



**CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, October 05, 2020, 4:00 PM**

**480 East Avenue, North, Ketchum, Idaho**

## **Minutes**

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- **CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Neil Bradshaw**

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

- **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw  
Council President Amanda Breen  
Councilor Michael David (Teleconference)  
Councilor Courtney Hamilton  
Councilor Jim Slanetz

**ALSO PRESENT**

City Administrator Jade Riley  
Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager

- **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

Jim, Courtney, Amanda, and Michael had no comments. Neil encouraged vigilance with regard to fire danger that is on-going.

- **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
  1. Authorization and approval of the payroll register
  2. Authorization and approval of the disbursement of funds from the City's treasury for the payment of bills in the total sum of \$974,722.57 as presented by the Treasurer.
  3. Approval of Contract 20525 with ALSCO for Uniform Rental Services - Mick Mummert, Wastewater Superintendent
  4. Approval of Contract 20529 with Pitney Bowes for Mail Metering - Grant Gager, Director of Finance and Internal Services
  5. Approve Contract 20530 with AECOM for Signalization Review - Grant Gager, Director of Finance & Internal Services
  6. Approval of Change Order #2 to Contract 20454 for the Fire Station - Grant Gager, Director of Finance and Internal Services
  7. ACTION ITEM: Approve Contract 20534 with Mountain Rides Transportation Authority for FY 21 Services - Jade Riley, City Administrator
  8. ACTION ITEM: Approve Contract 20532 with Blaine County Housing Authority for FY 21 Services - Jade Riley, City Administrator
  9. ACTION ITEM: Approve Contract 20533 with Rick Allington for FY 21 Prosecutor Services - Jade Riley, City Administrator
  10. ACTION ITEM: Approve Contract 20531 for FY 21 Services with Sun Valley Economic Development - Jade Riley, City Administrator

Council President Breen requested that item #10 be pulled from the consent agenda and considered separately.

**Motion to approve consent agenda items #1-9.**

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

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

Amanda disclosed that her husband is the outreach director for SVED and recused from the vote on item #10.

**Motion to approve consent agenda item #10.**

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

***Voting Yea: Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

***Abstain: Council President Breen***

- **NEW BUSINESS** (no public comment required)

11. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to approve Encroachment Agreement 20528 with Idaho Power for the property located at 511 Walnut - Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning and Building

Mayor Bradshaw introduced the item and provided background on the two options of placing the power line in either Little Park or the right of way. Councilor Hamilton expressed her preference for placing the line in the right of way but advised that the contract could be structured to provide the City protection in the future.

Council President Breen expressed her desire to see it done right and placed in the right of way. Councilor Slanetz provided his desire to see it in the right of way. Matt Johnson provided legal clarification on the difference between an easement and encroachment. The Council discussed the best way forward and the benefits of doing this properly by placing the line in the right of way.

**Motion to approve agreement 20528 subject to the improvement occurring in the City right-of-way.**

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

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

12. Discussion and update on COVID-19 in Blaine County - Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Mayor Bradshaw introduced Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin to provide his observations and recommendations. Chief McLaughlin discussed the current and near future data and risks and advised that hospital capacity was sufficient at this time. The Chief recommended that we work on our educational message and reinforcing good habits to fight "COVID fatigue." Chief McLaughlin talked about the different segments of the population and how they have been affected; the schools are making their independent decisions, too.

The Mayor talked about the coordinated City response and working with our County partners. The team is working to monitor this item closely.

Councilor Hamilton acknowledged the Chief's comments and noted the increase of cases and issues with regional medical capacity. Councilor Hamilton discussed some possible changes to City public health orders that the Council may want to consider including altering mask requirements and limiting event sizes. She addressed the differential measuring sticks and related confusion. The Councilor supported additional education and outreach efforts.

Council President Breen wanted to dispel rumors of a forthcoming full shutdown; it is the farthest thing from her mind and too extreme and detrimental to the economy. The Council President said that any drastic move right now would be unjustified. She did express support to Councilor Hamilton's idea of limiting crowd sizes and noted that weddings seem to be continuing in the

Valley. Indoor and outdoor gatherings are an area to consider. She supported additional education and monitoring efforts.

Councilor Slanetz addressed the confusion in the community arising from the recent change in warning system. The Councilor believes that we are still at acceptable levels and not in need of new policy changes.

Councilor David agrees that we are at an acceptable level and also acknowledged the confusion and voiced his support for a public process before any new restrictions are implemented.

Council President Breen discussed the differing monitoring systems in use around the state and noted that many others use the system that we do. The Mayor thanked Amanda. The Mayor also thanked the Fire Chief for his management of the situation.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Executive Session to Communicate with Legal Counsel on litigation pursuant to 74-206(1)(f)
14. Executive Session to Consider the Hiring of an Officer Pursuant to 74-206(1)(a)

**Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 74-206(1)(f) and (a).**

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

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

Executive Session ended at 5:00pm.

- ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 5:00pm.**

***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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Katrin Sharp, Deputy City Clerk