



City Council

Regular Meeting

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Monday, August 5, 2019

4:00 PM

Ketchum City Hall

Present: Mayor Neil Bradshaw
Council President Michael David
Councilor Jim Slanetz
Councilor Courtney Hamilton
Councilor Amanda Breen

Also Present: Ketchum City Administrator Suzanne Frick
Ketchum City Attorney Bill Punkoney
Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager
Director of Planning & Building, John Gaeddert
Police Chief, Dave Kassner
Interim Fire Chief, Tom Bowman

Call to Order

Mayor Neil Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 4pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that the new fire truck is in Caldwell and will be arriving in Ketchum soon.

1. Commendation Recognizing Individuals for their Life-Saving Actions on June 30, 2019

Mayor Neil Bradshaw praised the 1st responders and gave commendation for the June 30, 2019 lifesaving event of Nick Miller. Mr. Miller spoke and thanked the Emergency Service Personal for making it possible for him to be present today.

Each rescue worker was recognized.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC New Section

Jacob Greenberg, Blaine County Resident, advised that he is here to support Visit Sun Valley. He requested council to not decrease the budgeted dollars for Visit Sun Valley saying, when and if we hit a recession, we will need those marketing dollars.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Neil Bradshaw asked for approval of the consent agenda.

- 2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting July 15, 2019**
- 3. Authorization and approval of the payroll register**
- 4. Authorization and approval of the disbursement of funds from the City's treasury for the payment of bills in the total sum of \$743,008.63 as presented by the Treasurer.**

5. **Approval of Alcohol Beverage License for Argyros – Director of Finance and Internal Services Grant Gager**
6. **Approval of Resolution #19-017 for the disposal of surplus equipment – Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager**
7. **Authorization to approve Lease Agreement #20376 with Sun Valley Company for Wagon Days – Special Events Manager Julian Tyo**
8. **Authorization to approve Mutual Hold Harmless Agreement #20377 with the City of Sun Valley for Wagon Days – Special Events Manager Julian Tyo**
9. **Authorization to approve Contract #20379 with Molly Snee for Mural Art – Assistant City Administrator Lisa Enourato**
10. **Authorization to approve Encroachment Agreement 20382 with Dr. Benjamin Franz for 100 Seventh Street, Ketchum Idaho—City Administrator Suzanne Frick**
11. **Authorization to approve revised Purchase Order 20374 with Purchase Order 20384 for extrication and shoring equipment – Fire Chief Tom Bowman**

Motion to approve consent items 2-11

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Courtney Hamilton, Councilor
SECONDER:	Michael David, Council President
AYES:	Michael David, Jim Slanetz, Amanda Breen, Courtney Hamilton

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

12. **ACTION: Crossbuck Townhomes Preliminary Plat Approval – Director of Planning and Building John Gaeddert**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

Councilor Jim Slanetz questioned the street openings, the entry's for driveways, the north lots and the parking. Director of Planning & Building John Gaeddert explained previously approved agreements saying this is for the sub lots and preliminary plat. Jim Slanetz expressed his concerns about 7th Ave.

Motion to approve the Crossbuck Townhomes Lots 3A, 3B, 4A & 4B Preliminary Plat.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Courtney Hamilton, Councilor
SECONDER:	Amanda Breen, Councilor
AYES:	Michael David, Jim Slanetz, Amanda Breen, Courtney Hamilton

13. **ACTION: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1199, Annual Appropriations Ordinance - Director of Finance and Internal Services Grant Gager**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw asked for public comment.

Ketchum Firefighter Lara McLean talked about a grant that she wrote and received years ago and the reason they were awarded that grant. The grant supported the two fire fighter positions that are being proposed to be eliminated. She talked about historical data, call volume and about volunteer resources and why they cannot fulfill the staffing shortage. She talked about the full-time fire fighters and the need of paramedics.

Rebecca Bundy, Ketchum Sustainability Advisory Committee talked about her support and successes of current coordinator Sharon Patterson Grant. Rebecca Bundy talked about the projects before the committee and all that the coordinator adds.

Shannon Allen, Manager for Hotel Ketchum and Treasurer for the newly formed campaign coalition spoke as a member of the marketing committee advising that they need more, not less. They are still appealing for the full \$440,000 as requested for Visit Sun Valley. Mayor Neil Bradshaw questioned if they could work with \$400,000. Shannon Allen explained they will take what they can, however they feel they will need the additional funds.

