



**CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Friday, April 17, 2020, 11:00 AM  
480 East Avenue, North, Ketchum, Idaho

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### Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Neil Bradshaw  
Mayor Neil Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.
- ROLL CALL  
ALL PRESENT (by Video Teleconference)  
Mayor Neil Bradshaw  
Council President Amanda Breen  
Councilor Michael David  
Councilor Courtney Hamilton  
Councilor Jim Slanetz

ALSO PRESENT:

City Administrator Suzanne Frick  
Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager  
City Attorney Matt Johnson (by Video Teleconference)

- COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

Council President Amanda Breen thanked the public for following the social distancing order. She commended the public and asked them to continue adhering to the rules.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton urged the public to stay vigilant. She appreciates all that has been done so far.

Councilor Jim Slanetz echoed both councilors Breen and Hamilton.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw reminded the public that we're in this together and he asked all to continue to be kind.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton questioned the status of the new fire department and asked if that could be on the next agenda. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that the project manager is continuing to work and will be invited to the next council meeting to give an update.

Councilor Michael David echoed comments made and stated that this virus is taking care of the affordable housing issue. There are more units available than there has been. He talked about the needs of the community and them making their money stretch. He wants us all to keep this in mind. He knows of people who are planning to leave or sell their business forever if things do not turn around soon.

1. Proclamation for the week of the Volunteer  
Mayor Neil Bradshaw read the proclamation aloud and praised the unsung heroes.
2. Proclamation for National Crime Victim's Rights Week  
Mayor Neil Bradshaw read the proclamation aloud.
- CONSENT AGENDA: Note: **(ALL ACTION ITEMS)** The Council is asked to approve the following listed items by a single vote, except for any items that a Councilmember asks to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately

Council President Amanda Breen removed consent agenda item #11.  
Councilor Courtney Hamilton removed consent agenda item #4.

**Motion to approve consent agenda items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.**

***Motion made by Councilor Slanetz, Seconded by Councilor David.***

***Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting April 6, 2020
4. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting April 11, 2020

Councilor Courtney Hamilton made corrections to the motion on the minutes for the Special Meeting on April 11, 2020, to Councilor President Amanda Breen seconding the motion that Courtney Hamilton made regarding Public Health Order 20-01.

**Motion to accept the minutes with change stated by Councilor Courtney Hamilton.**

***Motion made by Council President Breen, Seconded by Councilor David.***

***Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

5. Authorization and approval of the payroll register
6. Authorization and approval of the disbursement of funds from the City's treasury for the payment of bills in the total sum of \$423,437.93 as presented by the Treasurer
7. Monthly Financial State of the City - Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager
8. Recommendation to approve Purchase Order #20463 for chip seal oil purchase and distributor service - Street Superintendent Brian Christiansen
9. Recommendation to approve Purchase Order #20462 for paint stripping - Street Superintendent Brian Christiansen
10. Recommendation to approve PO #20465 with GMW Equipment for a Roller - Street Superintendent Brian Christiansen
11. Recommendation to approve Sun Valley Economic Development Quarterly Report - Executive Director Harry Griffith

Council President Amanda Breen recused from voting on Item #11 as she is married to the Outreach Director.

**Motion to approve SVED quarterly report**

***Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Councilor Slanetz  
Voting Yea: Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz  
Recused: Council President Breen***

- NEW BUSINESS (no public comment required)

12. ACTION: Discussion and Direction on Ketchum Health Order 20-02

Mayor Neil Bradshaw thanked council for the lively but serious debate that took place last Saturday. He praised the Council for being respectful and empathetic of the public. Today they are talking about amending, revoking, or changing the current Health Order. He noted that Blaine County let the order expire and are now operating under the state standards. City of Sun Valley has started construction. Mayor Neil Bradshaw suggested we keep our order with the restrictions in place and let construction begin again on Monday. He talked about the data and said it continues to be encouraging. He would like to maintain the closures of rentals and tourism until the end of the month. Mayor Bradshaw asked council where they are in the decision, they made last Saturday.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton thinks we should continue banning construction. She talked about the potential of causing an upturn in numbers and that affecting the summer season. She talked about travel in and out of Blaine County and asked since the county let this expire if we need to change the wording to Ketchum? Courtney Hamilton stated that this order does not deem construction essential and voiced concern over people coming in and out of Ketchum.

Council President Amanda Breen talked about the state order not putting restrictions on travel, but our health order does. The City of Sun Valley is under the state order and is now open to travel. Amanda Breen voiced her concerns about Mayor Hendricks comments. Most construction workers are coming from other communities and this is giving the opportunity for the virus to spread. She is undecided after reading all the public comment and stated that this is deeply hurting the people of our community.

