

Bancroft City Council
Monday, March 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, Scott Hayden, Joseph Perry, Mayor Spencer, Clerk Swensen, Ryder Anderson and Kyle Reed.

Absent: Cm, Carrie Yost

Others in attendance: Paul Gritton, Kelly Wells, JoAnna Ashley, and Katelyn Reed

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

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Clerk Swensen

Item: 1 Accept Agenda

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien made a motion to accept the agenda.

Cm, Joseph Perry 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 2 Paul Gritton-Introduction

Paul Gritton introduced himself to the city council. Paul is running for Sheriff at the upcoming May Election. Paul has been involved in law enforcement for a total of seventeen (17) years. Paul was recently employed with the City of Soda Springs as a code enforcement officer where he was the dog handler. Paul has served on the search and rescue in Salmon and Soda Springs, Idaho. Paul has been involved in several drug arrests and car searches in which he used a dog to confiscate large amounts of drugs. Paul would like to see the budget spending decrease, and an increase in D.U.I. charges. Paul has been a small business owner for many years. He is currently doing photography and has a small part shop specializing in motorcycle and snow machine parts. Paul gave each council member his campaign brochure and a personal business card with his contact information. Council members thanked Paul for the information.

Item: 3 Sheriff Kelly Wells

Kelly is the current sheriff and will be running for the Sheriff position again in the May election. Kelly has been in law enforcement for 29 years and has reached the executive level certification; which is the highest obtainable level for this region. Sheriff Wells wrote the "Text 911 Grant" on behalf of Caribou County and eleven other counties. Caribou County received the grant and has successfully implemented the new system with a few minor changes. Text 911 allows emergency communication and response by text. A new radio repeater has been installed with encrypted channels for officer safety. Directive Patrol Programs have been implemented in the schools and school zones. This feature adds safety and allows for speed enforcement in school zones. Sheriff Wells was able to hire a full time dedicated detective for Caribou County recently. Recently, the medical contract was changed from a company in Boise to the local hospital which will keep the funding local. Officers have recently been equipped with car and body worn cameras, which will serve as a safe guard for the officer and the citizen. Caribou County has recently entered in to a multi-agency CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system with Oneida, Bear Lake, and Montpelier. The CAD system will allow clear communication of information between counties. Cm, Joseph Perry asked Sheriff Wells what his future goals are. Sheriff Wells has been busy writing another grant that will allow thorough research and documentation of county and state boundaries. This method will allow cell tower information to be sent directly to the correct county. The grant will cover training packets for dispatchers and staff. The county recently passed all inspections required county and state wide. The jail is currently at full capacity, which brings in county revenue.

The Sheriff's Department has developed a strong team culture and a loyal partnership with local businesses, schools, and churches.

Item: 3 JoAnna Ashley-Caribou Co. Planning and Zoning Administrator

JoAnna is the planning and zoning administrator for Caribou County. JoAnna gave each council member a map with information showing the Bancroft area of impact. The county has been rewriting their subdivision and zoning ordinances this last year. During this process they recognized the need for getting surrounding cities to update their area of impact agreements. The last adopted agreement for the city of Bancroft was in 2008. The bulk of the land on the outskirts of Bancroft is zoned agriculture, which does not allow for economic development. A person must have 40 acres to build a house in agriculture. The agriculture zoned land borders the city on all sides. JoAnna recommended that the city consider how the properties zoned agricultural can prevent growth in the city. In order to develop land it must be in the area of impact and be annexed into the city with a few exceptions. JoAnna explained that cities are hoping for growth and the area of impact will make sure there is a consideration for the area of impact. JoAnna is also concerned that the Bancroft agreement does not mandate that the applicant contact the city upon submitting an application for a zone amendment or conditional use permit. The application process is mandated through the county only. There is one (1) exception that requires 100% approval from all bordering neighbors. JoAnna recommends changing that portion of the agreement so the city can be involved in the application approval or denial process. This is a safety provision to ensure that the cities do not create undue conditions, but are still able to sustain community growth. Council would like to discuss the matter further before making any decisions or negotiating an agreement change.

Item: 4 Minutes-February 10, 2020 Council Meeting

Cp, Scott Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes from council meeting held February 10, 2020. Cm, Joseph Perry 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 5 Accounts Payables-February 2020

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien made a motion to pay the accounts payables for February 2020. Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 6 Road Base Chips

Mayor Spencer has been corresponding with vendors that sell road base chips. Nucor is currently out of stock and does not know how soon they will have chips to sell. One of the vendors may be purchasing a crusher and will be able to allow a pre-pay situation once they know for sure. Council agrees to put in an order and pre-pay as soon as possible to ensure that the chips are here and ready for the start date. The chips can be stored until the city and county can coordinate a start date. Mayor Spencer was advised that the road base chips are sharp and may cause discomfort to the horses and those involved on the 24th to July parade route. Council agrees that the project should wait until after the 24th of July parade.

Cp, Scott Hayden made a motion to order the chips and store them when possible.

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

Item: 7 City Comprehensive Plan

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien read element (7) seven. Cm, Hayden read element (8) eight. Council members discussed making several changes to the information and statistics in the elements covered. Reading will resume with element 9/page13 at the April Council Meeting.

Item: 8 Council Reports

Cm, Hayden asked if the MIG welder is working with the new gun that was purchased. Mayor Spencer had to pick up an additional part due to the welder being modified from its original version. It should work fine once it is put back together.

Cm, Joseph Perry asked if the city could ask residents to clean up their properties and remove abandoned, unlicensed, and un-registered vehicles. Mayor Spencer explained that the council discussed waiting until spring to address the situation.

Clerk Swensen asked what the council would like to do with the purchase of a Santa Claus suit for the Lighting of Teuscher Square. Cm, Joe Perry and Cm, Mickelle O'Brien volunteered to help out with price checking.

Clerk Swensen will post the public notice for the upcoming 2020 Spring Cleanup as soon as the county decides what days are going to be the Free Dump Days. Clerk Swensen informed council that the city will not be eligible for the Arbor Day Grant this year due to receiving the grant the last two years.

Mayor Spencer had code enforcement issue a warning ticket to the resident that is allowing a friend to live in a camper trailer on his property. The property owner agreed to have the trailer moved off his property by the next weekend.

Mayor Spencer informed council that there is a resident that has refused to pay a dog kennel license. The resident states that the dog belongs to his previous spouse and only comes on occasion. Maintenance and the close neighbors have seen the dog on multiple occasions. Code enforcement will watch the situation and the council will readdress the topic as more information comes in.

Cm, Joseph Perry is concerned about the safety of the clerk and would like to have a plan in place in the event of an emergency. Council discussed several safety precautionary measures.

Item: 9 Public Comment

Jake Nichols is the branch manager for the "Helena Agri-Enterprises". They have purchased the old Crop Production (Nutrien) business on Center Street in Bancroft. The new business signs will be put up in the next few days. Jake informed council that they want to have a good working relationship with the city and invited the fire department to stop by for a tour of the facility.

Adjournment

Cm, Joe Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Cp, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.



Recorded by: ds
City Clerk /Debbie Swensen

04-06-2020

Date Accepted by Council



Mayor, LuCus H. Spencer