck bed has rusted all the way through to make holes in the bed. Mark asked about sandblasting and put a rhino lining on the bed. Mayor Packer stated that the bed has been rhino lined before and it is peeling off. Mayor Packer stated that if someone sandblasted the bed to take off the rhino lining there would be places the rust would go through. Mayor Packer doesn't feel that rehabilitating the bed is an option. Councilmember Kevin Beck stated that there have been concerns about the engine or transmission on the truck and wondered if that has been looked at. Mayor Packer stated there have been concerns, there was shaking and vibrating. The truck was taken in for a wheel alignment and it no longer shakes and vibrates.

The new bed will cost \$8500 installed, which is a good price. Councilmember Mark Dietrick and Councilmember Kevin Beck asked about the maintenance of the new bed to avoid rusting because of all the salt used to plow the roads. Mayor Packer stated the truck is kept inside and if the truck is not being used to salt the salt is dumped out and the bed is washed out.

Councilmember Kevin Beck asked about the concern of how many miles are on the truck and having it last because of the beating it takes being a snowplow truck. He stated the city has a big truck (Ford) he asked if there was a reason the city has to use the Dodge as a snowplow truck. Mayor Packer stated that public works would rather use the Dodge, the bigger truck plows faster and is built heavier duty to plow the snow. There are certain areas in the city that can't be plowed with the big truck because it is too hard to get around.

A special license is not needed to drive the big truck.

Councilmember Kevin Beck stated that it is the public works job to keep the roads clean and do it as efficiently as possible.

Councilmember Kevin Beck and Councilmember Mark Dietrick feel a protective lining should be put on the bed and the bed needs to be maintained better. Mayor Packer stated the bed is a utility bed not a flatbed so it will be hard to rhino line or powder coat it.

It was moved by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson and seconded by Councilmember Lyle Fuller to approve the purchase of the utility bed and have it installed for \$8500.00.

Motion passed. Unanimous

Mayors Report: (1:12: 20)

Mayor Packer stated about Councilmember Stuart Parkinson's concern about the city water tank not being locked that he will follow up on that. Mayor Packer stated that by the next city council meeting the area around the tank should be fenced and locked. He gave an update for the tank stating that the cement has been poured. Dome will put the sealer on in the tank on Monday. There is no cure time for the sealer. Mayor Packer stated he was told the tank should be holding water by the next weekend. Dome has been backfilling and compacting.

Mayor Packer stated that he and Barbara have filled a couple of potholes. Councilmember Stuart Parkinson stated there is a pothole at 129 N. 3rd E. that if there were an oncoming car you would have to drive on personal property or drop in the hole. There are several potholes that need to be fixed. Mayor Packer will talk to public works and Cory Olsen about fixing the potholes.

Mayor Packer stated that he was told that everything that was needed for the stop signs on Legacy Drive was in the shop then he found out they needed to order the stop signs. Mayor Packer will follow up and make sure the stop signs are put in at Legacy Drive.

Mayor Packer stated the new sign for City Hall was supposed to be put up by now, but when Ryan Durrant gave the measurements to the individual who cut the sign the measurements were wrong, and the sign was cut too big. Ryan assured Mayor Packer that the sign would be up by next weekend for Idaho Days.

Mayor Packer stated that last year for the budget hearing each council member was invited to come in and go over it. Councilmember Lyle Fuller stated that he would prefer to have the budget as an agenda item at a regular meeting or a special council meeting like a workshop to take time to go through the budget items. The council would like a special meeting for the budget.

Mayor Packer stated that he has been asked several times when the RV dump will be open. Due to the winter, we had and other incidences the sewer pond filled up faster than it was supposed to. Mayor Packer had to make the decision to land apply (app) which delayed the farmer cutting his hay. Mayor Packer is looking into being able to land app on Priestley's property which the city hasn't been able to do for a while. There has to be some testing done before the city can land app on that property.

Brian Smacka with Forsgren is working on getting the contractor back to work on the raw water tank.


Councilmember Stuart Parkinson stated that the Pioneer Board has a couple of concerns, one they are wondering why the lawn isn't being watered at the Relic Park. Mayor Packer stated he will get public works to take care of that. Stuart stated the other concern is there are people who rent the Relic Park and there is no water available there. The Pioneer Board was wondering about the possibility of a water tap or fountain. Mayor Packer stated there is a water hydrant


there that is on. There has been concern about the hydrant not having a backflow device, so it has been locked in the past, but the hydrant wasn't locked last year or this year.

Mayor Packer stated the council approved funds to buy a new drinking fountain. Mayor Packer did some research and found a place he could buy two for under the price the City Council authorized. One drinking fountain is ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessible, it has two heads one that is wheelchair accessible and one that has a regular fountain. The other fountain is wheelchair accessible also and a place to fill water bottles. He asked the council for suggestions for places to put the fountains.

Phase 3, the filtration plant will not begin until September. We are waiting for WesTech to get the equipment.

It was moved by Councilmember Mark Dietrich and seconded by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed. Unanimous


City Clerk


Mayor