Councilor Michael David said in a perfect world he would advocate to keep construction closed until the end of the month to keep the positive news; however, this is not a perfect world. We have had a lot of public comment with a lot of suggestions on how to let people in and out of the County. He talked about letters received from the construction community. They want to get back to work and he believes they want to be partners in this and do their part in this. We can put a lot of protocol in place and the ability to shut them down if they do not comply. He talked about the lack of social distancing on the bike path. This is an opportunity to open this industry back up. If the County and Sun Valley is open and Ketchum is not, it will be an enforcement nightmare. If we start getting more cases, we can meet, and shut it back down. He understands the concerns of us spreading the virus to southern Idaho. We need to keep the economic side of things moving. The \$1,200 stimulus check has helped but it is not enough. He would like to keep the travel ban.

Councilor Jim Slanetz understands the seriousness of the virus. He is not concerned about tourism. Jim Slanetz stated that there are a lot of families who need the income. He likes the protocol that is in place and would like construction opened back up. People will take the protocols seriously. We do not know if this move will increase the rate. We know families are struggling right now. We put the health order in place to not overburden healthcare and it has worked. The long term is completely unknown. This is a good small step.

Council President Amanda Breen talked about Blaine County and the City of Sun Valley opening construction under guidelines that are weaker than ours. She questioned if Ketchum should do that as well? Amanda Breen talked about current testing and if we do determine to go forward, we need to be on top of the testing issue. We need to find out the testing capacity. Mayor Neil Bradshaw agrees with Amanda Breen's concerns regarding testing. Currently we are only testing people with symptoms and he would like to see more widespread testing. We must continue to monitor physical health, mental health and economic health and be able to act on new information as we receive it. As this curve declines our vigilance cannot. He talked about the process the community has made and personal responsibility is important. Mayor Bradshaw suggests going forward with what we have put in place. It is more stringent than the state order.

City Administrator Suzanne Frick advised Council of the website where all information and forms can be obtained by the construction companies and advised that we are getting great compliance. Starting Monday, CSO's, Building Department and Police Dept will be ensuring standards are being met. We will first be educating and if standards are being ignored, we will enforce and take a more assertive action.

Council President Amanda Breen said our hands have been forced by our surrounding jurisdictions. If we are vigilant and the companies are vigilant, we can move forward. We must be extremely analytical and continue daily follow up.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton agrees with Council President Amanda Breen and praised Mayor Bradshaw for the Order that is in place. She is frustrated with the County. She struggles with enforcement but is pleased with the website and getting information out. Councilor Hamilton advised that at the end of the day, 12 of the 18 items cannot be enforced and that is a bit of a struggle. She is also concerned about the interaction with Southern Idaho and would like to know what their public officials' concerns are. She struggles but agrees with Amanda Breen stating that it is frustrating since the surrounding communities are letting the order expire. Mayor Neil Bradshaw agrees and is looking at getting information from other communities.

Councilor Michael David talked about Blaine County and Sun Valley lifting the order. A lot of the companies are in Ketchum. This gives us the ability to monitor and enforce where the operations start.

Councilor Jim Slanetz agrees with Council President Amanda Breen on the testing. He talked about the many ways of doing business. Mayor Neil Bradshaw reiterated that business is going to be done curb side. Hardware stores are essential and are doing a great job of keeping their employees safe.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton asked for it to be noted that she would like to keep construction banned.

Councilor Amanda Breen asked for clarification on the existing order. City Attorney Matt Johnson explained that Section #1 says that these were coordinated orders, but each jurisdiction oversees their own enforcement. Matt Johnson explained that his interpretation of the code is, it is up to the City on their restrictions.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton asked if there is an end date? City Attorney Matt Johnson clarified it ends with the State Order. City Administrator Suzanne Frick suggests we have another meeting prior to the end of the state order. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that we will continue to monitor and will add other restrictions at a future date if needed.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton talked about childcare being an issue with people going back to work. City Attorney Matt Johnson suggested this be cleaned up for the next health order.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw asked council how they would like to interpret the pump park, skate park and tennis courts. The state said they could be open with public distancing. He asked council for their thoughts. Councilor Michael David said that tennis mandates using the same piece of equipment so he does not think that can be open yet. He would like to see pump park and skate park be allowed with good enforcement. Councilor Courtney Hamilton agrees with Michael David. Councilor Jim Slanetz thinks all could be open with proper precautions. People need to be personally responsible. Council President Amanda Breen said the pump park has not been closed. She agrees that tennis is a lot of sharing and there needs to be enforcement for the pump and skate park to open. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that he will open the skate and pump park and keep tennis closed.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw clarified that curb side services are allowed, essential or not. He reiterated what is still closed such as gyms, salons, restaurants, and bars. Delivery and pick up at curbside is allowed. This will be in effect thru the end of April. May will be determined later with guidelines in a safe and responsible way. We must wait to see the Governors plans and until that time we are on curbside. There will most likely be another special meeting in April.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw said there is no diminishing the hardships being experienced. This may lead to positive changes in our future. He also hopes we notice the generosity of others and would like us to take this opportunity to work together as a community and thanked council for all they have done. This is a small town with a big heart.

- ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 12:13 p.m.**

***Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Council President Breen.***

***Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

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Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

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Robin Crotty, City Clerk