

CITY OF MOYIE SPRINGS MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING & REGULAR MEETING MARCH 7th, 2018

City Council met in special session March 7th, 2018 at 6:30 PM for the Idaho Transportation Department – Presentation and Discussion.

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) requested a special session to update the City Council and the City on the road status on Highway 2. Bill Roberson and Susan Kiebert represented the Idaho Transportation Department. Bill Roberson handed out packets regarding plans for Highway 2, Roosevelt Road and Blume Hill. Bill Roberson apologized for the delay in the speed study that was promised to the City in regards to the 129K truck allowance on US Highway 2 and Roosevelt Road. The City Council said that they had been asking for information from ITD to keep them informed. Steve Economu questioned if the reduction in the speed limit thru the City limits on Highway 2 would be granted. Bill Roberson said that ITD would not be considering the reduced speed on Highway 2. He explained how the accidents and the crash data from the area were the determining factors in road safety necessities that ITD would be completing. Bill Roberson said that he had reviewed the crash data and that it had showed that the crashes were near Blume Hill and that there was a fatality there. He explained further that the crash near East Roosevelt and the Blume Hill Road on Highway 2 is where the safety project that ITD is currently focused on. Bill Roberson said that on the safety road projects there has to be a benefit cost ratio; cost of the project and reduction of accidents. Bill Roberson said that ITD would be looking at widening Highway 2 at the Blume Hill and E. Roosevelt Road and adding a left turn bay and roadway lighting at a cost of approximately 2,500,000.00 dollars. Bill Roberson explained the packets handed out that contained the crash data information. He explained that the federal funding for expansion is based on accidents and fatalities. He said that crashes are rated on fatalities and then an A, B, C score. He said that the areas that showed fatalities scored higher for the federal government to fund road safety changes. Bill Roberson said that he is purposing a project for the intersection of Roosevelt and Highway 2 but he did not think that there would be monies for an acceleration lane. He said there could possibly be additional lighting placed at the intersection. Terry Johnson asked if it would take a fatality to get the speed reduction. Bill Roberson said that it had to be data driven for safety funding. Terry Johnson commented in a previous discussion with ITD, that they would consider the speed reduction in regards to the allowance of the 129K trucks on Roosevelt Road. John Nelson added that during the 129K truck test run; it took 13 seconds for the truck to clear the lane when entering onto Highway 2 from Roosevelt Road. John Nelson said that this would definitely be a safety issue. Bill Roberson said that at this point there was not any crash data to support the speed reduction. Dave Kramer, the Boundary County Sheriff, said that several years back there had been a fatality near the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Highway 2, and since then there has only been an increase in traffic and truck traffic. Bill Roberson suggested that adding more lightening at the Roosevelt Road intersection with Highway 2, would benefit the safety issue concerns there. Steve Economu said that is why the City has had concerns and has added flashing lights to protect its citizens, and is why the City is asking for the speed reduction. Tim Narvaez said that he understood the projects being safety data driven, but questioned the human element, and reality of the safety issue that is at the intersection, and the 129k truck traffic and time needed for those trucks to enter Highway 2. Bill Roberson said that there will be an engineer safety study done this spring. Les Love said that Idaho Forest Group does have a truck count going into the mill, and that they could share that information for the safety study. John Nelson said that the City has a flashing speed sign that has a data log, which could be used for the safety study, as well. Bill Roberson said that road marking of a center line and a stop bar would be beneficial on Roosevelt Road at the

intersection. He said that he would try to get that in motion for the ITD to put the stripes in place for the City. Bill Roberson said the plan for the year 2023 was to repave from mile marker 64 to 80. The State of Idaho gets additional federal funding, because it is a poor state. ITD has to be data driven to show the benefit to cost ratio, for the federal funding as they want to see the safety issues addressed for the funding. Steve Economu asked if the City could change the speed limit on Highway 2 in the City limits. Bill Roberson said that the State took that option away from the cities several years back. Ginger Perrenoud asked how the speed limit was dropped on the Highway going thru Sagle. She added that the safety concerns for the residents and the increased truck traffic was the reason for the speed reduction request near the intersection of Roosevelt and Highway 2. Bill Roberson said that the decision for the Sagle area, speed reduction, was based on the crash data of accidents and fatalities for that area. Mayor Chad Farrens thanked Bill Roberson and Susan Kiebert for their coming to the meeting and keeping the Council informed. Bill Roberson said that he would be back as soon as the traffic and engineer studies were completed to keep the City and the Council informed.

