

Bancroft City Council  
Monday, May 11, 2020  
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:

Joseph Perry, Scott Hayden, Carrie Yost, Mickelle O'Brien-via phone, Mayor Spencer, and Clerk Swensen

Others in attendance: Eric Christensen, James Ackerman, TaraLee Christensen

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

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Cp, Scott Hayden

Item: 1 Agenda

Cp, Scott Hayden made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.

Cm, Joseph Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 2 Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 6<sup>th</sup> teleconference.

Cp, Scott Hayden 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 3 Accounts Payables

Cm Scott Hayden made a motion to pay the accounts payables.

Cm, Joe Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 4 Building Permits

1.) Roene Butcher-Fence Permit

2.) Stephinie Scott-Fence Permit

3.) Eric Christensen-Fence Permit

4.) Mark Flick-Fence Permit

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien made a motion to approve the presented permits.

Cm, Carrie Yost 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 5 Budget Workshop Date

Council discussed having the budget workshop on Monday, June 8, 2020.

Cp, Scott Hayden made a motion to schedule the workshop for 6-8-20.

Cm, Joseph Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 6 Comprehensive Plan-Phase 4 Reading

Cm, Carrie Yost read the last element of the Comprehensive Plan. Council would like to make updates and corrections to plan before passing it by vote.

Cm, Yost would like to focus on bringing businesses to Bancroft will promote new growth.

Clerk Swensen will contact SICOG (Southeastern Idaho Council of Governments) regarding the updates and adding of new goals.

Item: 7 Council and Staff Reports

Cm, Perry asked how the fire department is doing and if they are working to improve their rating with ISO.

Cm, Perry has had multiple residents asking why the city does not put out debris bins during Spring Clean-up for the public to put their grass clippings in. Cm, Hayden suggested that residents consider getting a second garbage can from MR&E.

Council members explained that the bins were salvaged from the county dumps by a previous maintenance worker and most of them were broken and being thrown away as they became non-repairable. Mayor Spencer was concerned that maintenance workers were having to spend most of their time in the summer hauling the bins back and forth to dump. The bins were also being misused by citizens for household trash, animal carcasses, bricks, etc.

Mayor Spencer agreed to check with MR&E to see what it would cost for the city to rent a couple of large cans during the clean-up dates. Clerk Swensen will contact MR&E.

Cm, Perry has done some research and has quotes for a window enclosure for the city office. Perry also has quotes on for a Santa Claus suit for the Lighting of Teuscher Square. He will get those sent to the clerk or bring them to the next council meeting.

Cm, Yost asked if it would be possible for maintenance to put up the volleyball nets this summer. Mayor Spencer would like Cm, Yost to meet the maintenance workers at the city park in the next couple of days to go over location and measurements.

Cp, Scott Hayden asked if the city is planning to hire local high school age kids to help with lawn mowing and other types of projects this summer. TaraLee and Eric Christensen suggested contacting the Vocational Rehabilitation Center. This is a program that helps businesses hire and pay students to work for a couple of months in the summer. TaraLee will get more information on the requirements and call clerk Swensen with a contact number.

Cm, Perry asked about the sewer ponds and what the plan is for the drying process. Mayor Spencer would like to box scape the pond and get the weeds out when it dries a little more. The city has considered digging some test holes. Eric Christensen mentioned that the city did some testing on the ponds but is not sure what it was for and how many years ago.

Cler Swensen will contact Forsgren (Cities Engineers) to see if they have record of any testing.

Mayor Spencer informed the city council that Spring Cleanup has been going very well. The large bin at the city shop has been dumped three times and is ready to be dumped again.

Mayor Spencer reminded everyone that there is a limit of 10 tires per household and they can be neatly stacked by the city shop.

Mayor Spencer asked clerk Swensen to call MR&E and find out what it would cost the city to rent four (4) large bins for debris.

Maintenance workers have been busy patching the roads. Council members were advised to contact Mayor Spencer if they see areas that need patching.

Mayor Spencer and the city council would like to proceed with the 24<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations as long as the governor and the county do not put additional restrictions social events due to COVID-19. Mayor Spencer suggested extending the parade to a longer route allowing individuals to spread out and keep a safe distance from each other.

Mayor Spencer informed the council that there are a few violations that need to be addressed with the city's airport. There are chunks of concrete that are considered a risk factor and need to be removed. There is a rule stating that there must be bare ground with no vegetation within 125 to 250 feet from the runway. Mayor Spencer will contact the farmers of the adjoining properties. Maintenance workers have been box scraping the weeds and getting ready to spray the area. A new resident has asked about purchasing the airport. Council is concerned that this land has been contributing to keeping the cities levy rate down. Previous council member Eric Christensen is concerned that the airport land may have been donated to the city and have stipulations preventing the city from legally selling the land.