

**CITY OF MARSING  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 27, 2018, 7:00 PM  
MARSING CITY HALL**

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 Tony Malmberg, Councilman Marie Herman, Councilman Jolyn Green and Councilman Chris Even were present. Staff members present were City Clerk/Treasurer Janice Bicandi, Deputy Clerk Kim Spagnolo, Public Works Supervisor Philip Gibson, City Attorney Stephanie Bonney, City Engineer Amy Woodruff, Engineer Kirby Cook and Ordinance Officer Harvey Gist.

Others that were also present in the audience were: Becky Riddle, Bret Tinker, Earl Grief, Brian Showalter, David Barrett, Tom Kudlo, Denise Dixon, Andrew Linder, Marnie McNeil, Julie Franklin, Bill Pastoor of Westown Disposal, and Rosemary Curtin.

Mayor Ferdinand requested an amendment to the agenda adding the following items: The Giving Tree, Food Boxes for the Seniors, Office 365 and Market Assessment Motor Systems.

**Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to amend the agenda. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**Councilman Chris Even moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018 Special Council Meeting and the October 10, 2018 City Council Meeting and the Claims Against the City for the approximate amount of \$335,754.72 from October 11, 2018 to November 27, 2018. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION - 141** Increase Irrigation Fees from \$15.21 Acre per Month to \$15.67 per Acre per Month; and Providing an Effective Date.

**Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Chris Even seconded to adopt Resolution #141, Increase Irrigation Fees from \$15.21 Acre per Month to \$15.67 per Acre per Month; and Providing an Effective Date. The Mayor called for a roll call vote with all Councilman present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION - 142** Adoption of the Owyhee County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and Providing an Effective Date.

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**Councilman Tony Malmberg moved and Jolyn Green seconded to adopt Resolution #142, Adoption of the Owyhee County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and Providing an Effective Date. The Mayor called for a roll call vote with all Councilman present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Bill Pastoor from Westown Disposal checked to see if there were any complaints or issues. Mayor Ferdinand expressed appreciation for the good service Marsing receives from Westown Disposal.

Allied Business Solutions Contract (IT Services) was on the agenda under "Old Business". It was not discussed, no decision was made.

Kirby Cook with Civil Dynamics reported that he is in contact with ITD and contractors Wadsworth Brothers regarding the SH-55 Water Relocation project and when they are planning on moving forward with the actual road work.

Cook stated that he is currently working on the water meter that was broken at the school. There is a little bit of asphalt repair that will need to be done and that the City will be responsible for. Cold patch for the winter will be done until spring and will be done in the right of way.

Cook reported that they are close to receiving money for the SH-78 Sidewalk Project from the State of Idaho. An acceptance letter is needed from the City as well as a surety bond from the contractor before the State of Idaho will reimburse the City. The school kids use the sidewalk all the time.

The only thing left to complete on the Reich Street Rehabilitation Project is striping in front of the DMV. The contractor has the striping plans and will do it for free. No Parking signs will also be placed.

Cook said he is hoping to get a bulk water meter for contractors for well water usage before ITD comes in with their project. It is a high flow meter if council is willing to do it. Mayor Ferdinand said a quote is needed for next council meeting.

David Barrett came for the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Presentation and Project Overview. ITD has a contract with Wadsworth Brothers based out of Utah. A preconstruction meeting was held at the end of October. They are working through all the paper work and permitting. The project will probably start towards the beginning of 2019. There could be some work going on from mid to late December.

Replacing the structure for the C-line canal and a deep drain at the west end of town will happen first in early to mid-January. Dates are hedged because it is a big project and dates are subject to change. These two projects will need temporary lighting. There will be lights on either side, allowing one lane of traffic to cross. Each project should take about two weeks.

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They will not be going on at the same time. It is unsure which lane they will start first but it will be at least four weeks total. They will be transitioning to opening up the road in phases next. The first stage is the break at Reich Street to the east towards the bridge. They will open half the road and move the traffic keeping it on pavement. They are expected to start possibly in February or March. The next phase will be Reich Street to the west edge of town. The third stage is the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue W to the junction at Hwy 95. There will be some overlap on some of the stages and it's hard to tell how long each stage will take. The completion of roadway portion should be done by September of 2019. Mayor Ferdinand said in the past there was a remote for emergency services to turn the lights to red. Dave Barrett is waiting to see how the contractors plan to address this issue. Barrett has spoken with the Marsing Fire Chief Bryan Showalter and they will bring the plan before all the emergency services again to make sure everyone is up to speed. That meeting has not been scheduled as he is waiting on the contractor. Kirby Cook said that the emergency light is already in the bid and that the emergency control was part of the traffic control portion. Barrett said that was correct. It is a big issue and will continue to be. Mayor Ferdinand was concerned about having only one lane to cross the bridge. He was also concerned about the traffic for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Barrett responded and said that flaggers are in the contract for those events and some money has been set aside for some sort of transportation if the City decides to bus the community to some other location instead of the park. ITD will contribute. Barrett said before the bridge can start, Idaho Power has to relocate several lines including one that crosses the river. The contractor plans to do their staging on the Canyon County side of the river. There will be some adjustment within the park on the north side of the park. Idaho Power will start sometime in January with some possible work in December but the main work will be done in January. Contractors can start doing some work but won't be in the river for a while. They are waiting on the Coast Guard Permit as they have jurisdiction on part of the water. The bridge permit application is in for their review and it could take a while. The bridge is better in every way than the old one. It spans three inches longer and higher; it's a better bridge. The contractor schedule is showing February or March. Discussion continued about the piers, taking down the bridge and stop lights on either side. Each stage is estimated to take nine months, per half the bridge. They are starting with the north access. They will start building their work bridge on the east side. The project could possibly finish in June 2020.

