

**MARSING CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor James Ferdinand called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor James Ferdinand, Councilmember Cory Percifield, Councilmember Marie Herman, Councilmember Jolyn Green and Councilmember Chris Even were present. Staff members present were Deputy Clerk Doris Hayward-Roland, City Engineer Amy Woodruff, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Shimkus and Public Works Superintendent Philip Gibson. Others present were John Eells from the South Board of Control, Casey & Amber Callaway, Nick Peterson and David Barnett from ITD, Ron Kiester, Sean Chaney from the Owyhee Avalanche and Noyam Hale.

Mayor Ferdinand amended the agenda by adding ITD for a discussion on the bridge project and removing the award presentation by Blue Cross of Idaho for the Mayor's School Walking Challenge.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Green moved and Even seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, the minutes of the November 9, 2016 regular Council meeting and claims against the City in the amount of \$56,502.43. Motion carried. (Minutes from the special Council meeting of November 8, 2016 were tabled until the January 10, 2107 meeting.)

Councilmember Even left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing opened to consider a variance to the lot size and setback requirements for 212 1st Avenue West in Marsing for Anel Barajas. Barajas said she had a manufactured home built and said she didn't realize at the time that it would not meet planning and zoning standards.

Council deliberated and made findings upon at the following criteria of Article XV, Section B:

- a. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district;
- b. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this Ordinance
- c. That special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant; and
- d. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district.

Councilmember Percifield moved and Herman seconded approval of the variance in 15 days based on notification of the political subdivisions and their approval. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ron Kiester, 127 Motzko, addressed the Council regarding the Verizon Wireless Tower that Owyhee County Planning & Zoning approved to be put in with 100 feet of his property line. The new tower is in the City Marsing's impact area. He is concerned about radio frequency radiation. There was a public hearing at Owyhee County that he attended on November 17, 2016. He was concerned City of Marsing did not send any representative to the meeting. The City of Marsing did send a letter but Owyhee County Planning & Zoning said they did not receive it in time to enter it into the record.

John Eells with the South Board of Control had some questions regarding the contract between the City of Marsing and Gem Irrigation. Mayor Ferdinand said the City would need our City Attorney present to discuss the contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **City Engineer** – Amy Woodruff said that Philip Gibson and Kirby from her office were working on the new street signs and they were now complete. Some yield signs in town were replaced with stop signs. Bid documents for the boat ramp at Island Park are in the process of being completed.

Casey & Amber Callaway submitted a waiver request from the code requiring connection to the City sewer (Ordinance No. A97, Section .023 Required Connections) regarding their property located at 5588 Van Road.

Councilmember Percifield moved and Green seconded to approve the waiver with the agreement that if they were able to connect in future, they would do so. Motion carried.

Environmental Planner Nick Peterson and Project Engineer Dave Barrett with ITD made a presentation regarding the bridge project. Park users will have full access to the facilities during the construction. Work will begin sometime in 2018. Construction will be done in three stages: west bound lane, east bound lane, final configuration. It should take approximately 20 months to complete. A secondary access road will be constructed on the north side (by Spot Pizza). The temporary construction easement areas will be outlined in orange construction fencing. Flaggers will be used in the park during equipment transport in and out of the easements. Construction worker parking and restroom use to designated locations outside the park will be restricted. Both access roads will remain open during the weekends.

Mayor Ferdinand's major concern was that the construction took place over only one 4th of July celebration.

- b. **City Attorney** – Stephanie Bonney was absent.

- c. **Code Enforcement** – Mike Shimkus said that finally the Rodriguez property located at 9 Main Street was being torn down. He continues to get complaints about the Robert Jess property located at 230 Wye Street and that it is in the court system again. There is nothing on the books regarding travel trailers. Shimkus asked what to do about the Chester Pipkin property on the Bruneau Highway. Two certified letters have been sent to him. It was suggested that the City take care of the weeds and then place a lien on the property for the amount that it cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

- a. **Maintenance Supervisor** – Philip Gibson stated that the maintenance crew worked on putting up Christmas decorations this past month and worked on the Christmas floats for the Homedale Parade and for the Marsing Parade. The crosswalk project is underway and should begin in approximately two weeks. Gibson ordered a new “cell” for the MIOX (chlorine generation) unit at the booster station for approximately \$6,700. Power costs at the booster station since taking the methane generator offline remain constants. Some months the power bills are up and next month they are down. The methane generator repair estimate will be approximately \$700.00 to \$1,600.00.

Projects planned for next month are to refurbish the picnic tables, clean and organize all shops and buildings, get the crosswalk light project completed and maintenance equipment.

Gibson stated that it was required that two additional coliform samples be taken in the future and asked if they could be taken at Mayor Ferdinand’s and Councilmember Percifield’s residences. He stated that the sample would be taken from an outside faucet and nobody needed to be home. Mayor Ferdinand and Councilmember Percifield agreed.

Mayor Ferdinand complimented Ed Lowder for sanding roads in the early morning hours the previous weekend after being called out for a water leak. The Mayor would like this to continue. Gibson stated the crew comes in at 6:00 a.m. if snow is anticipated. The Mayor said that the school buses are on the road early as well as many residents and they should come in earlier if needed.

Mayor Ferdinand complimented Gibson, Lowder and Peña saying that the Christmas floats looked great for both the Homedale and the Marsing Christmas parades. The Christmas lights look great at the park and City Hall also.

Mayor Ferdinand asked that the flag at the Island Park be replaced.

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- b. **Mayor Report:** In the past hams were given to staff for Christmas. Staff included the five full-time employees, the Mayor and Councilmembers, Engineer and Attorney. Mayor Ferdinand asked the Council's opinion as to whether only full-time staff members be given a ham.

Councilmember Percifield moved and Herman seconded to give hams to the five full-time employees only. Motion carried.

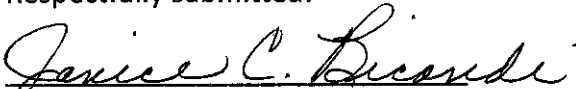
Councilmember Percifield moved and Herman seconded to approve the 2017 alcohol licenses for the Pour House, Caba's Lounge, Alejandra's (beer & wine only), and Logan's Market (beer and wine only) based receipt of application, payment of fees and copies of state and county licenses. Motion carried.

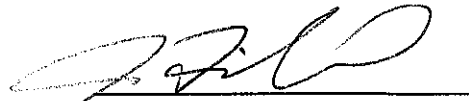
An application has been submitted for funding to improve Reich Street.
Councilmember Green moved and Percifield seconded to approve a survey for that project not to exceed \$7,000. Motion carried.

Mayor Ferdinand stated that had the weather not been so bad, the City would have been presented with a \$2,000.00 for Mayor's Walking Challenge which occurred in October. Blue Cross of Idaho sponsored the challenge and were not able to make it out to this meeting. Mayor Ferdinand suggested that the \$2,000.00 might be "seed" money for a greenbelt.

Councilmember Percifield moved and Green seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:


Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer


James Ferdinand, Mayor

Date: 1/11/2017