

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Todd Hawkes at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Todd Hawkes, Council: Joyce Bayles, John Packer, and Emily Chatterton.

Also Present: Becky Cox from Preston Citizen, Darrell Sims, Janet Gillimore by phone, Jeff and Jill Hobbs, and Dee Burgus.

Mayor Hawkes welcomed everyone to this meeting.

The minutes from regular city council meeting held on October 12, 2016 and minutes of Public Hearing held on October 12, 2016. Emily Chatterton made the motion to accept both sets of the minutes as written. Joyce Bayles seconded. Unanimous.

The October bills were reviewed. Joyce Bayles made the motion to pay the bills. John Packer seconded. Unanimous.

Jill Hobbs – Pioneer Association – Historical Properties: Jill Hobbs stated that this council has a thankless job. Both Jeff and Jill Hobbs wanted to thank the council for all their work and she stated that this is a great place to have kids grow up. The other thing she wants to talk about is the water that is locked up in the Pioneer Park. They have people coming to the Relic Hall and they want to use the water that is locked up. She stated that she knows that there have been people filling pesticide tanks from that hydrant. She thinks that there is something else that could be done besides locking it up to get people to not fill their tanks. They have people that come to the relic hall that would like to wash off the tables or their coolers and the water is locked up. She would also like a small hose hooked to that tap so people can use it. Jill Hobbs stated that the sprinkler system was put in by the Pioneer Association and the city was supposed to take care of this park. That park was burnt up as the sprinkler system was broke and her neighbor was flooded with water anytime the system turned on. She would like the water tap unlocked for people to use. Mayor Hawkes stated that a different type of hydrant could be placed there. If someone hooks up and fills a chemical tank there is a possibility that it could go back into the system. Jill Hobbs stated that the city should call those people that are filling the tanks and tell them they can't do that and then charge them for what they used. Mayor Hawkes stated that the problem is that you have to catch them in the act and so far we have only someone

telling the city that they have seen someone filling tanks. Mayor Hawkes stated that there was an agreement that Tracy Olsen was supposed to fix what he could and then call the city if he needs more help. He was not aware of the broken valve until late in the summer. Tracy Olsen never did call him. Janet Gillimore is working on a new contract with the city. Emily Chatterton stated she is concerned about the water faucet locked up. Mayor Hawkes stated that this was done because there are businesses that come in use it without calling and asking permission. John Packer stated that the city should charge a deposit for a key for the water. Mayor Hawkes stated that he would work on this. Jill Hobbs stated that the sprinklers were not on during the summer as the lawn was burnt up. There was a break in the sprinkler line and the park didn't get watered. Jill stated that they are fixed now. Mayor Hawkes stated that he was not told that the sprinkler system was not working. He asked Jill if she sees something wrong to please let the city know so we can fix the problem. Council and Mayor thanked Jill for coming.

Janet Gillimore with Idaho State Historical Society – Contract Status Update: By phone: Jan Gillimore went over the plans they are planning for the site. It is their intention to continue with the partnership in running this site. This partnership has been done successfully for a number of years. There were 5000 people visiting this site this last summer. This includes over 1000 students from the surrounding schools. They hope this will be a very educational place for people. There is a lot of people coming for reunions that come in to visit. They have appreciated the way the site looks. They look for the city to help in getting people that need to work for them. She would like to come down next week to visit with Tracy Olsen and see how they are doing. They want to work with Jeremy Kimpton and the city staff in ways of making this work. She hopes to be there next Thursday in the early afternoon. Visit with the city staff at 3:30 pm along with Mayor and any council members that would like to come. After that meeting they would come back with a formal contract that will made things better. She thinks that everyone wants to advance this historical site. This serves a great vocational place to visit. She wants to make this the best interest for everyone. She asked if there were any concerns. Mayor Hawkes agreed that it does look nice and it is beneficial to work together. He looks forward to seeing what the state comes up with. Mayor Hawkes and John Pack will be there to that meeting next week. The council had no questions. They are willing to work together in the future. She looks forward to meeting with the city. The report shows what has been done with the site.

Susan Hawkes and Jill Hobbs do a great job in meeting the needs of people visiting the site. There is a lot to do that. This will be 3:30 pm on Wednesday not on Thursday.

Jan thanked the council for their time.

Mayor Hawkes stated that this wraps up the agenda tonight.

Mayor Hawkes stated that he has talked with Jeremy and the employees about what can be done about the water in the park. It sounds like the State wants to work with the city. He will look at the water in the park to see what can be done over there. The people that abuse the water in that water are not from the city but are outside the city limits.

John Packer stated that one fill up is 500 to 1000 gallons. Emily Chatterton stated that she wants to make sure people who rents the park gets a key so they can use the water. Mayor Hawkes stated he will look at something to put in the park so people can have water in the park. The park belongs to the city and we need to work on the water. There are a lot of compliments on the parks this year.

Emily Chatterton made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Joyce Bayles seconded.
Unanimous.

City Clerk

Mayor