City Council met in regular session on March 7th, 2018 at 7:00 PM

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Chad Farrens. Present were Council members Steve Economu, Geoff Hollenbeck, Terry Johnson, Tim Narvaez, Fire Chief Ken English, Public Works Supervisor John Nelson, City Clerk/Treasurer Donna Wilson-Funkhouser, and City Attorney Dan Featherston

Signed In: Bill Roberson and Susan Kiebert from the Idaho Transportation Department, Dave Kramer the Boundary County Sheriff, Ginger Perrenoud, Jim Ball, Dennis Weed with EDC, Les Love from Idaho Forest Group, Tanna Yearmans from the Bonners Ferry Herald, Rosanne Smith, Ray Yates, and Mike Weland from the Kootenai Valley Times.

Open Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance:

Prior Minutes –Approval – February 7th, 2018: Mayor Chad Farrens asked the Council to review the minutes of the regular meeting from February 7th, 2018. Mayor Chad Farrens asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the regular meeting. Steve Economu noted on page 1727, the first word "the" should be omitted, and also on page 1728, paragraph 4, under the Water and Sewer section, part 2, line 3, the term Jake Brakes, should be unmuffled brakes. Mayor Chad Farrens entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Tim Narvaez to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion carried.

Special Meetings Minutes -Approval –January and February 2018: Mayor Chad Farrens asked the review of the Special Meetings for codification in January on the 13th, 20th, and 27th. Mayor Chad Farrens asked for any questions or comments, and if not, would entertain a motion to accept. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Geoff Hollenbeck to accept the special meeting minutes from January 13th, 20th, and 27th as written. Motion carried. Mayor Chad Farrens asked for the review of the February 13th, 20th, and 27th special meeting minutes. Mayor Chad Farrens asked if there were corrections or comments. Mayor Chad Farrens entertained a motion. A motion was made by Steve Economu to accept the special meetings minutes from February 13th, 20th, and 27th. Terry Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Current Financials: Mayor Chad Farrens requested the review of the current financials from February, 2018. Mayor Chad Farrens entertained a motion to accept the current financials if there were

no questions or comments. The motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Steve Economu to approve the current financials. Motion carried.

David Kramer, Boundary County Sheriff – Presentation: Mayor Chad Farrens addressed Dave Kramer the Boundary County Sheriff. Dave Kramer brought a slide presentation and gave an update on the police activity. He stated that since 2015 six officers had been shot in the line of duty in North Idaho. He said that it is an eye opener, a changing world, and not a good trend. He said that last year the County had arrested three homicide suspects. One was a local homicide, and the other two were Montana homicides that were arrested locally. Dave Kramer showed the slide presentation. He reported that the County has built a new wall in the entry way to separate the jail from the entrance into the Sheriff's Office for public safety. He said that the jail was now a certified jail. The challenge for certification was to have an indoor recreation area. They installed a carport that was acceptable for an indoor recreation or exercise area. He said that the area is a multi use area and can be also used for meetings. Dave Kramer said that a fence has now been installed with grant monies that give a secure area for bringing in inmates, and extra security for the jail with the controlled access to the building. The Sheriff Labor Program has been reactivated. The inmates have the opportunity to do work in the Sheriff's Labor Program by picking up trash or working at the landfill, and some painting. He reported that they have started a reserve program with three levels; level three reserves are at a non police level, for volunteers to help out; a level two reserve that have police powers in the company of a police officer; a level one reserve for retired law enforcement. He stated that a prescription drug drop box has been placed in the Sheriff's Office for residents to dispose unused prescriptions. He reported on the Search & Rescue and their work on a back country patrol. He said that they are also going to offer the community winter driving classes. JB Tire's are willing to offer coupons for the class with the purchase of tires. Dave Kramer said that the County Sheriff's Office is going to have Crime Prevention Awareness meetings across the area to help the community be aware. Dave Kramer said the Idaho Forest Group mill had purchased, and donated a flag pole for the Sheriff's Office. He also reported that they have made a working plan in regards to the vehicles and purchasing new vehicles and the selling of the old vehicles at surplus auction. He said that the Sheriff's Office is working with a teamwork approach to increase the moral and effectiveness of the police activity within itself and the community. Dave Kramer said that they are trying to save money in the meals, medical, housing, and other things in the jail to make be more cost effective. The collection of monies for inmates has changed to a collection agency. Dave Kramer said that the County has crossed deputized the County, the City of Bonners Ferry and the Kootenai Tribal Police for added security and teamwork. Jim Ball gave recognition for the Sheriff Departments support and for the drug task force. Dave Kramer said that a Crime Prevention Awareness meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 15th, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Moyie Springs City Hall. Ken English gave his appreciation to Dave Kramer as the County Sheriff.