A public hearing will be scheduled towards the end of January. Notices of a meeting date will be sent out. A digital copy will be emailed to Mayor Ferdinand.

City Attorney Stephanie Bonney will work on an ordinance for jake brakes within the city limits. This will be an infraction with the same fee structure to follow the city code. It will be ready for the next council meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Harvey Gist discussed citations being issued in and out of state. No money has been collected for any infractions issued. Stephanie Bonney reminded Gist to send citations via certified mail and regular mail. Gist suggested infractions being paid at City Hall then if not paid, turn it over to collections. Bonney will have Paul Fritzer check into this. This has

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worked well for other cities. Gist said there has been a concern regarding out of control grass being a nuisance.

In the City Code grass is not considered an obnoxious weed. Mayor Ferdinand suggested that Bonney amend the code for grass that is out of control.

Mayor Ferdinand gave permission to purchase desserts for Marsing Community Churches Thanksgiving Dinner for the community on November 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. as has been done in the past.

**Councilman Chris Even moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to pay the membership dues to the Treasure Valley Partnership for \$140.00. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Denise Dixon spoke to the Council regarding the Homedale Farmer's Market. She wanted to see if they could work together with Marsing regarding a farmer's market. This is a low-income area and EBT cards are accepted. They will bring fresh fruits and vegetables into the community. Mayor Ferdinand said we don't have much power in the City Park and requested more information before a more informed decision could be made. He stated it was a good thing but there was a limited amount of power. Dixon has spoken with Spot Pizza and they have offered their space. Marsing residents can be vendors as well as a few from Homedale. This market will put money back into the community. Mayor Ferdinand asked if Council is open to this idea, they would like a plan. Denise Dixon will work with Julie Franklin and put a plan together and bring it back to council. Dixon has the infrastructure and things are already setup. Julie Franklin, president of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce will move forward with Denise Dixon from Homedale Farmer's Market and present a plan.

Mayor Ferdinand presented the ICRMP Ballot Region I – ICRMP Board of Trustees ballot. The two candidates were Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell (incumbent) and Ashley Lounsbury, Councilmember, City of Plummer.

**Councilman Tony Malmberg moved and Jolyn Green seconded to vote for Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell (incumbent). The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS:**

**A. Maintenance Supervisor - Philip Gibson**

**New Business**

- Irrigation repairs
- Christmas lights
- Sprinkler blowouts
- Winterize facilities, vehicles, etc.

- Sludge judge Lagoon A

**Next Month's Planned Projects**

- Christmas lights
- Cleaning shops

**Discussion for City Council**

- New equipment trailer
  - Mirage Trailers - \$3,476 – 7,000 lb. capacity, 20'
  - Trailers Plus - \$3,829 – 7,000 lb. capacity, 20'
  - Snake River Trailer - \$4,975 – 11,000 lb. capacity, 20'
  - Mini excavator weighs 6,500 lbs.

**Councilman Tony Malmberg moved and Chris Even seconded to approve the purchase of a trailer from Snake River Trailer for \$4,975.00. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Mayor Ferdinand brought up the possibility of hiring a part-time employee until Juan Peña could return to work full time. This past summer Tina Lemmon was hired on a part-time basis when Peña was originally scheduled for surgery. Councilman Tony Malmberg gave options to hire a temporary worker at part-time status up to twenty hours a week.

**Councilman Tony Malmberg moved and Chris Even seconded to hire a temporary part-time employee for no more than 20 hours per week until Juan Peña is back to work full time. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Councilman Chris Even asked about irrigation head gates issues. Philip Gibson responded and said the silt problem has been solved by putting a U-shaped pipe in front of the head gate. It works well and will be put on every head gate throughout town. The line going across the road to the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W and 1<sup>st</sup> St North will be vacated

**B. Mayor Ferdinand**

**Councilman Chris Even moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to approve the catering permit for Fisher's Saloon/Bryn Johnstone for December 1, 2018 at the American Legion Hall. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**Councilman Chris Even moved and Jolyn Green seconded to approve the business license for Uria Pump located at 3435 Industrial Road in Homedale. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Council discussed the new business license for KLX LLC located at 16 Main Street. There was concern of adding more tractor trailers to the property and the length of stay. The ITD construction could also be a problem. Tom Kudlo from KLX LLC said the business is a place for trucks that are being leased to be picked up, usually within three to five days. It is not for storage. Councilman Even suggested using the ION if extended parking time is needed. Mayor Ferdinand did not have a problem granting the license but thought parking wouldn't work. Kudlo said he would look for other options.

**Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Chris Even seconded to approve the business license for KLX LLC located at 16 Main Street. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Chris Even seconded to approve the new business license for Boss Headwear/Lindo-Lids Hat Makers located at 600 Main Street. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Earl Grief and Brett Tinker from Ride Idaho discussed their event. They requested to camp at Island Park on July 18, 2019. Ride Idaho is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit with a board of directors. This is a group of 300 - 350 bicycle riders of different professions from all over the United States and Canada. The average rider is 56 years old. It is not a race but a tour of Idaho. They will bring economic income into the City of Marsing. They hire nonprofits to feed them breakfast and dinner they and have contacted Sarah at the Sandbar for this event. The Sandbar will provide entertainment and beer garden at the Sandbar. They have their own garbage disposal, showers and porta potties. There are about 30 volunteers that setup and take down the camp and it clean up. They will come approximately 9:00 am to setup, riders will arrive at approximately 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Road construction will not be an issue as bicycle riders will take the back roads. Security has not been an issue in the past.

Brett Tinker said this was a good fund raiser for the town as they hire baggage handlers from the local high school and pay them. As a nonprofit organization, they look for ways to give back to the community. They will make a donation to the community.

The Mayor said Ride Idaho might need another plan in case the bridge construction interferes with access to Island Park. They will work with the Department of Transportation to use flaggers. The City will need to grant a special use permit of Island Park. Stephanie Bonney will issue the permit.

**Councilman Tony Malmberg moved and Jolyn Green seconded to approve a special use permit for Ride Idaho to use Island Park. The Mayor asked all Councilman in favor to say aye with all Councilman present voting aye. Motion carried.**

The Council discussed purchasing hams for employees and elected officials.

**Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Chris Even seconded to purchase hams for all City employees, Marsing elected officials, Criminal Attorney Paul Fitzer, City Attorney Stephanie Bonney, Amy Woodruff and Kirby Cook of Civil Dynamics, and Julie Franklin and Marnie McNeil from the Marsing Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Mayor Ferdinand addressed Resolutions #119 and #120 that raise water and sewer rates three percent annually. The Mayor said he brought it up at the last budget workshop to not raise the water and sewer rates for one year. Tony Malmberg asked why the Mayor didn't want to raise the rates for water and sewer. Mayor Ferdinand said that the City has done okay this last year and he just wanted to pass along a break for one year. Councilman Green was concerned if there was a bad break or repair whether there would be money for those repairs. Councilman Even said that no current councilmember was on the City Council when the resolution was put in place. Stephanie Bonney said that by law, the City has to charge what it costs to operate the sewer and water systems. Even asked if something happened, could the City automatically reinstate the three percent increase. Bonney said yes and the increase would need a motion to reinstate the three percent increase.

**Councilman Tony Malmberg moved and Jolyn Green seconded to suspend the three percent increase for water and sewer customers within the city limits for one year. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Mayor Ferdinand said that Council discussed and approved a new e-mail system back in August. At that time, he didn't act upon it so he was bringing it back to Council. Six e-mail addresses cost \$431.28 for one year. The Mayor said that council already approved it. If three years are paid up front, \$388.00 would be saved. This will go past the budget years. Stephanie Bonney stated that wouldn't be an issue because the City would pay for it now but wouldn't commit to pay for it in the future. The cost would be \$905.64 for three years.

**Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Marie Herman seconded to approve the three years of service for the e-mail system with a cost of \$905.64. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Councilman Jolyn Green addressed "The Giving Tree". This is a program in the community that lists children and their Christmas "wish lists" on tags on Christmas trees located at City Hall and Logan's Market. This also includes food items for Christmas dinner. Senior citizens have also been added. The school will be doing a canned food drive and Logan's Market will donate fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and eggs. Green asked if the City was willing to purchase the meat for approximately 40-50 food boxes. Council discussed how much it would cost to purchase hams.

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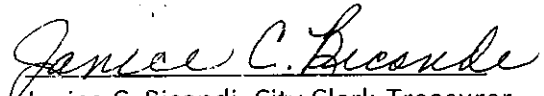
**Councilman Marie Herman moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to allow the City of Marsing to donate of \$500.00. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Councilman Jolyn Green sought permission for Motor System Market Assessment to come to City Hall and perform a motor assessment for air conditioners, pumps, fans and compressors. There is no cost to the City and they are not selling anything. This would be purely data collection for the U.S. Department of Energy.

**Councilman Tony Malmberg moved and Marie Herman seconded to allow Motor System Markets to come to City Hall and collect data. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

**Councilman Chris Even moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer

  
James Ferdinand, Mayor

Date: December 12, 2018