

CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2016
7:00 PM

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

Present: Mayor Todd Hawkes, Council: Joyce Bayles, Emily Chatterton came at 7:45 pm, Bryce Wood and John Packer.

Also present: Jeremy Kimpton City Administrator, Darek Kimball, Becky Cox, Doran Lambson, Rachel Randall, Chance Randall and Mark Dietrich who did not sign in.

Mayor Hawkes welcomed everyone to this meeting.

The minutes of regular city council meeting held on January 13, 2016 minutes were read. Bryce Wood made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Joyce Bayles seconded. Unanimous.

The January bills were reviewed. Joyce Bayles made the motion to pay the bills. Bryce Wood seconded. Unanimous.

Doran Lambson – Annual Audit Review: Doran Lambson reviewed the Annual Financial Report-September 30, 2015. Doran went over the report on the Financial Statements, Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements, Auditor’s Responsibility, Opinions, Change in Accounting Principle, Other Matters, other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards. This year the GASB 68 is a new portion of the audit that is now required by the State of Idaho. This is for the retirement system that the city has in place which is PERSI.

Mayor Hawkes asked Doran if the city has been getting the information to you so the audit is getting easier to prepare. Doran stated that every year it is getting better.

Doran Lambson stated that he appreciated the way the city has taken their advice and changed the way things were done.

Copy of the audit is attached.

Ben Arygle Franklin Millhouse Manor: No show

Chase and Rachel Randall-Water Hookup outside of City Limits: Chase and Rachel Randall are going to build a house on 2nd East just south of the City limits and are asking for a water hook-up as there is a city water line that runs right in front their property on the west side of the 2nd East.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that the city has spent quite a bit of time and effort getting people outside of city limits off of the city system but that has been because a public entity cannot supply untreated water to a residence. The people that were taken off the system were above our filtration system.

Mayor Hawkes stated that anytime the city looks at this type of hookup you would want the meter box as close to the city line as possible. The city would have go down and look at this area to find the best possible place for the meter.

Chase Randal stated that the water line is on the west side of the road and they are building on the eastside and would be off that road 25 feet back.

Mayor Hawkes stated that the one thing he would like the council to consider is that each case must be considered by itself and not set this as a precedence. Each time someone comes in wanting to connect to the water line will be considered case by case and they must have a pretty good reason why this fits. There is potential that there will be other people building outside the city limits that will want to hook onto the water line.

Mayor Todd Hawkes asked the city engineer if he could see any problems that haven't been addressed. Darek Kimball stated that the main thing is the main line be as short as possible.

John Packer stated when you are supplying water to someone in city limits the water is thirty dollars a month base rate. John wanted to know if the people outside city limits where there is no tax base pay more for their water.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated the usage, that's open for discussion. The usage is what it is. I don't know that you would change it. The hookup fee wouldn't change at all because you can't charge more if it cost the same to put it in. You use the same equipment and everything. That's something if you want to discuss. As of right now we only have one or two left on the city that's outside the city limits.

John Packer asked what they are paying.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that currently it is the same.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that you are going to want to do it case to case bases. You're not going to want to open the flood gate you're going to have to have a pretty good

reasoning because there is going to be a problem in the future. You only have so much resources and you still have a development to fill. Who knows someday this could be part of that development. Mayor Hawkes stated that he can't see the city moving much farther east.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that this is everything that he knows that could be a problem with it. His personal opinion is he think it can be done.

Bryce Wood stated that he doesn't have a problem with it as long as we document it and we need to recognize that it is conditional, a favor, and set a standard there.

John Packer stated that it would have to be on an individual bases on how close you are to the water line.

Mark Dietrich stated that he is responsible from the meter to his house. Mayor Hawkes stated that this is correct. Each homeowner is responsible for their water line to the meter.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that it's not going to get much cleaner than this if you're going to allow it. That's what needs to be documented is the reason why we allowed it so if it does come up in the future we can keep control.

John Packer asked what the ordinance says concerning this.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that there is no problem with the ordinance on it.

Bryce Wood made a motion to grant Chase and Rachel Randall a onetime allowance to hook onto the city water line. Joyce Bayless second it. Unanimous.

