

City Council Public Hearing
Minutes
September 14, 2015

A City Council Public Hearing held on Monday, September 14th at 7:00p.m. at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Council Members Keith Vickers, Vernena Jorgensen, Angie Lee, Jim Smith, Tom Smith, and Oney Eguia

ABSENT:

Others: Jill Holinka, City Attorney; Russell Brooks, City Engineer; Chief Albert Erickson, Police Department; Ken Steinhaus, Public Works Director; Angie Mejia, City Clerk/Treasurer

Visitors: None

Public Hearing is being held for public comment on the Wastewater Facility Plan. Russell Brooks presented information on the plan explaining what a facility plan is and what is needed to grow. Certain criteria have to be met in order to qualify for grants or loans including providing the community to ask questions or voicing their opinions. The notice for public hearing has provided for the receipt of written comments as well as attending the Public Hearing. Written comments will be accepted until this Friday, September 18th.

His presentation included information on Collection System (CS), Short Term (ST), Long Term Total Residual Chlorine (LT RSC), and Long Term Total Phosphorus (LT TP) alternatives and their priorities in the plan.

Recommendations include installing a dechlorination system to meet the new total residual chlorine requirements, removing stormwater infiltration and inflow from the sewer system, automating the influent lift station, and revising the plan to facilitate the final capacity and phosphorus improvements no later than two years from the new NPDES effective date.

Oney Eguia asked about storm water removal. Russ stated that the City is currently looking at feeder lines that run across Roswell Blvd. This water could be infiltrated but may need to be directed to a wetland with drainage to the river.

Ken asked if DEQ has any grant opportunities to keep the water out of lagoons. Russ believes that federal highway or EPA grants may be available for wastewater improvement. Storm water removal would qualify as an improvement. There are also low interest loans through DEQ and USDA. USDA usually does a longer term with a slightly lower rate than DEQ.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Jim Smith moved to close the public hearing. Vernena Jorgensen seconded the motion, motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:30p.m.

Parma City Council
Regular Council Minutes
September 14, 2015

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, September 14th following the Public Hearing at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Council Members Keith Vickers, Angie Lee, Vernena Jorgensen, Jim Smith, Tom Smith, and Oney Eguia

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Jill Holinka, City Attorney; Chief Albert Erickson, Police Department; Ken Steinhaus, Public Works Director; Angie Mejia, City Clerk/Treasurer

VISITORS: Jenny Brown

Mayor Nathan Leigh called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

Angie Lee moved to amend agenda to include item 8) E) Parma Inn Water Bills. Oney Eguia seconded the motion, motion carried.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the August 24, 2015 PH Hearing and Regular Council Meeting were read for approval. Angie Lee moved for approval. Tom Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jenny Brown, lives at 25297 Wamstad Rd, owns several rental properties and has concerns with puncture vines. She asked the Council to suggest how to help with this. Vernena suggested that an article be submitted to the paper from the Chief or Mr. Wagner in the paper regarding what people are responsible for in regards to weeds on sidewalk, curb, alley, etc and ways to prevent the spread.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF ERICKSON: Albert presented his report to Council. This month PD has been filled with excitement and anticipation as school has begun. The PD is working with school officials to curb speeding on Parma Rd during lunch and immediately following the school day. He will try to borrow Wilder's speed limit radar sign.

There were 258 calls for service down from 280 in July.

There were 18 Ordinance Violations (2 parking, 15 weed, 1 refuse accumulation). Letters were sent out and all are in various stages of correction. There were 30 citations written for 12 violations.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – KEN STEINHAUS: Ken presented his report to Council. He discussed the storm water issue and hopes to begin the steps needed to get some sort of funding to help with this. He feels that this is something that really needs to get under control.

Staff worked on DMR's, dug out under drains on the RI beds, did samples, put signs up and patched, and put extra lights on the sweeper. The pool is drained and will be painted next Wednesday. A letter was received regarding a rumor of the pool closing. This is not true. He spoke with the Pool Manager, Madelyne Moore. The Airport was slurry sealed and painted. A second, permanent, coat will be done in October.

- A. Gravel Purchase – Ken asked Council to approve getting 5,000 yards for about \$24,000 from Boise Valley Feeders. The money is currently in the budget. This amount could at least five years. The County is willing to help haul gravel right now. This purchase could also go toward in-kind in a grant request for the storm drain project.

Keith Vickers moved to purchase 5,000 yards of gravel. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

CITY ENGINEER – RUSSELL BROOKS:

- A. Environmental Information Document – Postponed for next meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT – JILL HOLINKA:

- A. Disconnection/Late Fee Resolution 2015-11 – Jill presented information regarding institution of a late fee, renewing the shut-off fee and the Resolution to adopt the fees. A public hearing will be necessary, possibly at the 28th of September. Council would like to proceed.

MAYOR REPORT:

- A) Employee Raises: Mayor would like to have Council permission to give raises to appropriate individuals up to 3%. He will come back with information on cost of living for the next meeting before Council makes a decision. He is also doing evaluations.

Vernena Jorgensen moved to approve a pay increase of up to 3% to employees. Motion died for lack of second.

Council agreed to defer this to the September 28th meeting.

- B) Second Anonymous Letter: Letter was dropped off city hall asking if pool was closing. This is not true, just wanted Council to be aware.
- C) Idaho Community Development Block Grant: This grant for up to \$500,000 could be used for storm water drain. He will be putting information together for this grant and will let Council know. A public hearing will be scheduled for 26th of October.
- D) Idaho Chapter Prima Training: Mayor encourages Council to attend these trainings. Let Angie know by September 30th to get registered.

E) Parma Inn-separate water bills: The Mayor needs direction on how to proceed with this. Council would like the City Attorney to draft a letter regarding changes to billing charges for long term residential units versus temporary stay. Will proceed with this.

APPROVE BILLS: The bills totaled \$47,946.42. Angie Lee moved to approve the September bills. Vernena Jorgensen seconded the motion, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Oney Eguia moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Keith Vickers seconded the motion, motion carried.