

CITY OF MOYIE SPRINGS MINUTES REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4th, 2015

City Council met in regular session November 4th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Moyie Springs City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Evans. Present were Councilmen, Chad Farrens, Steve Economu, Terry Johnson, Tim Narvaez, Public Works Supervisor John Nelson, Fire Chief Ken English, and City Attorney Dan Featherston.

Matt Plaisted from DEQ, James Ball, Bonnie and Cornelius Girod, Sara Harrington, Dave and Andrea Kramer, Scott Thompson, and Laurie Johnson were also present.

Discussed the minutes of the regular meeting on October 7th, 2015. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Steve Economu to approve the October 7th meeting minutes as written. Motion carried

Discussed the minutes of the September 16th special meeting minutes. Steve Economu made a motion and Chad Farrens to approve the special meeting minutes on September 16th as written with the correction noted on page two line 15 to be *have John Nelson inspect it after the job was completed*. Motion carried.

Discussed the current financial statement. Tim Narvaez asked about the equipment maintenance total and if it should show each vehicle separately. Mayor Evans explained that is the reason the council reviews each invoice and approves them for payment. Mayor Evans asked for the Council's approval on the financials. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Steve Economu to approve the current October financials. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans addressed Sara Harrington regarding the site permit penalty. Sara Harrington asked for the Council to waive the site permit penalty. She said that she thought she had discussed the need for the permit over a year ago in the City Office to construct a small lean to on her home. She said she must have misunderstood if she needed a site permit. Tim Narvaez said she did need to have a site permit. Chad Farrens commented on the construction being over a year ago. Steve Economu asked who her discussion was with at the City's office. Sara said she believed Sandy Tompkins was there. Terry Johnson asked if she had ever had a site permit before. Sara stated that she had not. Steve Economu questioned the City citizen's awareness of the City's ordinances and penalties. Tim Narvaez asked about putting notifications in the City's monthly billings. Steve Economu noted that the residence were living in a City and should know that there are City ordinances. Ken English thought the site permits started with Gary Falcon in Planning and Zoning; when Gary was adding house numbers to property addresses. John Nelson thought that site permits had been around longer than that. Mayor Evans stated that the City had made a name change from a building permit to a site permit, as it was not an actual building permit being issued, on the advice of the City's Attorney. Ken English said that the local Realtors were not informing new property owners of the City ordinances. Ken also thought the City should send out letters to the City residents on the City ordinances. Mayor Evans asked for the Council's

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decision on the requested of Sara Harrington's to waive her site permit penalty. Tim Narvaez didn't think that Sara needed to be set as an example and that the site permit requirement should be noted on the City's monthly statements. Steve Economu agreed that the City maybe could waive Sara's penalty, but that the City needed to start enforcing the City ordinances. Terry Johnson asked about a notice being sent to all property owners to be aware of the City's ordinances and rights. Mayor Evans agreed and that all the public information was available at the City office. A motion was made by Chad Farrens and seconded by Steve Economu to waive the site permit penalty on Sara Harrington. Motion carried. Sara Harrington thanked the Council. A motion was made by Tim Narvaez and seconded by Terry Johnson that the City add a note to the landowners be aware of the rules and regulations and their responsibilities, to the statements for six months. Motion carried

Mayor Evans asked John Nelson if the Brooks had corrected the sewer violation. John reported that he had inspected it and they had it disconnected and cover the line back up.