Resolution to Adopt Financial Controls Policies and Procedures: Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that the city needs to adopt a resolution on Financial Controls and Procedures. Currently we don't have anything in place like this. As we move forward and start handling these funds and paying out money on these kinds of projects as they move forward they would like us to have a policies and procedures implemented. You have all been sent a copy of a version of it.

Mayor Todd Hawkes asked if they had read it and did they have any questions or want to add or take away anything from it.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that he thought it was well done and didn't see anything that was a problem it.

John Packer made a motion to adopt by resolution to 2016-2-10 Financial Controls Policies and Procedures. Bryce Wood seconded it. All in favor.

Role call vote: John Packer yes, Joyce Bayles yes, Bryce Wood yes. Emily Chatterton was not here. Motion passes.

Emily Chatterton came in at 7:45 pm.

Update on Law Enforcement Issues: Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that they went up to an ICRMP meeting. They saw what we discussed last meeting. We have had some issues and concerns and talked about maybe re-entering into the contract with the county for additional policing. It was brought up that there is a Preston City policeman here in town so maybe we could look at hiring him part time. Mayor Hawkes stated that he went to an ICRMP meeting and had a chance to talk to Mayor Mark Beckstead about a couple different scenarios and told him I wanted to come back up there and sit down and get more in-depth with what I would like to discuss with him. One of the issues that we discussed and he was going to look into and didn't think there would be a problem was rather than us having to drive our sewer sample all the way to Pocatello, we could start working with them and doing the testing in Preston at their lab. Mayor Beckstead stated that he could see a problem with that right now.

At the ICRMP meeting Mayor Hawkes asked if a community like ours had to deal with the county or if we could piggy back with another city entity. They thought that would be fine. He said you can do whatever you want. You can work with the county or city. Two cities can work together. So when Mayor Hawkes talks with Mayor Mark Beckstead he wants to discuss using them, contracting with them on law enforcement. According to the insurance agencies and the laws it's conducive that we can do that fairly easy. Currently we haven't seen much additional patrolling from the county. They were going to try and make sure one of their officers was down here spending a little more time in Franklin and patrol another road or two but he hasn't seen that it has made that much of a difference yet. Mayor Hawkes will continue to keep you updated as soon as he meets with Mayor Beckstead.

Discussion on Disbanding Planning and Zoning Committee: Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that when we were in that ICRMP meeting it was specifically teaching Planning & Zoning. They weren't even aware that we had Planning & Zoning. As we went through this training we found

out we really don't need a Planning & Zoning. We don't have enough to do for a Planning & Zoning and the roles and responsibilities don't even come close to meeting the requirements to have a Planning & Zoning. Most of what we have been using our Planning & Zoning for should be handled by office staff. There is only a few issues that would need to be handled by the city council. These are zoning issues or if you try to change zoning, variances, not meeting all the ordinances. Other than that if everything complies it should be handled by office staff and public works.

Bryce Wood questioned that if Planning & Zoning was disbanded would the city council have to have additional Planning & Zoning meetings.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that no we wouldn't. Everything they do could be handled right here. The more we listened and the more we learned we really don't have anything for the Planning & Zoning to do. If that's the case and we have already talked to our Attorney and told him what we learned he said that is right. There is a way to handle it. I'm not asking that we do that tonight, I'm just asking for the discussion to see if we want to proceed that way. But we want to do it in the right fashion too.

Bryce Wood stated that he could see that it would really serve people better by doing that. If we do make that change we need to make sure to let them know that we are very grateful for what they have been doing. We need to recognize them and thank them for what they have done for the city.

Mayor Hawkes stated that if that is what we want to do then he will continue to work to see this through. Mayor Hawkes will start contacting the Planning and Zoning and let them know what we are looking at.

Mayor Todd Hawkes stated that this ends all the business that we need to discuss on this month's agenda.

Executive Session: 67-2345 (1)(a): Mayor Hawkes stated that there has been a request to go into an Executive Session for 67-2345(1)(a) personnel matters.

Emily Chatterton made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 pm. Bryce Wood second it. Unanimous.

Joyce Bayles made the motion to go back into regular session at 8:55 pm. Bryce Wood seconded. Unanimous.

Emily Chatterton made the motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm. Joyce Bayles seconded. Unanimous.

City Clerk

Mayor