

## **CITY OF MOYIE SPRINGS MINUTES REGULAR MEETING July 5th, 2017**

**City Council met in regular session July 5th, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Moyie Springs City Hall.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chad Farrens. Present were Council members Steve Economu, Heather Andrews, Terry Johnson, Tim Narvaez, Fire Chief Ken English, City Clerk Donna Wilson-Funkhouser, and City Attorney Dan Featherston

**Signed In:** Oliver Andrews, Ginger Perrenoud, Dennis Weed with EDC, and Bill Maestretti

**Open Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Prior Minutes Approval- June 7th, 2017:** Discussed the minutes of the regular meeting from June 7th, 2017. Council Mayor Farrens asked for comments, questions, and or corrections to the minutes. Mayor Farrens entertained a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Steve Economu to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**Approve Current Financials:** Mayor Farrens asked for the review of the current financials. Mayor Farrens entertained a motion to approve the financials. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Terry Johnson to approve the current financials. Motion carried.

**Keri Bodnar –Lahmeyer Addition- Amended Lots – Approval and Mayor’s Signature:** The final plat map to amended the plat of lots 1,2,3,9 of block 1 of the Lahameyer addition was presented for the Council and Mayor’s approval. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Terry Johnson to approve the plat and have the Mayor sign. Motion carried.

**Road Ordinance – to review the County’s Road Ordinance for City’s Road Ordinance –** Mayor Farrens asked if the Council had time to review the County’s Road Ordinance. The Council discussed needing additional time to review. Bill Maestretti commented on that he had reviewed the Ordinance and that it was very detailed and that the Council needed to take the time and review as was critical to discuss the options and needs for the City. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser said that the pending road Ordinance had been sent to Sterling Codification along with the rest of the City’s Ordinances. Dan Featherston said that it should shorten the process if the Sterling Codification gives their professional suggestions on the Ordinance to the Council, before the Council created the City’s Road Ordinance. Mayor Farrens tabled the City Road Ordinance at this time.

**501-C3 Information:** Ken English reported that he had talked to other fire departments and didn’t see the need to have a 501-C3 Non Profit organization to receive grants for the fire department. Dan Featherston said he had a conference call with a fire department that has a 501-C3 status, and with Dennis Weed and Donna Wilson-Funkhouser. They said that they had setup a separate entity from the City, with citizens from the City to form their 501-C3 Non-Profit organization. The wives of their fire department volunteers had headed up the organization. This allowed them to seek grants for their fire department. Ken English said that he had spoken with Tony Rohrwasser from South Boundary Fire District and that he didn’t believe that it was necessary to have the nonprofit status. Dan Featherston said that he believes that the need for a separate 501-C3 entity to apply and receive grants was necessary. He said that the nonprofit organization would belong to the community and have its own assets and books. Tim Narvaez voiced his concerns about the organization becoming dysfunctional long term without the City’s involvement. Dan Featherston said that was a legit concern and that the organization might end up being short term; but was essential for applying for grants. Ken English said

that he would contact Tony Rohrwasser and get more information on grants and the need for a nonprofit organization. Mayor Farrens tabled the discussion.

**Un-muffled Brakes – City Ordinance –** Dan Featherston presented an ordinance for un-muffled brakes for the Council to review. The Council discussed the verbiage in the pending ordinance and the penalty and enforcement of that penalty. Tim Narvaez questioned the State’s law against un-muffled brakes and the replication of the ordinance. Heather Andrews said that if the City tried to enforce the un-muffled brakes that the truck drivers would deny it. Bill Maestretti suggested a higher fine for the violation. Dan Featherston said that the Ordinance would just put focus on the violation, making it a City violation as well as a County and State violation. Tim Narvaez thought that it was not possible to enforce and that the City did not have a decibel meter to register the sound. The Council discussed not having policing capabilities to enforce the ordinance. Dan Featherston said that he could add the state codes to the Ordinance. Mayor Farrens tabled the discussion.

