

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2014

MAYOR & COUNCIL

F. Lee Hendrickson
Saundra Hubbard
Neal Larson
Travis Kunz
Todd Thomas

STAFF

Jerry Larsen, Clerk/Treasurer
John Balls, Public Works Director
Darek Kimball, City Engineer
Wendy Merrill, Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Merrill, Scott Workman, John Kezele, Bailey Beckstead, Doug West, Brett Naylor, Julie Stuart, Austin Stuart, Shannon Nielsen

Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Mayor Hendrickson.

Roll Call Roll Call of Councilmembers showed the following members present:
Hubbard, Larson, Kunz, Thomas.

Item Added To Agenda Mayor Hendrickson proposed adding an item to the agenda. It was moved by Councilmember Kunz and seconded by Councilmember Hubbard to add a discussion on the Idaho State Transportation's recommendation to install a left turn lane at State Street and 2nd South, because information from the State was received after the agenda was posted. This received unanimous approval.

Consent Calendar The consent calendar includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar in order that it be discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the City Council's agenda packet regarding these items.
A. Council Minutes (March 10, 2014)
B. Treasurer's Monthly Report (February 28, 2014)
C. Bills (March 24, 2014)

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the items listed on the consent calendar. This received unanimous approval.

Business Licenses The following business licenses were presented:

Shannon Swainston (Cherry Custom Graphix)
James Stout (Stout Building Contractors, LLC)

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve the above business licenses. This received unanimous approval.

Eagle Scout Project Austin Stuart asked the Council for assistance with his Eagle Scout Project. He is selling ice-cream bars to raise funds for restoring the pulley system and reinstalling the bell on top of the Oneida Stake Academy, for rebuilding the bell tower, and for installing a sound system that can be used for the Oneida Stake Academy Pageant and other community events. He stated he is applying for a \$5,000 grant and was wondering if the City would match the amount he raises from his ice-cream sales. After Council discussion, Austin was directed to come back to the next Council meeting in three weeks with a total of the amount he has raised.

Review Water Bill David W. Beckstead, 1498 South 8th East, submitted a written request for an adjustment of his water bill. Mr. Beckstead and his son have attempted to locate and fix the leaks. After Council discussion, Councilmember Hubbard was directed to contact Mr. Beckstead and inform him that the water usage will be monitored for another three months to determine if the leaks have been fixed, and have him pay \$934 on his utility bill for now.

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Airport Capital Improvement Project John Kezele, representing the Preston Airport Committee, discussed the Preston Airport Capital Improvement Project. He outlined the Airport Committee's 5 year plan which includes improvements such as security fences, runway improvements and additional hangar space. He emphasized the Preston Airport is a valuable asset to our community, operates as an alternate in emergency situations and is one of the key factors in attracting business to our area. On a recent trip to St. George, Utah, he was able to procure the beacon tower from their old Airport and some used lighting from the college. The immediate concerns of the Airport Committee are cleaning up the Industrial Park and surrounding areas, and installing a security fence. The security fence is expected to cost \$12,000, and since the Airport is owned by the City of Preston and Franklin County, he asked if the City would pay half the cost. This expense was not included in the fiscal year 2014 budget, but will be considered for the fiscal year 2015 budget. In the meantime, the City voiced their support for the project, even if it only means helping with the hauling of materials and fill at the present time. Mr. Kezele then requested the assistance of one of the Councilmembers to work with the committee on the Airport Capital Improvement Project. Mayor Hendrickson appointed Councilmember Kunz and encouraged Mr. Kezele to keep the Council updated on their progress.

Greater Preston Business Association Bailey Beckstead, liaison for the Greater Preston Business Association, presented a plan for an Idaho Community Review by the Idaho Rural Partnership. The Idaho Community Review is a collaborative project of the Association of Idaho Cities, Idaho Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Idaho Housing & Finance Association, University of Idaho, and the Idaho Rural Partnership. The Idaho Rural Partnerships goal is to strengthen communities, promote business and improve life in Rural Idaho by addressing such issues as infrastructure, land use planning, education, senior citizens & youth, civic life & community involvement, housing, community design, health care, historic & recreation resources, and transportation, among other things. Mr. Beckstead requested financial assistance from the City to help fund the review, and asked if one of the Councilmembers would serve as a liaison between the GPBA and the City. Mayor Hendrickson appointed Councilmember Hubbard to act as the City's liaison. After Council discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Kunz to take this issue under advisement until the Council has reviewed the Idaho Community Review application.

Date for FY 2015 Budget Hearing It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to set the date for a public hearing for fiscal year 2015 budget at 5:00 P.M. on August 25, 2014 at City Hall, and to have City Larsen notify the County Clerk of that date and time. This received unanimous approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Larson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to move the August 11, 2014 council meeting to August 4, 2014 to accommodate publishing requirements for the budget public hearing. This received unanimous approval.

Left Lane Turn Bay On State St. 2nd South Mayor Hendrickson reported due to the number of accidents at the intersection of State Street and 2nd South, the Idaho Transportation Department is looking into constructing a left turn lane to the East. This will effect parking along State Street, causing some loss of parking in front of Ron Keller Tire, 160 South State. After Council discussion, Mayor Hendrickson stated he will contact the ITD to ask them if it is possible not to encroach on Ron Keller's curbside parking.

County Commission Report County Commissioner Scott Workman discussed the Impact Area.

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It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M. This received unanimous approval.

Jerry C. Larsen, Clerk

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