

CITY OF SHELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 27, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor:	Eric "Swede" Christensen
Council persons:	John Lent, Earl Beattie, and Kurt Russell
Police Supervisor:	Kent Swanson
P.W. Foreman:	Chuck Lloyd
Assist. City Clerk:	Beth Williams
City Attorney:	B.J. Driskoll

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A moment of silence was given for Air Pilot Jimmy Leeward who died in the Nevada crash. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Lloyd. Prayer was given by B.J. Driskoll.

Charlotte was excused due to a family emergency. Sandy was excused due to personal leave and Alan was off on medical leave. Dawn was not in attendance due to the sports program.

John moved to approve the consent agenda items #4a, 4b, 4c and 4d. Earl seconded the motion and John voted aye; Earl, aye; and Kurt, aye; one absent. It was a unanimous vote to accept the consent agenda. There were no building permits.

Tate Albright from the Mayor's Youth Council reported the Youth Group had projects to be worked on after spud harvest. They were going to mentor the lower schools on self-esteem. Kayla Butler, first runner-up of the Miss Russet Pageant, was a member of the Council and her Miss Russet project was also to mentor young girls in self-esteem.

One business license was approved for Once Upon a Blanket started by Raylene Johnson, 585 Flamingo Ave.. John moved to approve it and Kurt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the approval, one absent.

Some items the City does not need were declared surplus. Chuck had about 300 feet of six to ten inch pipe to get rid of. Earl motioned to declare it surplus and Kurt seconded it. The vote was unanimous in the approval of the declaration; one absent. Two laptops and a pump motor and fittings were also listed, but full identification of items was suggested by B.J. Those items were tabled to the next meeting.

B.J. mentioned the fire that destroyed the business at OK Trailer and said he felt bad for them.

Chuck said they had a good Spud Day. Two busloads of students from Shelley High School came over and helped clean up the fields. They did a good job and very quickly. He also reported that the pump was installed at the shop, but the parts were not all there yet. He hoped they would be in at the end of the week.

Kent reported that Chief Dial had a full knee replacement and was still in the hospital. Officer Jed Lewis had come off active duty overseas and would be resuming work in mid-October.

Kurt reported that Mike Ball of OK Trailer said they would be up and running at Eaton's Body Shop the next day. Mike thanked the community for all the support shown to the business.

Earl, on behalf of Mayor Christensen, attended a meeting with Mayors from Idaho Falls, St. Anthony, and Rigby. Representatives from the Chukars team and the Military Affairs Committee and a Captain from the 116th Unit also attended. They were planning a large party or event on October 18th at Melaleuca Field. Dinner would be served and people could meet with the businesses and Veteran's service organizations who supported the 116th, which was deployed over the last year. Gates were open to the soldiers and their families at 4 pm when there would be an awards presentation. The Governor was supposed to appear about 5 pm. There would be a free concert with a country-rock group. It looked to be a really nice event, all free. If anyone wanted to make a donation, Earl would be taking them. He said they were expecting about ten thousand people to attend.

John thanked all the City Employees for their hard work on Spud Day. He asked Chuck to pass on to the Kiwanis Club that he thought it was the best one in a long time. He did have one man talk to him about the worn condition of the flags along State Street. John asked Earl and Kurt to look into a way to replace them.

John mentioned all the citizens who went to the aid of OK Trailer by actually moving trailers away from the burning building. He said the Hudmans were very thankful for them because a lot of trailers were saved that otherwise would have been damaged or destroyed.

Mayor Christensen said that as he watched the fire from across the highway, it came into his mind that a great debt of gratitude was owed to previous City Councils who approved the joint venture of the Shelley-Firth Fire District. Shelley had a fire department with old, worn-out equipment that would have cost millions of dollars to bring up to speed. By joining in the Fire District, Shelley obtained an impressive Fire Department.

Mayor Christensen also commended the past Councils who made an upgrade from six-inch water lines to ten-inch lines along North State St. at the City's cost. Because of this foresight, there

was enough water for three great big pumpers to have enough water to fight the fire. It was a difficult decision they had made in spending the City's money, but it was proven to be the right one.

Mayor Christensen also said it was a great Spud Day. He appreciated everyone's time and efforts on behalf of the City. He also asked everyone to keep Charlotte's husband in mind; he was in the hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST: Sandy Hajduk APPROVE Eric R. Christensen