Ben Bradley from the Warfield Brewery advised that you cannot overstate the importance of marketing in this Valley.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw explained there is a \$25,000 savings from the Blaine County Sheriff's Dept. He suggested \$15,000 to be budgeted for sustainability and the balance to Mountain Rides. He asked council for their comments.

Councilor Jim Slanetz agreed with funding for the Sustainability contract. Rebecca Bundy clarified that they are requesting \$18,000 to cover Sharon Patterson Grant's time. Jim Slanetz would also like to give more towards Emergency Services. He is in favor of cutting funding from Wagon Days. Council President Michael David agreed. Councilor Amanda Breen would like to fully fund Visit Sun Valley and Mountain Rides. She is not in favor of cutting services. Amanda Breen talked about Blaine County and their reserve of 15% and talked about getting funding from the reserve during these difficult times. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that he wants to be on record as stating that he does not support deficit spending. Amanda Breen does not think this is deficit spending and would like to agree to disagree. Councilor Courtney Hamilton talked about this being the new norm. She does not think this will be different next year. To cut into our reserves while the economy is going well is something that she does not support.

Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager clarified that the budget is built to keep the firefighter's position until they have natural attrition. If they stay, the city will dip into the reserves. Grant Gager explained the service cuts and that Mountain Rides will not cut service to their largest supporter. Council President Michael David talked about the safety of our citizens and would like to support Mountain Rides. Councilor Courtney Hamilton asked how the reserve was used in 2008 and 2009. Grant Gager talked about how the reserve is used during tough times and explained that in the last recession we were almost out of money as a City. As the reserve dwindled the services decreased. If the recession lasts longer than 2 to 3 years services will decrease. He advised that Courtney Hamilton is probably correct in saying this is probably the new norm. Michael David talked about generating more revenue and about the combining of emergency services. Courtney Hamilton voiced that more marketing will make the want ads worse.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw talked about the public's response to the lack of funding to the marketing agencies. He praised Mountain Rides and Visit Sun Valley and how they are working with the limiting of funds. Michael David advised that as soon as the budget passes, we need to look at the expenses. There was a lengthy conversation about funding Mountain Rides.

Council President Michael David & Councilor Amanda Breen both spoke in favor of possibly dipping in the reserves. Courtney Hamilton talked about the definition of government and talked about funding marketing and the government's role. Council President Michael David talked about other ideas for funding transportation saying that the current state is not sustainable.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw asked how to divide out the \$40,000 from the cuts. Councilor Amanda Breen would like to see the \$18,000 towards Sustainability. Councilor Jim Slanetz agrees with sustainability and with \$400,000 to Visit Sun Valley. He would like \$22,000 towards the firefighters. Councilor Courtney Hamilton agrees with funding the firefighters with the balance.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw clarified that all of council was in agreement that there should be no concert for Wagon Days next year.

Councilor Michael David would like the funding split 3 ways. He also suggested that possibly cutting the 3% increase for employees earning over \$50,000 would add to the bottom line. He suggested giving \$25,000 to Sharon Patterson Grant. Amanda Breen asked the council about tailoring the 3% increase. Mayor Neil Bradshaw talked about the fact that the higher paid wages have not received a raise in 2 years, and we will start to lose core people. Michael David advised that he suggests \$15,000 toward Energy and the balance toward emergency services but is also in support of Mountain Rides.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw will come back with a proposal in the next meeting. Mayor and Council had a discussion regarding small events vs. national events, the budget approval process, events in town square and last call and bus routes. Councilor Courtney Hamilton is a firm believer in other people running the events. Mayor Neil Bradshaw will come back with ideas and proposals. Courtney Hamilton questioned why the Street Department budget has not been cut. Mayor Neil Bradshaw would like to see the Streets budget maintained.

Motion to approve the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 199, and Ordinance of the City of Ketchum, Idaho, entitled the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, appropriating to the various budgetary funds, sums of money deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities within each fund for the ensuing fiscal year, authorizing a levy of a sufficient tax upon the taxable property and specifying the objects and purposed for which said appropriation is made, and proving and effective date.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael David, Council President
SECONDER:	Courtney Hamilton, Councilor
AYES:	Michael David, Jim Slanetz, Amanda Breen, Courtney Hamilton

Councilor Amanda Breen asked why the reserve is at 17%. Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager explained that the previous administration asked for the 17% for safety. The ICMA & GFOA recommended reserve is 16.7%

14. ACTION: First Reading of Ordinance No. 1201 ordering a bond election on the question of the issuance of a general obligation bond in an amount not to exceed \$11.5 million for design and construction of a Fire Station and acquisition of related equipment and apparatus – Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Mayor Neil Bradshaw gave an overview of the ordinance before them, advising that we have bond attorneys present to answer any questions.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw talked about the language that will be on the ballot and the question before the voters.

