

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 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
Dan McCammon, Police Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Merrill, Scott Workman, Kris Beckstead, Rose Bergquist, Steve Bergquist, Gordon Brewster, Mike Bridges, Twila Bridges, Boyd Burbank, Chuck Chesney, Patty Chesney, Douglas Gamble, Leo Geddes, Warren Gleason, Kim Hansen, Reed Harding, Stephanie Harding, Bryon Martin, Jay McKenzie, David Parrish, Brett Sharp, Desiree Sharp, Paul Swainston, Bronson Tatton, Fred Titensor, Brad Wall, Julie Westerberg, Richard Westerberg

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.

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 (October 14, 2013)
 B. Bills (November 18, 2013)

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

Business Licenses The following business licenses were presented:

Randy Harmon (Harmony Sheds)
Matt Redd (Sign Pro)
Stephan Ouert (Bad Dog Custom RC)
Arizona Machinery (Stotz Equipment)

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

Gordon Brewster (Brewster's Bargains & Deals)

It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the above business license with the stipulation that the outside of the business be kept neat and clean, and that the delivery bus not be left in the vicinity of the business. This received unanimous approval.

David Benson (Better Hearing Aid Center)

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Hubbard to deny the above business license. This received unanimous approval.

Wine License Lynn Ransom (Ransom's Country Store)

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

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Capital For A Day Mayor Hendrickson informed the Council that Governor Butch Otter has designated the City of Preston as Capital for a Day on December 18, 2013, from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M. at the Robinson Building, with a lunch planned from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. He urged the Council and citizens of Preston to attend and submit any questions they may have for the Governor.

Pedestrian Crosswalks Councilmember Kunz discussed the possibility of placing a crosswalk in front of the Post Office. He was approached by employees of the Post Office concerned with safety issues when crossing back and forth to retrieve mail from the mailboxes. After Council discussion, this issue was tabled pending advice from City Attorney Nelson on the criteria needed to install crosswalks and whether this would need to be accomplished by ordinance.

County Wine By The Drink Ordinance Warren Gleason, 106 West Oneida, voiced his opposition to the recently passed Franklin County Ordinance allowing wine by the drink, and presented a petition to the Council of other citizens opposed to the Ordinance. This issue was taken under advisement.

A copy of the petition follows minutes.

Wine By The Drink Fee It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to set the Wine by the Drink license fee at \$200 annually. This received unanimous approval.

Regulate Engine Braking David Parrish, 495 East 8th North, asked the Council to consider an ordinance addressing engine braking within the City limits on East State Highway 36. He explained that the noise has become an issue for people living along the highway. After Council discussion, the issue was taken under advisement.

Heath Edwards Resignation It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to accept the resignation of Heath Edwards as Animal Control Officer and as a Reserve Police Officer effective November 1, 2013. This received unanimous approval.

Clair Thomas Leave Of Absence From P&Z It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Larson to acknowledge the request from Clair Thomas for a leave of absence from the Planning and Zoning Board from November 1, 2013 to May 1, 2013. This received unanimous approval.

City Council Meeting Times Councilmember Kunz proposed changing the meeting time of the City Council Meetings from 4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. After Council discussion, no action was taken.

Sewer Plant Operator Public Works Director Balls reported the City has not received any applications from level 3 Sewer Plant Operators. He suggested hiring someone for the Public Works Department who would be trained to work at the sewer plant.

Executive Session It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas 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 5:50 P.M.

Returned from Executive Session at 6:26 P.M.

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It was moved by Councilmember Hubbard and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to make adjustments to payroll for this calendar year to include the water, sewer, and garbage benefit for employees residing within city limits, subject to all applicable deductions, and to have the city cover the costs of this one time deduction adjustment, as recommended by Deaton & Company, auditors. Beginning in 2014, this benefit will be included in payroll, with the employees responsible for all applicable deductions. This received unanimous approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Larson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. This received unanimous approval.

Jerry C. Larsen, Clerk

F. Lee Hendrickson, Mayor