

Bancroft City Council
Monday, August 17, 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) Joseph Perry, Scott Hayden, Carrie Yost, Mayor Spencer, and Clerk Swensen

Others in attendance: Liz Call, James Ackerman, Trevor Parsons/Fire Department, and Gerald Hulse

Absent Council: None

Call to Order: Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Carrie Yost

Item: 1 Accept Agenda

Council President Scott Hayden made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.

Council Member Joe Perry 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 2 Gerald Hulse-Weed & Pot Hole Concerns

Gerald Hulse is concerned about the thistles on his neighbor's property. Hulse is frustrated due to no attempts to get rid of the weeds or stop them from spreading into other yards. Mayor Spencer assured Mr. Hulse that this particular neighbor received a violation letter recently.

Gerald is also concerned about the large pot holes at the edge of his driveway and asked if the city would fill them with gravel. Mayor Spencer agreed that the city needs to fix the pot holes and asked if Gerald would consider waiting until the chip seal street project is finished. Gerald is fine with waiting until the street project is complete. Mayor Spencer thanked Gerald for bringing his concerns to the city council for discussion.

Item: 3 Minutes-Regular Council Meeting 7-13-20

Cm, Joseph Perry made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July council meeting.
Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 4 Minutes-Pre-Budget Hearing 7-13-20

Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to accept the minutes from the Pre-Budget Hearing on July 13th.
Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 5 Accounts Payables for July 2020

Cm, Joseph Perry made a motion to pay the accounts payables for July 2020.
Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 6 Building Permit-Charlie and Terrie White

Cm, Yost has been on-site to inspect the measurements.

Cm, Yost made a motion to approve the building permit.

Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 7 City Comprehensive Plan Review

City Council reviewed Element 2 of the comprehensive plan. Cm, Carrie Yost asked if the city could provide a map showing property boundaries for defining setbacks. Mayor Spencer advised that this would require property surveys and the county might be willing to help out. No changes are necessary for this section.

Resident, Liz Call asked why the plan doesn't include anything about the bed and breakfasts recently established in town. Cm, Yost informed Liz that the homes are temporarily vacation homes and according

to the property owners they are planning to eventually move back in to them. One of the owners will be moving back within the next year. The city did contact the Association of Idaho Cities regarding the vacation homes upon previous rumors and complaints from Liz. The advice given to the city is that the homeowners are within their rights to use them as vacation homes. The city is planning to take additional steps to pass ordinances and enforce any situations that may arise. Liz also complained that she has had multiple animals killed on her property due to dogs roaming around at night. Council members advised Liz to call the Sheriff's office when these events are happening. Liz claims that she did call the Sheriff's department and they would not respond. Mayor Spencer re-confirmed that the city does have a standing agreement with the Sheriff's office to take calls and respond to them after hours. The city has recently checked with the county regarding the after hour calls and they will take calls and respond accordingly. Clerk Swensen showed Liz the hard copy of the agreement between the city and the Sheriff's Department. Liz heard that the city is saying she cannot have animals on her property. Mayor Spencer asked Liz if she could provide some documentation of her previous court proceedings regarding this matter which will be kept on file at the city office for future reference. No council members or previous council members present recall the city ever suing Liz for having animals on her property as she is claiming. Liz will get her attorney to send the legal documentation at the cities expense.

Item: 8 Fire Department

Trevor Parson's has been looking for a newer truck for the Fire Department. There is a truck in Soda Springs and a truck in Boise that would work for their needs. After doing research and comparisons, the fire department would like to purchase the truck in Boise. The truck will need a new bed and eventually a new set of tires; overall the truck is in the best condition. Trevor presented cost estimates for new beds and a price for the used bed owned locally. Council members thanked Parsons for doing the comparisons. Cm, Joseph Perry made a motion to purchase the truck in Boise and the locally owned used bed. Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 9 Council Reports

Cp, Scott Hayden is concerned for the safety of kids and vehicles near his home due to a semi-truck that parks on the road near a four way intersection. The semi is blocking the view from all directions. Mayor Spencer will contact Scouler Co. to see if the truck can be parked on their lot.

Cm, Carrie Yost would like to purchase a few new items for the Teuscher Square with the money budgeted event. Several of the items were broken and were not able to be used last year. Council members agree to replace the items and asked to put the purchase request on the next agenda. Cm, Yost is concerned about the items accumulating beside the post office on Main Street. The property owners received a violation letter. Council will follow up if the items are not removed.

Cm, Joseph Perry is concerned about the increasing noise and dust coming from Highland Milling (previously Alexander Company.) Cp, Scott Hayden recommended getting a decibel reader from a local company to measure the noise level. A resident attending the meeting suggested that some of the noise may be coming from another company. Cm, Yost offered to go with Cm, Perry to talk with the managers regarding the issues.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien was happy with the turn out on July 24th.

Clerk Swensen noticed that the American Flag used to head the parade looked dirty and worn. Council members agreed that the flag needs to be replaced before the next parade. Clerk Swensen has the annual clerk's conference coming up in September. The Idaho Clerks Association has not decided if the training will be virtual or in person at this time.