

MARSING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2017

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, Councilman Cory Percifield, Councilman Marie Herman, Councilman Jolyn Green and Councilman Chris Even (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) were present. Staff members present were City Clerk/Treasurer Janice Bicandi, Deputy City Clerk Doris Hayward-Roland, City Engineer Amy Woodruff City Attorney Stephanie Bonney and Public Works Superintendent Philip Gibson.

Others that were also present in the audience were Les Loucks, Laveda Loucks, Dale Hurley, Bill Nelson, Noyam Hale, Bill Pastoor from Westowns' Disposal and Julie Scheu.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilman Percifield moved and Herman seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Council Meeting and the Claims against the City for the approximate amount of \$46,088.90 from February 8, 2017 to March 8, 2017. Motion carried.

Mayor Ferdinand opened the public hearing that was continued from February 8, 2017, Les & Laveda Loucks, application of a preliminary plat for the Meadow Brook Subdivision. Nobody spoke for or against the preliminary plat for the Meadow Brook Subdivision.

The Mayor stated that the Loucks were meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department on Monday concerning the Traffic Impact Study. He said that he would like to continue the public hearing until March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **City Engineer** – Amy Woodruff said they were busy working on an analysis including the park level of service, park capacity, wastewater treatment system capacity, water system treatment capacity and the water rights capacity for the City of Marsing as it relates to the Meadow Brook Subdivision application.

Woodruff said they had met with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation representative on site on the past Monday and reviewed the project for the new dock with her. The projects will be scored by the committee in the following week. The representative just wanted to get familiar with the City's application.

They are still working on the design of the new boat ramp that is going to be installed. Fish & Wildlife required a biological assessment to be completed and submitted before the permit could be issued to do the work in the stream bed.

The Mayor requested that a Citizens Advisory Committee be formed to look at parks and trails in the City of Marsing and the surrounding area. He asked Noyam Hale to chair that committee. Noyam Hale, Doris Hayward-Roland and Amy Woodruff met on February 24, 2017 for 1 ½ hours. Preliminary parks and trails locations were laid out. They will be placed on a GIS overlay. It will be reviewed at the next meeting and then bring that before the City Council and ask for input from Council and the public.

Woodruff met with Blaine Swindeman from the Idaho Transportation Department regarding the Safe Routes to School Project on Highway 78. When the project was developed, the Engineering budget was very low and the construction budget was adequate. Anything over the project amount, the City would be responsible for. Woodruff thought the overall project amount was \$160,000. The Plans, Specification & Estimates (PS&E) have to be delivered to ITD by June 1st.

Stephanie Bonney asked about assistance from ITD regarding getting the waterline across the bridge. Mayor Ferdinand said that the City is still talking with ITD about the waterline. ITD has agreed to put the hangers in for the pipe so it will be ready. Bonney said the City would have a good case for judicial confirmation. Woodruff said the City had a lot of infrastructure on the other side of the river, three wells, hydrants, a stainless steel reservoir.

- B. **City Attorney** – Stephanie Bonney said she had been working with Woodruff on questions that have arisen regarding the Meadow Brook Subdivision.

Mike Shimkus had asked her to put together a code regarding travel trailers. The City wants to prohibit people from using them as permanent residences. She will have a draft put together for the April City Council meeting.

- C. **Code Enforcement** – Mike Shimkus said it was difficult to spot zoning violations over the past two months because of the snow. Since the snow melted he spotted a few violations and acted on them. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has assisted him in citing a few of the people that were in violation.

Shimkus said that Robert Jess, 230 Wye Street, is going to pre-trial on April 5, 2017 regarding Junk Vehicles. The foreclosure on the property is no longer active.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Bill Pastoor, Westowns' Disposal** addressed the City Council. He stated during the past winter, they had quite a time going through the alleys with the amount of snow that was present. Some alleys are tight anyway but when you add snow to the mix, it is more difficult. He also stated that he was aware that they damage the alleys. The

trucks weigh 45,000 – 50,000 pounds when they are full. Some alleys are difficult to get in and out of and there are water boxes in some of the alleys. The Council made the decision several years ago to keep pickup spots in the alleys, behind City Hall and behind US Bank. Pastoor asked the Council if they were interested in moving the garbage cans out of the alley to the street. The consensus in the past was to leave them in the alley because they didn't want the trash cans out on the highway.

Mayor Ferdinand recalled that in the past Westowns' offered to assist a customer with their container. Pastoor said they were still going through the alley for that customer. The Mayor said he understood Westowns' situation and understood why the decision was made to leave those containers in the alleys, especially those on Main Street.

Councilman Green said she was comfortable with having customers place their trash cans on Main Street and they have 24 hours to get the trash can off the street. The Mayor said that they didn't have any "teeth" to enforce that. Green said that they could change the code.