John McDevitt, Attorney with Skinner Faucet talked about his experience and all entities that he has represented. He explained that the Ordinance allows the City Clerk to work with the County Clerk in the publication of the ordinance. Mayor Neil Bradshaw asked if the wording could be less confusing. John McDevitt said it could be revised. The wording before them is what Boise and Twin Falls have used. Councilor Amanda Breen questioned the simplicity of the wording to be put on the ballot. John McDevitt said that would limit the flexibility. It was clarified that council can clarify but not advocate. City Attorney Bill Punkoney advised council that they do have their first amendment rates but cannot advocate. The approval process of the readings was discussed.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that the moving parts are the assessed value. We may have the assessed value in time for the 3rd reading. John McDevitt clarified that the City Clerk can change the value prior to it being submitted to the County Clerk if it's due to assessment.

Christian Anderson Banker from Zions talked about certain parts of the ballot that are bonding. He advised that rates are projected to fall over the next couple of months. The rates would be locked in the early Spring. The process to lock down the rate would be approximately 8 weeks. \$11.5 million is the most the City can ask for.

Councilor Amanda Breen talked about the language and she wants the voters to understand what they are voting for or against. The process for buying bonds was discussed.

City Attorney Bill Punkoney advised staff to begin advocating only effective immediately. Purely informational is very important.

Motion to approve the First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 1201, and Ordinance calling a General Obligation Bond Election to be Held for the Purpose of Submitting to the Qualified Electors of the City of Ketchum, Blaine County, Idaho, A Proposition for the Issuance of Negotiable General Obligation Bonds of the City; Determining that the total Amount of Bonded Indebtedness of the City Will Not Exceed Two Percent of Market Value of Taxable Property; Directing the City Clerk to Notify the County Clerk that the Mayor and City Council Call the Bond Election; Approving the Form of Notice of General Obligation Bond Election; Approving The Form of Ballot; Providing for the Issuance of Such Bonds and Making Provisions for the Payment of Principal and Interest Due on Such Bonds; Ordering Publication, Providing for a Waiver of the Reading Rules and Providing an Effective Date

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Courtney Hamilton, Councilor
SECONDER:	Amanda Breen, Councilor
AYES:	Michael David, Jim Slanetz, Amanda Breen, Courtney Hamilton

Mayor Neil Bradshaw called for a break.

15. ACTION: Authorization to approve Purchase Order 20381 with Sprout Energy for \$32,009 for lighting retrofits—City Administrator Suzanne Frick

Mayor Neil Bradshaw thanked KSEAC for all their work and asked for public comment.

Sharon Patterson Grant gave an overview of the project and outlined the savings to be \$1500 per year. She talked about the savings in cost as well as in emissions.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton commented on the \$1,500 savings and said she would like to create a revolving fund for future projects like this. Courtney Hamilton asked when this project is done what will

be left in the city that has not been retrofitted for LED. Sharon Patterson Grant explained the buildings that have not been retrofitted and the reason for that.

Motion to approve Purchase Order 20381 with Sprout Energy in an amount not to exceed \$32,009 to retrofit the lighting at Atkinson Park Recreation Center and the Water and Wastewater facilities.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Courtney Hamilton, Councilor
SECONDER:	Jim Slanetz, Councilor
AYES:	Michael David, Jim Slanetz, Amanda Breen, Courtney Hamilton

Motion for the Mayor to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement #20383 with the State of Idaho.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amanda Breen, Councilor
SECONDER:	Courtney Hamilton, Councilor
AYES:	Michael David, Jim Slanetz, Amanda Breen, Courtney Hamilton

STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

16. Discussion and demonstration of new City website – Assistant City Administrator, Lisa Enourato

Management Analyst, Katrin Sharp, presented an overview to the Mayor and Council of the new City website. Mayor & Council thanked Katrin Sharp for her presentation and her work on the website. Councilor Courtney Hamilton would like to transfer the Municipal Code over to Municode for efficiency in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Slanetz, Councilor
SECONDER:	Courtney Hamilton, Councilor
AYES:	Michael David, Jim Slanetz, Amanda Breen, Courtney Hamilton

Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

Robin Crotty, City Clerk