Mayor Evans addressed the Girod's. They mentioned their need to purchase a site permit. The Girod's had received the letter regarding the animal ordinances violations. The Girod's said that they did have three goats and three goat kids less than six months old, two horses and one horse less than one year. They asked the council for time to comply with the ordinance maybe two months or till spring. A motion was made by Chad Farrens and seconded by Terry Johnson to allow the Girod's time to comply with the animal ordinance violation and for the Girod's to notify the Council at a regular meeting of their compliance. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans addressed Matt Plaisted from DEQ. Matt asked the Council if they had time to review the Sewer options presented by Welch Comer Engineering and had made a decision on which direction the City was going to take on correcting the sewer violation determined by DEQ. Mayor Evans stated that he and Chad Farrens had talked with Chris Pease from Idaho Forest Group about the possibilities of purchasing the land located behind the City Hall. Chris Pease was going to talk to the mill landowner Brinkmire, regarding the land availability. Matt Plaisted said that DEQ needed to see forward movement from the City. John Nelson said that he had received the equipment he needed to test the lagoon flow. Matt asked the City to set goals and move forward with a plan. He said the City needs to first finish the facility study that they had been given an extension on till December 31st, 2015. Mayor Evans stated that the Council had not made a decision on which option to proceed with. He added that the City also has to do the environmental impact testing on any land chosen, and asked if the grant monies could be increased for the testing expenses. Mayor Evans realizes the December deadline and the importance of the City decision and moving forward to correcting the sewer discharge violation. Tim Narvaez said he believed that the City first needed to have the out flow tested from the lagoon. John Nelson said he has the flow meter and just needs to install it. Tim Narvaez thought the outflow testing would help determine the lagoon size and the leach field size needed and that a flow test had not previously been done to provide this

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needed information. Matt Plaisted said that Welch Comer Engineering had used a standard average for the outflow in the facility study done for the City. Tim Narvaez said he believed that the result from the outflow test from the flow meter was a major variable in the City's decision. Tim Narvaez also questioned if the City could install 70 septic sites as an option. Matt Plaisted said that DEQ does not object to septic systems. Tim questioned that the lower flow from the lagoon should decrease the land acreage needed for the drain fields. He added the possibility of septic tank systems for say twenty or so hookups to help decrease the lagoon outflow as an option. Mayor Evans stated that the City needed all the sewer hookups participation to be able to get the grant monies for the project, and that an individual septic tank option would not be supported by grant funds. Mayor Evans reported that the Council had Century West Engineers review the Welch Comer Engineers facility study, to see if they could find any alternative savings options for the project. James Ball reported that the Panhandle Health District permitted ten parcels on one septic tank. He liked the idea for an option of the City's, in pursuing the septic tank systems as to reduce his monthly expenses from the monthly sewer rate he is now paying. Mayor Evans stated that the decrease in flow would not change the DEQ requirement for the change in the outflow method of discharge, or the land acreage needed for the discharge. Tim Narvaez asked if a monthly fee assessment to all City residents for future sewer expansions be an option for the City's growth. James Ball commented on the septic tank systems option for the City was not a moving backwards choice. Tim Narvaez said that the old septic systems were made of railroad ties and that the new age septic systems were much more effective. Matt Plaisted mentioned that the septic sewer systems were updated to the City's current sewer system for a reason. Mayor Evans thought that there must have been in the past, spring and well water contamination from septic tanks, being the reason the City had the sewer lagoon system. Matt Plaisted mentioned that he believed that there would not be grant monies available for the option of individual septic tank systems, but that the City could possibly have financing through loans. Mayor Evans gave Matt a copy of the Century West Engineering evaluation of the facility study of Welch Comer Engineering, and the cost savings suggestions. Tim Narvaez mentioned a comment made by the current City of Bonners Ferry Mayor at a candidates meeting regarding the spending of millions and millions of dollars on their City's sewer system. Tim asked if the Council would consider sending a letter to the City of Bonners Ferry to ask if they would consider a consortium to come to a solution for both our systems. Mayor Evans said that an option B was presented by Welch Comer Engineering in piping our City's discharge to the City of Bonners Ferry. The option was removed due to the City of Bonners Ferry sewer discharge currently being discharge to the river and the environmental impact a probable future DEQ violation. Tim Narvaez said County involvement should be sought and that an invitation of consideration be sent to the County Commissioners and the City of Bonners Ferry. Mayor Evans said that the City of Bonners Ferry has so much money tied up with their current sewer system that it would not be a financial consideration. Terry Johnson said that the Three Mile area was in need of a sewer system. Mayor Evans said that the joint meeting of the City of Bonners Ferry, the County Commissioners, and the City of Moyie Springs was coming up shortly and the Council could add that to the

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meeting's agenda. Mayor Evans then thanked Matt Plaisted for his attendance and input to the meeting.