Adoption Ordinance 127 – Street and Road Ordinance: Mayor Chad Farrens asked to waive the adoption of the Ordinance. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Tim Narvaez to waive the Ordinance 127 adoption until the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

Dennis Weed – EDC:

- **High Five Grant:** Dennis Weed reported that David Sims the Mayor of Bonners Ferry was looking at leasing the property next to the City's substation for a dollar a year to the City of Moyie Springs. They want to help install a slab and play equipment from the High Five Grant for the City of Moyie Springs. They want to know if the Council wants to proceed with this and getting additional grants. Terry Johnson thought it was a good thing.

Steve Economu said he thought it was a good thing as well, but questioned the insurance. Dennis Weed said that he thought it would be covered by the ICRMP insurance. Dennis Weed said that it thought it would not be a full tennis court. Terry Johnson asked about a fence. Dennis Weed said that yes it would be fenced, with a higher fence on the substation side. Jim Ball questioned the exact location.

- **Capital for a Day:** Dennis Weed asked if there were any questions that the Governor should know or be aware of before the Capital for a Day. He said that he had received emails from the State and would let them know if we had something. Jim Ball asked if Idaho Housing Agency would be attending the day. Dennis Weed said that there are two separate agencies, the finance and the housing. Tim Narvaez commented on seeing in the AIC news letter on the Idaho Liquor Tax monies be taken away from the cities and given to help fund the judicial system. He said that he totally disagreed that supporting the criminals with our liquor tax monies, and that it should be used for helping the citizens of communities. The criminals should have to pay a fee. He asked Dennis Weed where the City should go to convey this message to the State. Dennis Weed said that he would talk to the legislators and let them know the concerns.

Capital for a Day: Mayor Chad Farrens asked who on the Council would be attending the Capital for a Day on March 16th. Tim Narvaez, Terry Johnson, Steve Economu said they would be attending. Geoff Hollenbeck will be out of town attending a class. Dennis Weed said he would be there for the day. Terry Johnson said that the road construction on the highway by Naples will probably be discussed at the Capital for a Day. Dennis Weed said that they are still in negotiations on the highway project in Naples, and thought that it would still be another year out. Dave Kramer said that they are going to ask Clint Kimball about reinforcing the detour route thru the Deep Creek area. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser asked if someone would pick up the chairs from IFG that they were going to lend the City for the day event.

Camp Trailers:

- **2590 Roosevelt Road:** Mayor Chad Farrens opened the discussion on the camp trailers usage for a residence in the City limits. Ray Yates said that he had previously asked the Council if he pull his trailer inside the shop, if that would be allowed; and the Council had permitted it. He said that he had to pull it back out of the shop when the property was placed on the market. He said that he has no water or sewer hooked to the camp trailer, and only uses it to sleep and cook in. Ray Yates said at the time he started living there that the owner of the property, Zach Dyck, did not realize there was an Ordinance against living in the camp trailer. He said he lives there to prevent anyone from breaking into the shop. He added that he can pull it back inside the shop, until spring comes around, and then can move it somewhere else. Mayor Chad Farrens asked the Council's feeling on the request. Steve Economu said that the Council had agreed that he could stay in the camper inside the building, but that he was not in compliance with what was agreed upon. Steve Economu said that he would need to pull it back inside the building. Ray Yates said he had to pull the camp trailer out of the shop, due to the property being advertised for sale. Mayor Chad Farrens asked if he was able to put it back inside the shop. Geoff Hollenbeck said that if this happens again, that Ray Yates would need to let the Council know what is going on. Tim Narvaez questioned if the Council was forbidding the camp trailer to be outside if he was living in it and if there would a time frame for the allowance of the camp trailer

usage. Ray Yates said that this summer he is planning on moving out of there. Mayor Chad Farrens said that if the camp trailer comes back out there would need to be some sort of penalty for the violation. Tim Narvaez said that if it comes back out, that he will need to move. Terry Johnson commented that this is an Ordinance that the City has, and that the City has complaints about other camp trailers, that the Council is dealing with as they come. The Council has had this discussion with him before. Mayor Chad Farrens thanked Ray Yates for coming to the meeting.

