



CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, June 26, 2020, 1:00 PM

480 East Avenue, North, Ketchum, Idaho

Minutes

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- **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Neil Bradshaw
Mayor Neil Bradshaw called this special meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

- **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Council President Amanda Breen – Present by Video Conference

Councilor Michael David – Present by Video Conference

Councilor Courtney Hamilton – Present by Video Conference

Councilor Jim Slanetz – Present by Video Conference

ALSO PRESENT

City Administrator Suzanne Frick

Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager

Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin

City Attorney Matt Johnson – Present by Video Conference

- **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

Councilor Michael David commented that town is packed. With Boise numbers up, we need to make decisions soon on how we will move forward. He loves the fact that people are in town and businesses are doing well, but we need to keep in mind that there is a virus out there and things could get reignited.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton echoes Councilor Michael David's comments.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw wants the public to know that they are welcome. We need to continuously monitor and think about ways to keep our town safe. Mayor Bradshaw talked about calling a special meeting to discuss mask awareness. If it is done on a county wide basis and all the cities endorse this, it may help get the message out and help raise awareness. He encouraged safeness, kindness, and empathy in our town.

Council President Amanda Breen requested options be put before council regarding the possible resolution.

- NEW BUSINESS (no public comment required)

1. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to approve Amendment #1 to Contract 20454 awarding general contractor services for the new Fire Station and discussion about the AECOM traffic study.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw introduced Amendment #1 to Contract 20454 stating it has been a long journey. He pointed out that this is a significant step in this process and outlined the contents of the contract before them. He advised that the project is within budget, including contingency, and outlined the timeline establishing September of 2021 be the move in date. Mayor Bradshaw clarified that we pushed back this meeting from 3 days ago to assist in reduction of contract costs. Local Subs makeup 40% of the contracts. A traffic study is included in the packet. A parking agreement is in place with the YMCA and we intend to honor that. Mayor Neil Bradshaw introduced Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin and Project Manager Dennis Potts who are here to answer questions.

Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin thanked all who helped support the bond measure to get us to this point, stating this is a very exciting time. The building will be meeting the current needs as well as the needs of the fire department for many years to come. It is a well-designed facility and is very much State of the Art. He outlined the aspects of the facility that will benefit the department and explained the Traffic Study that was included in the packet.

Dennis Potts is very pleased that during this time of COVID 19, we were able to keep the project on schedule and the pricing in-line. He complimented CORE Construction for their participation with local contractors as well as all contractors. He talked about what CORE Construction is currently working on and about construction dust and noise and how the public will be able to reach them with any questions and or concerns.

Councilor Jim Slanetz complimented the plan, however, questioned if the traffic study covered firefighters coming and going? He felt there were some questions that were not answered and suggested looking at the traffic study again. Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin talked about the Boise Station that this station was modeled after. He talked about the view the Fire trucks will have when pulling out of the station, stating that it is a big improvement from what we currently have. It is also very safe for our safety apparatus. He talked about the traffic heading out on Saddle Road and how they will be worked into the operational plan. The response by the volunteers to the station was discussed as well as the policy the City has in place, that does not allow volunteers to speed to respond to a call in their personal vehicles. Those policy's will be strictly enforced. Most volunteers responding to a call are coming into staff the station, the truck has already been staffed. Operational aspects and warning signs on the station have all been addressed.

Council President Amanda Breen advised that Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin's explanation has clarified her questions and she thanked him for that. She talked about the competitive bids and was grateful for the local contracts.

Councilor Michael David said the building looks good and the numbers are where they should be. He talked about the traffic study and the 20 mile an hour speed limit in that area as well as the low traffic counts at certain times of the day. He worries about the volunteer's adrenaline and drivers of vehicles when you hear a siren and trying to pull off the road at the bicycle intersection at Warm Springs and Saddle Rd. He thinks the intersection is already dangerous. Michael David would like to come up with better solutions than what the traffic study had come up with stating we want to take every step to make that a safe spot.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton is also excited about the local contractors being awarded many of contracts. She was underwhelmed by the traffic study saying that the current conditions are an issue. She agrees with Councilor Michael David that we need to continue looking at this intersection but would like to move forward with the project. She appreciates Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin's comments. Overall, the project looks good. She looks forward to more resolution regarding traffic.

Motion to approve Amendment #1 to Contract 20454 with Core / Headwaters LLC for fire station general contractor services in a guaranteed maximum price not to exceed \$9,320,940, subject to approval by the city Attorney.

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

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

Mayor Neil Bradshaw thanked Council, Staff, Consultants, DPPM, Core and Cole Architects and thanked Chief Bill McLaughlin for all his efforts. He thanked Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager for his efforts with the finances and thanked City Administrator Suzanne Frick for shepherding them thru this effort.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that we must stay vigilant in raising awareness. We need to help educate people as they come to our town and encourage everyone to wear a mask.

- ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 1:37pm

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

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

Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

Robin Crotty, City Clerk