

Bancroft City Council
Monday, November 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:
Mickelle O'Brien-via phone, Scott Hayden-via phone, Carrie Yost, Mayor Spencer, Clerk Swensen, and Maintenance worker Casey Moreland.

Others in attendance: Dusti Spencer, Taylor Askew, James Ackerman, Reed Crandall, Trevor Parsons, Shaun Anderson, Dan and Carol Baker.

Absent: Joseph Perry

Call to Order: Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Cm, Carrie Yost

Item: 1 Agenda

Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 2 Donation to North Gem Year Book

Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to donate \$55.00 to the North Gem Yearbook.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 3 Reed Crandall/3C Wireless LLC

Reed Crandall is the owner and developer of 3C Wireless LLC. Reed contacted the city requesting access to a location that has a strong connection for internet. Reed has been working on a project that would allow members of the Chesterfield and Central areas to have Wi-Fi. Reed has found a strong connection near the city water tower. He would need to re-activate the existing power and put in a control box. The Company would be willing to sign a lease agreement and pay a small monthly fee to the city. Council members would like to support 3C Wireless and allow the access with an agreement in place. Clerk Swensen will contact the city attorney to help out with the legal side of paperwork and details.

Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to allow 3C Wireless the access after consulting with the city attorney regarding a legal contract.

Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 4 Sheriff Adam Mabey thanked city council member Carrie Yost for assisting the police department with interviews for their last hiring .

Item: 5 Highland Milling-Shaun Anderson

Shaun Anderson is the new manager of the local grain company, Highland Milling. Shaun explained that for the last three (3) years since the new owners purchased the company they have spent large sums of money upgrading and improving the facility. Shaun feels that he and the new owners have been trying to be good neighbors and support the town of Bancroft. Shaun expressed concerns regarding the harassment that he and the company feel they are getting from a particular neighbor. The harassment is causing difficulty in daily operations and the employees are tired of the disrespect. Highland Milling has taken extensive measures to lower the noise level including, new bay doors and a muffler for the fans. Shaun noted that this company is located in the proper zone for running this type of business. Shaun explained that holes do wear in the lines over time and their new policy ensures that the lines are checked on an hourly basis. The company recently installed a pressure relief valve. In September Highland Milling passed their audit with a clean inspection. Shaun commented that Highland Milling has contributed to the community by hiring locals and paying out approximately three million dollars on products to local farmers. The company pays high taxes and monthly utility fees which help the city. Shaun and the owners

feel that they have made every reasonable attempt to settle the differences with the resident. They have offered to hire professionals to deep clean the Baker's house, exterior and interior. Shaun and his wife have also offered to have Dan's vehicles detailed inside and out. Shaun stated that the company has taken extensive measures to be neighborly, even though they are not required by law. There are duties that must be done at night and require the use of the loader. Shaun would like to come to some type of agreement with the neighbor so the company and employees can function and without the constant contention.

Item: 6 Dan Baker-Complaint Re: Highland Milling Co.

Dan is the neighbor to Highland Milling Co. He is frustrated with the noise and dust being generated from the plant. Dan stated that he has put up with this for a long time and claims that the city has not followed the codes. He and his wife are not able to open their windows or doors due to the dust. Dan informed the council that he got a quote to clean their house professionally for \$7,100 and \$720.00 to clean their cars. Highland Milling is not willing to pay a disaster company this high of cost for the cleaning; but will pay professional cleaners that quoted a fraction of the cost.

Dan and Carol informed the city council that their jobs are at risk due to the noise waking them up at night. Carol missed a shift of work due to the sticky buildup on the windshield of her car. Carol informed the city council that Highland Milling has piles of garbage that smell bad and particles are flying out of the pile. Shaun informed the council that years ago a piece of cardboard flew across the road to the neighbor's yard. The company's employees were yelled at and threatened by the Baker's.

Dan asked who the mill should be answering to. Dan is concerned that OSHA cannot regulate noise and dust. Shaun mentioned to Dan that the Highland Milling recently passed their DEQ inspection and feels that if there are significant issues the Department of Environmental Quality would have let them know.

Cm, Yost asked Bakers what they would like the city to do. Dan would like the dust and noise to stop.

Mayor Spencer agreed to contact the cities attorney for advice and information regarding this situation.

Shaun asked if the city council and Mayor would be willing to meet him and tour the facility. Mayor Spencer Mayor Spencer informed both parties that the city is not going to make a decision in the matter at this time but will contact the city attorney.

Item: 7 Minutes

Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to accept the minutes.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 8 Accounts Payables

Cp, Scott Hayden made a motion to pay the accounts payables.

Cm, Carrie Yost 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 9 Bar License-Kelly Christensen

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien made a motion to renew the bar license for 2021.

Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 10 Code Violations

Mayor Spencer would like to wait until spring to send out a 2nd violation of ordinance letter to residents.

Item: 11 Lighting of Teuscher Square-Final Preparations

Maintenance will finish putting up the lights and be ready to put out barricades and burn barrels for the event. Cp, Hayden will be in town and help with serving food. Clerk Swensen will finalize all the food orders and pick up the condiments, chocolate coins, and candy canes. Cm, Yost will help pick up food and other necessary items.

Item: 12 City Comprehensive Plan-Element 5