

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 2013

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, Shannon Nielsen

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

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

Mayor Hendrickson proposed two items be added to the agenda. It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Kunz to add the contract between the City of Preston and outside water users on Beckstead Lane, because information regarding this item was received after the agenda was posted, and to add an Executive Session to discuss Personnel, as allowed by Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b). This received unanimous approval.

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 (July 22, 2013)
- B. Bills (August 5, 2013)

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

The following business licenses were presented:

Emilee Phillips (Amor Accessories)
Marshall Kenney (A/K Sign Company)

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

Councilmember Kunz updated the Council on his research of Franchise Fees with Questar Gas, citing City Attorney Nelson's advice that the maximum fee that can be imposed is 3% if the gas company is in agreement. If the gas company is not in agreement, only a 1% fee can be assessed. Sections 63-1311 and 63-1311A of the Idaho Code require public hearings for fee increases of more than 5% of the amount of the fee last collected or a decision imposing a new fee. After Council discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Hubbard to pursue a Questar Franchise Fee of 3% and schedule a Public Hearing. This received unanimous approval.

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Preliminary Budget Approved It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2014, to approve the proposed resolution regulating salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2014, and to schedule a Public Hearing on August 26, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. at Preston City Hall for consideration of the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2014. The vote was as follows:

Councilmember Hubbard	Aye
Councilmember Larson	Nay
Councilmember Kunz	Nay
Councilmember Thomas	Aye

Due to a tie, Mayor Hendrickson cast the tie breaking vote.
Mayor Hendrickson Aye

Motion passed by majority vote.

A copy of the preliminary budget follows minutes.

Resolution For Utility Rates It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Kunz to approve Resolution #81, setting water, sewer, and garbage rates. This received unanimous approval.

A copy of Resolution #81 follows minutes.

Benson Park Custodial Services It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Larson to compensate the custodian of the public restrooms located at the Benson Park in the amount of \$400 per month effective October 1, 2013. This received unanimous approval.

Expenses Reimbursed It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to set expense reimbursements for the Mayor, Council, City Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works Director, and Police Chief as follows, effective October 1, 2013:

Mayor = \$600 per month
Council = \$350 per month
City Clerk/Treasurer = \$350 per month
Public Works Director = \$250 per month
Police Chief = \$250 per month

This received unanimous approval.

Water Connection Councilmember Hubbard reported to the Council that Craig Alder had approached her requesting a water connection on Beckstead Lane to operate Mink sheds. She explained the City's contract with outside water users on Beckstead Lane expired in 2008, and that City Attorney Nelson will need to draw up a new contract before Mr. Alder's request can be addressed. City Clerk Larsen advised that the irrigation companies in the original contract are no longer in existence, and the creation of a Water User's Association will probably be necessary since there is no irrigation company to represent the water users. The Council agreed that City Attorney Nelson should draw up a new contract with the outside water users on Beckstead Lane before considering Mr. Alder's request.

Executive Session It was moved by Councilmember Kunz and seconded by Councilmember Hubbard to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel as allowed by Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b). The vote was as follows:

Councilmember Hubbard	Aye
Councilmember Larson	Aye
Councilmember Kunz	Aye
Councilmember Thomas	Aye

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Entered Executive Session at 5:10 P.M.

Returned from Executive Session at 5:47 P.M.

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It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Kunz to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 P.M. This received unanimous approval.

Jerry C. Larsen, Clerk

F. Lee Hendrickson, Mayor