

Bancroft City Council
Monday, February 10, 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, Carrie Yost, Joseph Perry, Mayor Spencer, Ryder Anderson, Kyle Reed and Clerk Swensen

Others in attendance: James Ackerman and Hailey Perry

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

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Mickelle O'Brien

Item: 1 Accept Agenda

Cm, Scott Hayden made a motion to accept the agenda.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 2 Minutes

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 13, 2020 Council Meeting.

Cm, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 3 Accounts Payables

Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to pay the accounts payable for January 2020.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Item: 4 Oath of Office-Joseph (Joe) Perry

Clerk Swensen read the Oath of Office to Joseph Perry. Joseph accepted and signed the oath. A certificate of appointment was given to Council Member Perry.

Cm, Scott Hayden made a motion to accept Joseph Perry as Council Member

Cm, Carrie Yost 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Spencer assigned Council Member Perry to be the Department Head for the Fire Department, sewer, and assist council member O'Brien with the Street Department.

Item: 5 Council President

Mayor Spencer would like to appoint Councilman Scott Hayden as Council President.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien made a motion to appoint Cm, Scott Hayden to the Council President position.

Cm, Carrie Yost 2nd the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 6 Save the Kids Foundation-Carrie Yost

Cm, Carrie Yost has been working with a committee to raise funds for an upcoming assembly on social media awareness. The assembly features Collin Kartchner, a Utah resident that educates students and parents about finding balance with social media. Collin goes over statistics including the rising rate of suicides among teens associated with social media usage. The assembly will be held on March 11, 2020 at the Soda Springs High School and the Grace Performing Arts Center. Bancroft students will be bused to Grace for the assembly. Yost asked the city council if they would be willing to donate \$150.00.

Cm, Mickelle O'Brien made a motion to donate \$150.00

Continued-Save the Kids Foundation-Carrie Yost
Cm, Scott Hayden 2nd the motion.
Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 7 Property Purchase-Pam Barfuss

The City Council would like to purchase the small piece of land owned by Pam Barfuss that is adjoining the cities Memorial Park. A couple of the cities RV pads are on the corner of Pam's property. Mayor Spencer would like to review the subdivision rules before proceeding with making an offer on the land.

Item: 8 City Comprehensive Plan

Council Members read pages 5-9 and will continue the reading with page 10 at the March council meeting.

Item: 9 Council and Staff Reports

Cm, Scott Hayden informed council that the fire hydrant on Davids drive is still leaking. Maintenance workers are aware of the leak and will get the parts needed to repair the hydrant. Mayor Spencer thanked the maintenance workers for removing the snow around the fire hydrants during the winter months.

Cm, Yost informed council members that UPR (Union Pacific Railroad) has a website for reporting blocked crossings and other miscellaneous situations/complaints. Citizens can log on to the site at: fra.dot.gov and mark the map where the crossing is blocked.

Cm, Yost met with a Verizon cellular representative regarding the desire to put in a new cellular tower in Bancroft. Verizon has been looking at several locations that would be possibilities for the new tower. Verizon would like to stay within a one mile radius of Crop Production Services. Anything over a height of 25 feet will require a variance. Cm, Scott Hayden reminded council that a variance is only to be approved under the conditions that Verizon can prove undue hardship. Council members like the idea of having 4G service but would like to get more details before proceeding. Mayor Spencer would like to the representative to schedule a meeting with the city council before proceeding.

Cm, Yost asked the council what their thoughts are regarding the purchase of the old Mick's Market building on Main Street. Council Member Perry asked what the purpose behind the purchase would be. Cm, Yost explained that it would serve as a community events center and would offer a place for exercising and other community events. Council Members are concerned about the poor condition of the building and the maintenance expenses. Mayor Spencer expressed concerns regarding the city not having the manpower to maintain the building and a city owned business.

Cm, Joseph Perry would like to go over the budget and get a better understanding before making motions that are revenue and expense related. Clerk Swensen invited Cm, Perry to stop by the office at his convenience to review the budget and answer questions.

Clerk Swensen presented quotes for Santa Claus suits requested by the council at a previous council meeting. No final decisions were made.

Clerk Swensen asked if the city council would allow people to make reservations at the Teuscher Square Pavilion in the event that Memorial Park is booked up. Council Members like to idea of offering the Pavilion for reservations if needed.

Maintenance Anderson informed council members that the MIG welder is not working. Anderson is not completely sure, but thinks that it is the gun that is not working. Council Members would like to contact the vendor and ask if they would allow the city to return the gun in the event that it is not the problem.

Maintenance Anderson would like to attend an upcoming Code Enforcement Training that is offered locally. Council agrees that this would be a good training for maintenance Anderson to attend. Clerk Swensen will get maintenance Anderson signed up and pay the enrollment fees. Maintenance Anderson has been approved to test on his water and wastewater certifications.

Mayor Spencer stopped at the county courthouse to discuss the land swap that took place between the city and Lester Barfuss in 2009. The city owned a piece of land behind Lester's house which they swapped for the piece of property now known as Memorial Park. Clerk Swensen found the documentation and instrument number on file at City Hall. The county has agreed to update their files as soon as possible.

The plaque honoring Thiel Parker for his length of service for the City is complete. The plaque will be hung on the pavilion at Teuscher Square.

Mayor Spencer has been corresponding with the county regarding the upcoming chip sealing project. Council members discussed purchasing the chips from Nucor due to lower cost and being a better quality than other chips sold locally. The chips are currently unavailable, but can be ordered and pre-paid. Council members agree to get on the list and pre-pay for the chips if possible.

Mayor Spencer informed council members that Forsgren Engineers have applied for the sidewalk grant for the city.

Mayor Spencer asked if the council would be interested in having a city email address for city business. Council agrees that it would be nice to have a city specific email for group correspondence and agendas. Clerk Swensen will set up the email addresses for city council and staff.

Mayor Spencer asked the council if they had thoughts regarding possibly purchasing the corner lot previously owned by Harold Toolson. Council would like to get information when the land comes available on the market.

Resident James Ackerman asked if clerk Swensen was able to put out a message on the city website regarding the city curfew. Clerk Swensen put a message on the city site after the January council meeting.

Adjournment

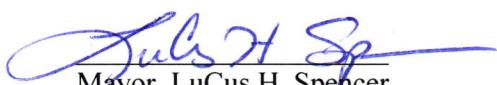
Cm, Carrie Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Cm, Joseph Perry 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.



Recorded by: ds
City Clerk /Debbie Swensen

03-09-2020

Date Accepted by Council



Mayor, LuCus H. Spencer