

Bancroft City Council
Monday, July 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:
Joseph Perry, Rick Hatch, Eric Christensen, Mayor Spencer, and Clerk Swensen
Absent: Cm, Mickelle O'Brien

Others in Attendance: Evan McLain, Wolf Delbridge, Mike Ackerman, and Sheriff Mabey.

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Cp, Rick Hatch

Item: 1 Rodeo Committee-Evan McLain & Wolf Delbridge

Evan presented background information regarding the Bancroft Rodeo history. The rodeo committee has received their own TAX ID number. Evan informed council members that the garbage company hasn't emptied the garbage cans at the rodeo grounds for several weeks. Mayor Spencer will follow up and make sure they are emptied before the upcoming rodeo. Mr. McLain asked if the city has arranged to bring in the portable toilets. Clerk Swensen has ordered 5 handicap restrooms and 1 regular unit. The price has increased by ten to fifteen percent this year. Mr. McLain asked when the city is planning to fix the water leak by the cook shack. Mayor Spencer explained that due to time constraints the city will not have time to fix the leak before the event, but will shut it off when not being used to prevent ground softening and mud. The leak will be fixed as soon as possible; maintenance is very busy. Evan asked if the city could have the grain truck owners move to a different location to allow more parking for the rodeo. Mayor Spencer will make contact with the owners.

Mr. McLain asked if the city would waive the park fee for the rodeo. Council members are concerned that if they waive the fee for this event they will have to waive and reimburse fees for the other profit groups. Mr. Delbridge asked if any other organizations have paid the fee. Clerk Swensen and Mayor Spencer advised Mr. Delbridge that a payment from another profiting organization was received this last week. Mayor Spencer explained that any organizations holding a for profit event will be required to pay the fee and any non-profit organization is exempt from the fee. Council members explained that the cost of the portable restrooms, utilities, supplies, and maintenance has increased. Mayor Spencer reminded the committee that the city has spent a large sum of money doing recent projects and improvements at the rodeo grounds that will directly benefit the upcoming event. Cm, Perry informed the committee that the portable restrooms will cost over \$1,000. Mayor Spencer commented that the city also purchased the sound system in which the committee is welcome to use for announcing at their event.

Cp, Rick Hatch suggested the rodeo committee get sponsors and donations for the fee.

Cm, Joe Perry offered to donate the fee for the committee.

Evan would like to pick up the sound system from the city garage this week. Clerk Swensen will open the garage and help load the system.

Cp, Rick Hatch made a motion to allow council members to donate the fee, but does not want the park fee waived.

Cm, Eric Christensen 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 2 Firework Show-Mike Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman would like permission to host a small fireworks show on July 23rd following the other festivities. The show will be held on the south side of his new building on Main St.

Mr. Ackerman has visited with Sheriff Mabey and was advised to get consent from the city. The city does not require a permit. Council members agree this would be a fun addition to the celebration.

Mr. Ackerman asked if the city's Fire Department would stand by with a water truck. The city will assist with having the fire Department on standby.

Clerk Swensen will copy the flyers for Mr. Ackerman's event.

Cm, Joe Perry suggested that Mike get donations and continue to host the event.

Cm, Joe Perry made a motion to allow the firework show on July 23rd.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Mabey asked if the city would barricade the streets for the parade.

The Sheriff's office had approximately 140 calls in connection to Bancroft for the month of June. Things seem to be quiet for the most part

Sheriff Mabey informed everyone that fireworks can be hard on service dogs and cause them to quit performing. This can be an issue for seizure dogs in particular. There are also veterans that struggle with PTSD due to the fireworks sounding like artillery.

The Sheriff's Department has had complaints regarding citizens not stopping at the stop signs. The department cannot sit for long periods of time to patrol the signs.

The Sheriff's Department will be getting new uniforms and a different color on the vehicles in the upcoming months. Council thanked the Sheriff for attending the meeting and did not have any questions.

Item: 3 Minutes-Budget Workshop & Regular Council Mtg 6-13-2022

Cp, Rick Hatch made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on June 13, 2022.

Cm, Eric Christensen 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Cp, Rick Hatch made a motion to accept the minutes from the Budget Workshop on 6-13-2022.

Cm, Eric Christensen 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 4 Accounts Payable for June 2022

Cm Joseph Perry made a motion to pay the accounts payable for June 2022.

Cm, Eric Christensen 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 5 Meeting Time Change

Cm, Eric Christensen explained that he will be working late in the upcoming months and asked if the council would consider changing the meeting time. Council members asked if would help to switch meetings to a different week day. Cm, Christensen will most likely be working late every night. Council members agree to move the meetings to 8:00 pm. Clerk Swensen will put the topic on the next agenda and check the legal requirements for meeting time changes.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to change the meeting time from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 6 City Code and Annexation Policies

Cp, Rick Hatch informed council members that he purchased the 53.50 acres of land as a personal investment. He is planning to subdivide the land to help with development. Rick has hired a consultant that specializes in subdivision development. The consultant has worked with other municipalities and has done research on Bancroft's most recent subdivision, the Davids subdivision in Bancroft. He will be following those guidelines as historical precedence. Rick has been able to move forward with the county and is working on his access roads. Lewis Lane is the only current access to the property with a width of 60 feet. Rick informed council that they would be willing to go with an eighty (80) foot road if required.

The back 35 acres of the property is in the "Lewis Agricultural Subdivision." Rick will apply to vacate that portion of the property with the county so it can be annexed into the city. If Lewis Lane is the only access allowed the subdivision will be limited to 30 lots. If the County Road and Bridge will allow access from old highway 30; there is a possibility of developing up to 100 lots.

Bancroft lots are typically 25' x 140' however, many residents have more than one lot. Council members will review city codes regarding annexation and subdivision policies.

Rick will keep the city council updated on his progress with the county and bring some printed information to the next meeting.

Item: 7 Out of Compliance Letters

Council Members reviewed the list of addresses that are in violation of weeds and unlicensed or non-running vehicles. Mayor Spencer would like to focus on weeds and non-running vehicles for now.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to consult with the city attorney and send violation letters out.

Cm, Joe Perry 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 8 Building Permits

1. Scott and Kathy Berry submitted a permit for a shed. Cp Hatch has done an inspection.

2. Rick and Katie Hatch submitted a permit to replace their sidewalks and build a patio.

Cm, Joseph Perry made a motion to approve both permits.

Cm, Eric Christensen 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 9 Council Reports

Cp, Hatch has had complaints about a home that has harsh odors and weeds due to neglect. Mayor Spencer informed council that the city has had multiple complaints on the same address. Council will keep an eye on the property and requested to send a violation warning letter the owner.

Cm, Eric Christensen asked how the contract with the garbage company is coming along. Mayor Spencer informed council that the attorney is working on the details still.

Cm, Joe Perry is concerned about pedestrian safety and would like the city to consider reducing the speed limit on some of the streets. Cm Perry has talked with several of his neighbors and feels that they have the same concerns. Council would like to revisit the topic for approximately three months to give the public a chance to comment.

Cm, Joseph Perry made a motion to revisit the reduction of speed in city limits for 3 months.


Cm, Eric Christensen 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to adjourn regular council meeting.

Cm, Joseph Perry 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

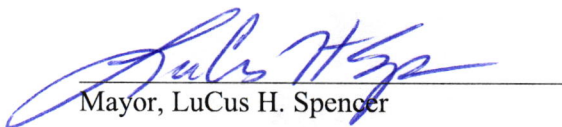


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City Clerk /Debbie Swensen

8-22-2022

Date Accepted by Council



Mayor, LuCus H. Spencer