

Parma City Council
Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2015

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, February, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Council Members Keith Vickers, Oney Eguia, Doyle Fisher, Angie Lee, and Tom Smith

ABSENT: Jim Smith

OTHERS: Jill Holinka, City Attorney; Russell Brooks, City Engineer; Garianne Goslin, Deputy City Clerk; Nikki Dale, Old Fort Boise Days Committee; Kevin Dugan, Western Energy; Dominic Pontarolo, Pharmer Engineering

MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting were read for approval. Doyle Fisher moved for approval. Oney Eguia seconded the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

WESTERN ENERGY: Kevin Dugan

Mr. Dugan presented information about potential energy savings that would reduce the gallons of water used by residents. The City would also gain savings due to the reduce number of gallons pumped to residents. Additionally, there would be an energy savings from reduced electricity or gas used to heat the water. Niagra Conservation produces the particular showerheads that he had available. Additionally, Idaho Power has commercial rebates for electric water users. The City would have to purchase the showerheads at \$6.00 each. City Attorney Jill Holinka will look into the purchasing requirements and let the Mayor and Council know the best route to take.

OLD FORT BOISE DAYS: Nikki Dale

Ms. Dale spoke briefly about the plans for this year. Trailridge Dental is sponsoring fireworks for Saturday night at dusk. The Lion's Club will do the insurance certification again. They are hoping to expand the children's area. There will be no carnival though they are hoping to get a climbing wall and other activities that would draw more kids. It will be June 10th-13th with the theme: "On the Farm".

IDAHO GEM GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST:

Garianne Goslin gave an update on the Idaho Gem Grant. She and Ken Steinhaus are working with Tina Wilson to request reimbursement for the \$50,000 grant dollars that were awarded in 2014. There has been a change in the budget that will require an explanation to the State. Ms. Wilson has contacted them regarding the changes and the City still qualifies for the total award because the local match exceeded the 20% required. Total funds spent by the City was \$80,544 not including staff, equipment, and materials.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP DUES

Mayor Nathan Leigh shared a request from the Parma Area Senior Citizen Center for membership dues. Last year, the Mayor Leigh collected \$5.00 from each of the members to assist them. This year, he advised each one to make individual contributions.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Albert Erickson

Chief Erickson reported that there were 2,583 calls for service in 2014. The 2010 Charger needed work on both the engine and transmission and the K-9 car got new brakes. There were 5 drug offenses, 2 of which were at the High School. A rape charge led to children being removed from the home. Three of the 5 DUI calls were felony charges. There were 54 citations for 17 violations including 6 DWP, 11 No Insurance, and 12 Fail to Purchase DL. Drug offenses include individuals who forget that marijuana is illegal on this side of the Snake River. Calls for the K-9 assist come from Idaho State Police and Canyon County. The County has lost their handlers.

PARK MEMORIAL UPDATE - They are waiting on the weather to remove the concrete from the memorials. Raul Labrador has been verified for the Memorial Day celebration though they're still working on the details.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Ken Steinhaus

Ken Steinhaus reported that they put new flags up at Fort Boise Park. The crew changed oil in the police cars, cleaned and washed the pickups, worked on the tailgate of the dump truck, hauled bedding sand, and worked on pool licenses. They fixed a desk and the thermostat at City Hall and replaced several street lights, including lighting the area behind City Hall where a citizen had fallen after a meeting in the Council Chambers.

They found the manhole at the airport, found a sewer break on a residential property on 8th, looked at plans to replace lines with Russell Brooks, worked with Idaho Rural Water Association on the Rate Study, and worked on the percolation tests. They did meter reads and shut-offs, worked out SCADA bugs, and worked on the Gem Grant Reimbursement. They replaced and straightened signs, took down Christmas lights, cleaned drains and hauled 28 loads of reject sand for sanding roadways.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Russell Brooks

Russell Brooks gave each of the Council members an Executive Summary Discussion and Draft regarding the Wastewater Facility Plan. The purpose of the plan is to predict growth, categorizes the City, and assesses the performance of the existing system. Deficiencies are identified so that alternatives can be created once the permit is issued. Cost estimates and recommendations come from this process. The City has 52,000 feet of pipe made of clay or concrete. About 4,000 feet of repairs were done in 2000. The lift station at Grove is antiquated.

Mr. Brooks then described the existing wastewater system and highlighted the capacity of the RI beds. He hopes to have the finding by the end of the week or first of next week. This information will be incorporated into the Facility Plan. The NPDES Permit changes are highlighted in blue in the document he presented. He listed the alternative actions for each.

He'd like to set up a workshop in early March to go over the document and resolve questions before submittal to DEQ. Council agreed to hold this workshop before the Council Meeting at 6:30pm on March 9th.

CITY ATTORNEY: Jill Holinka

WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE - Ms. Holinka, Mayor, Council, and Deputy Clerk went through the Resolution and Ordinance. Staff and Council received the draft prior to the meeting. Most of the Ordinance is in line with the current code. The current billing software puts some limitations on the staff but the code will allow changes as the City upgrades. Some housekeeping was done on pages 1-9 of the Ordinance. There was a question on page 10 regarding ownership of the meters. Section D of 7-5-9 will be removed. Many of the options in section 7-5-12 can be established, as necessary, by resolution.

Short term payment agreements are allowed though the Ordinance though authorizing additional arrangements through the City Council could be extraneous. The restriction of one per the life of the account could be altered to one per year. The Mayor and City Clerk can provide the necessary approval for additional agreements for special circumstances.

The remainder of the Ordinance refers to connections including prohibited acts, back flow devices, penalties, and cross-connection. There was discussion on requiring that repairs be made when contamination to the City's water system before service can be restored rather than giving a grace-period to make necessary repairs.

MAYOR REPORT

RATE INCREASE LETTER - Mail this out without the showerhead information. The letter presented does not have all the changes. Mayor and staff will fine-tune it and get it mailed out within the next two weeks.

OLD FORT BOISE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Mayor Leigh attended their last meeting. They've had upgrades over the past and have a healthy reserve.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Monthly bills totaled \$23,818.84. Keith Vickers moved to approve the bills. Angie Lee seconded the motion, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Keith Vickers moved to adjourn at 9:58p.m. Angie Lee seconded the motion, motion carried.