

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.