Mayor Ferdinand said that if Council didn't have any objections, he was okay with moving the trash cans out of the alleys. A dead line of April 1st was set and Pastoor and his crew would notify all of the customers.

- B. Dale Hurley, 204 Motzko Street**, addressed the Council regarding a water leak, 93,000 gallons, for the February billing. He didn't understand that the sewer rate was linked to the water usage. He asked Council if they would consider issuing him a credit for the sewer only as the water did not go through the sewer line. His sewer charges went from an average of \$33.00 per month to \$239.00 for February.

Councilman Green moved and Even seconded to adjust Hurley's sewer bill to his normal sewer rate. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

A. Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Gibson

- New Pickups Ordered
- Filled Major Potholes
- Picnic Tables Refurbished
- Equipment Serviced
- Preparing for Irrigation Season
- Equipment Allotment Remainder - \$30,731.37
- Methane Collection System Safety Report

1. Methane Gas in Well Water is no Regulated Under any Code
 2. The Material of the Collection Bladder is the Same as What is Used in Commercial Wastewater Digesters
 3. All Piping and Fittings are Built to Code
 4. DEQ is Aware of the Situation
 5. Fire Marshall Strongly Suggested that the City Install a Methane Detection System in the Buildings Where Gas is Going to Since Methane Has no Odor.
- Grader Bid at Musick Auction is up to \$4,100.00 with 16 Bids, Auction Close March 9th @ 5 p.m.

For Council Discussion:

- Street Sweeping – Curtis Clean Sweep
 - 8 hours - \$1,140
 - 12 hours - \$1,660
 - 16 hours - \$2,280

Councilman Percifield moved and Green seconded to approve Curtis Clean Sweep's services for 12 hours at \$1,660. Motion carried.

- Methane Generator Repair – New Motor - \$1,970.00
- Methane Generator Moved to City Hall/Wiring - \$2,350.00

Councilman Even moved and Percifield seconded to table the Methane Generator items. Motion carried.

- City Park Irrigation System
 - New Mainline – \$900.00
 - New 5 HP Pump - \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00
- Island Park Irrigation System
 - New Piping System - \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00
 - New 5 HP Pump - \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00
 - New 10 HP Pump - \$3,300.00

Mayor Ferdinand asked Gibson what he would like to see for this year. Gibson said that he would like to see the pumps replaced this year for both parks.

Councilman Percifield moved and Herman seconded to approve no more than \$4,000.00 for new 5 HP pumps for City Park and Island Park. Motion carried.

- Island Park Trash Cans - \$350.00 per can/15 cans total (This item was tabled until next meeting.)
- Blade for Kubota – Woody’s Outdoor Power - \$1,252.33
For Snow Removal, Job Cleanup, Pushing Sand

Councilman Green moved and Even seconded to approve the purchase of a blade for the Kubota for \$1,252.33 from Woody’s Outdoor Power. Motion carried.

- Jumping Jack Compactor – American Construction Supply - \$4,500.00
Used for compacting trenches. Current trench compacting procedure is to drive the backhoe tires over the trench. (Gibson is to contact Home Depot.)
- 2001 Dixie Chopper Lawn Mower Needs a New Hydraulic Pump - \$850.00

Councilman Green moved and Percifield seconded to repair the 2001 Dixie Chopper Lawn Mower for \$850.00. Motion carried.

- 2000 Dixon Lawn Mower, No Parts Available, Fair Condition

Councilman Percifield moved and Herman seconded to surplus the 2000 Dixon Lawn Mower. Motion carried.

- Power at Island Park

B. Mayor Report

Mayor Ferdinand said it had been widely publicized that Idaho National Guard will be in and around Marsing March 11-17 doing military exercises with air support.

The Mayor asked if any bids were received for the 1997 Ford pick-up. (No.) Bonney said that once you advertised and didn’t get any bids, they you can legally dispose of the vehicle in whatever method is appropriate.

Councilman Percifield moved and Green seconded to scrap the 1997 Ford pick-up. Motion carried.

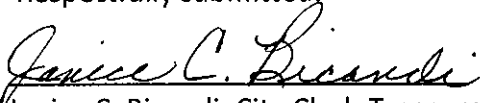
The Mayor wondered if Council would like to do some kind of a tribute for Shea McClellan, Marsing High School graduate, that earned himself a super bowl ring.

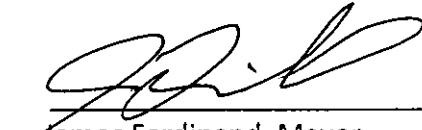
To put a banner up over the railroad tracks cost approximately \$500.00. Councilman Green said the City could check with the school to see what they are doing and maybe go in on some project with them. Green also suggested asking the community what they would like to see.

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Councilman Green moved and Even seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:


Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer


James Ferdinand, Mayor

Date: 4/12/2017