**Potlatch – CD 6 Months Renewal – Water-** Mayor Farrens asked the Council if they wanted to renew the 6 Month Water CD at Potlatch. Mayor Farrens entertained a motion to renew the CD. A motion was made by Steve Economu and seconded by Terry Johnson to renew the Potlatch CD. Motion carried.

**Columbia Bank – Sewer Savings Account- Change-** The sewer savings account is currently at Columbia Bank and not receiving any interest. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser suggested that the Council change and put to the monies into a CD. The Council discussed the options. Steve Economu suggested a 6 month CD at Potlatch. Terry Johnson made a motion and Heather Andrews seconded the motion to move the funds to a 6 month CD at Potlatch Credit Union. Motion carried.

**Wells Fargo-Water- Savings Account – Change-** The current balance of the water savings is approximately \$34,000 at Wells Fargo Bank and the interest rate is very minimal. The Council discussed the options of putting the funds in CD’s. Heather Andrews made a motion and Tim Narvaez seconded the motion to move and split the savings in thirds and place in 3 CD’s one for each 6 months, 12 months, and 24 months. Motion carried.

**Set Dates for Working on Budget 2017-18-** The Council discussed the proposed dates of July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the working on the Budget. Bill Maestretti gave suggestions about the Budget. The Council agreed to meet Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to work on the Budget.

**Dennis Weed – EDC:** Dennis Weed said we had a meeting with the people in charge of the Spot bus. The use of the Spot had only 13 riders from January to the end of May in the City of Moyie Springs. The costs to run the Spot bus exceed the need in the area. It was suggested that the Spot bus run on a call in basis, as needed, and that the contact phone numbers for rides be placed on the route signs.

Dennis Weed reported that he had met with Idaho Forest Group about supporting the City’s road fund with an annual contribution to aide in the road maintenance required on the section of Roosevelt Road to the mill. The mill had declined and felt the City was singling them out for the road maintenance.

**Volunteer Fire Dept. Report:** Ken English reported that the battery needed replaced in the brush truck. Ken English reported the following: June 6<sup>th</sup> – Ambulance Assist – East Railroad; June 7<sup>th</sup> – LEPC Meeting; June 14<sup>th</sup> – Fire on Westwood – Car; and June 17<sup>th</sup> - Wreck at MP.

**Water & Sewer Report:** Steve Economu reported on the water usage for the month of June for John Nelson. Total pumped for June 2017 - 7,464,000 gallons: High day was the 13<sup>th</sup> – 312,600 gallons - Low

day was the 19th – 7,900 gallons. Steve Economu also reported that John Nelson had talked to Bob Pluid about road blading the streets for the City. Bob Pluid agreed and would blade the roads the next week. Steve Economu also said that John Nelson said that the City needs to get a new air tank as the one now needs replaced. The Council discussed the importance and need for the air tank. Heather Andrews made a motion and Terry Johnson seconded the motion to allow John Nelson to purchase a new air tank. Motion carried.

**Misc Business:** Donna Wilson-Funkhouser asked the Council if the City could purchase a projector to be used for meetings as a visual aide for the Council as well as the City residents in Council meetings. Terry Johnson suggested borrowing the projector from the County Road and Bridge to try out and see if a projector would be beneficial to the City.

Bill Maestretti asked to comment on the City's financials. He questioned the three accounts over 90 days delinquent, and asked if liens should be placed on these properties. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser said that in the past due accounts, one was from a death, one is in foreclosure, and that the other would pay.

Bill Maestretti also questioned the Council regarding the lack of direction that the committee reviewing the City Ordinance's was getting. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser explained the email account that the City had setup, and that the current ordinances could be found there to review and become familiar with. She added that the Ordinances were going thru the Codification process and as soon as the City receives information back from Sterling Codification that the committee would then need to meet and begin the review process. Bill Maestretti said that we would prefer to have a book of the City's Ordinances to work with. Steve Economu said that he would be willing to give his written Ordinance book for Bill to review.

**Discuss & Pay Bills:** Steve Economu made a motion to pay bills and Terry Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Steve Economu made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Terry Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Attest: City Clerk