Mayor Evans introduced Dave Kramer. Dave Kramer is running for County Sheriff. He is currently the Kootenai Tribal Officer. He has had twenty years of experience in law enforcement in the County, and a proven record of command as City of Bonners Ferry Police Chief. He believes in a proactive approach and accountability. He will see that Moyie Springs is not forgotten and that the concerns and safety of the residents are addressed.

Mayor Evans asked for an update on the Avery's goats at 350 Elk Road. The Avery's had called the City office and the goats have been relocated.

Mayor Evans asked for an update on the Baker's sewer system at 584 Westwood. The Baker's have purchased the septic permit and hope to have the system completed in 30 days.

Tim Narvaez asked about a camp trailer on 124 Moyie Street that appears to have someone living in. Mayor Evans said that he had driven by there and he believes that Tim is correct. Ken English said that the owners of the property would like to see him move. Mayor Evans asked if it was a four month time allowance for a camp trailer to visit on your property. John Nelson stated that it had been about three months that the camp trailer had been lived in. Mayor Evans suggested scheduling a special meeting to deal with the camp trailer and the sewer option decision on November 19th at 6:00pm.

John Nelson asked about doing highway stripping at the intersection of Roosevelt and Highway 2. He would like to mark the area with the lanes allowing a wider turn for the trucks turning onto Roosevelt, and defining the lanes for turning onto Highway 2, with an island painted to divert traffic to the specified lane. Steve Oxford requested the highway marking due to seeing vehicles in an incorrect position while stopped at the intersection turning on to Highway 2, making it difficult for trucks turning on to Roosevelt from Highway 2. Mayor Evans thought that it was a good idea. Terry Johnson said that the State Highway Department would need to be contacted as to the measurements of the State right of way. Mayor Evans said that John should talk to the State Highway Department. Tim Narvaez would also like to see NO parking signs on the right hand side before the stop sign at the intersection along the guardrail. John said he would need two or three no parking signs. A motion was made by Chad Farrens and seconded by Terry Johnson to do the highway stripping, and to get the no parking signs. Motion carried.

Donna Wilson-Funkhouser asked if the Council would approve an operating account to pay the City bills, with \$1000.00 from the City's general account to fund the beginning balance. The accounts payable amount due monthly would then be transferred from each funds separate checking accounts for their share of the expenses. A motion was made by

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Steve Economu and seconded by Terry Johnson to open an operating checking account to pay monthly bills, with \$1000.00 from the City's general fund. Motion carried.

Discussed the Volunteer Fire Department. Ken English reported the following: October 7th- LEPC Meeting; October 20th – UP Railroad -; October 21st – Fire Chiefs Meeting; October 29th – Ambulance Assist -2299 R. Ken said he also was checking on getting blueprints from South Boundary Fire District used for their fire hall, to see if the City might possibly use them for a new fire hall to be located on the Roosevelt side of the railroad tracks.

Discussed the Water & Sewer systems. John Nelson reported we pumped a total of 6,969,700 gallons; the high on the 10th of 638,200 gpd, the low on 9th and the 12th of 0 gpd, with an average of 232,223 gpd for the month of October, 2015.

BATT was requesting a representative and an alternate representative for the BATT meetings from the City of Moyie Springs. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Terry Johnson for John Nelson to be the representative and Mayor Evans to be the alternate representative for the City of Moyie Springs. Motion carried. BATT has new by-laws that they would like to approve at the next BATT meeting on November 18th at 1:30 PM at the Visitors Center in Bonners Ferry.

Association of Idaho Cities is having new council member classes on November 24th from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM in Coeur d'Alene. Tim Narvaez and Donna Wilson-Funkhouser are planning on attending. Mayor Evans thought the class would be helpful as AIC focus is on helping City's with their operations and State guidelines. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Chad Farrens for the City to pay for Tim and Donna to go to the class. Motion carried.

Discussed the accounts payable. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Chad Farrens to pay bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chad Farrens and seconded by Terry Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Attest: City Clerk