- **584 Westwood Drive:** Mayor Chad Farrens said that he had gone to the residence at 584 Westwood Drive of Mike Baker's. He said that Mike Baker has the floor 1/3 completely sheeted, floor in, foundation in, and power almost ready to go. Terry Johnson asked if he had walls and a roof. Mayor Chad Farrens said that he did not, just the sub floor. He said that he is in need of 2x6's, 2x4's, and any OSB sheeting. Tim Narvaez asked over what time period that has been from. Tim Narvaez questioned if the Council should give him a specific time frame with no exceptions to get the camp trailer out of there. Mayor Chad Farrens suggested giving another extension. Steve Economu said that he thought the Council should table until the June regular Council meeting. Tim Narvaez said that the extension would need to show forward progress. The Council discussed the allowance and needing to send a letter to Mike Baker to attend the June meeting with his plan for progress. Mayor Chad Farrens entertained a motion to send a letter to Mike Baker. A motion was made by Tim Narvaez and seconded by Geoff Hollenbeck to send a letter to Mike Baker with the need for a time frame and progress on his residence, and removing the camp trailer; to be addressed at the June regular Council meeting. Motion carried.

Jim Ball – Railroad Street/Millwood Lane: Jim Ball presented a plat map regarding Lot D of the Millwood Lane Subdivision. He was requesting the allowance of two manufactured homes place on the one back lot. Jim Ball said that the Lot D was already approved, but since the lot size is not regulated by Ordinance in this area, that the two units should be allowed. Jim Ball was also requesting a driveway off the side, in case of the need to loop it for fire access. Tim Narvaez questioned the 20 feet road access. Jim Ball said that it is actually a 30 feet road access with the utilities. The Council discussed the driveway access, for the seconded home. The Council was in favor of the access for the second home off the Mill Lane, without the additional driveway. Mayor Chad Farrens entertained a motion for the two units to be allowed on the one lot. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Terry Johnson to allow the two manufactured homes to be placed on Lot D with separate water and sewer for each unit. Motion carried.

Codification: Mayor Farrens requested the Council to set the date for the next special meetings for the codification review. The Council discussed the codification special meetings on the following Tuesdays. Mayor Chad Farrens entertained a motion to set the meetings. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Terry Johnson to have special meetings regarding the codification review on March 20th and March 27th, 2018 at 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Potlatch CD Renewals: Mayor Chad Farrens said that two of the CD's at Potlatch Credit Union were up for renewal. Mayor Chad Farrens asked for comment. He entertained a motion to rollover and continue the 12 month and the 24 month CD's. A motion was made by Tim Narvaez and seconded by Steve Economu to renew the two CD's at Potlatch Credit Union for another 12 month and 24 month term. Motion carried.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Report: Ken English reported the following: February 3rd – Power Line Down on North Division Street, that caused power outages; February 11th – Ambulance Assist at 55 Pear Street; February 12th – Ambulance Assist at 3236 Roosevelt Road; February 16th - Ambulance Assist at 68761 Highway 2; and February 23rd - Fire Call – Rainbow Street, was false alarm. Ken English also reported that the fire truck was down, and that John Nelson had replaced both batteries in it. He said that he had contact Bill Rauth and Jim Dorhofer on joining the City’s fire department. Ken English said on a personal note that he has been ill with a pigeon disease from feather dust.

Water & Sewer Report: John Nelson reported on the water for the month of February, 2018 - Total pumped for February 2018, -4,726,400 gallons. High day was the 6th – 205,500 gallons - Low was the 7th – 107,100 gallons – The average was 168,800 gallons.

Misc:

- Tim Narvaez asked that the Council to consider sending a formal letter to the State regarding the suggestion of the liquor tax at the next regular Council meeting.
- Tim Narvaez commented on the Unruh Subdivision and the needing to write a rebuttal letter to the County Commissioners as in the area of impact of the City of Moyie Springs, and the County approval of the usage of South Division Street for the subdivision.

Executive Session:

Discuss & Pay Bills: A motion to pay bills was made by Tim Narvaez and seconded by Geoff Hollenbeck. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Steve Economu made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Tim Narvaez. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Attest: City Clerk