

CITY OF SHELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Eric Christensen
Council Members: John Lent, Charlotte Fredrickson, Earl Beattie, and Kurt Russell
Police Chief: Alan Dial
Public Wks Dir: Rick Anderson
Recreation Dir.: Dawn Lloyd
City Clerk: Sandy Gaydusek
City Attorney: B.J. Driscoll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Nathanel Osburn

PRAYER: BJ Driscoll

Charlotte moved, Kurt seconded to approve the following consent agenda:

Minutes of January 12, 2009 Council Meeting

A roll call vote was called for: John – aye, Charlotte – aye, Earl – aye, Kurt - aye. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Christensen gave the State of the City Address. He discussed the challenges the city has faced over the past year due to the economic downfall. Mayor Christensen said the budget was frozen with the exception of the capital expenditures for the wastewater treatment plant, and a new well. He said in regards to the city's revenue, there was no increase to property taxes, and there was no increase in city fees such as water, sewer, and sanitation rates, and pool admission. Mayor Christensen said the Department Heads have worked hard to stretch the budget. He said the city would continue to be frugal. Mayor Christensen said on another note the city was annexed into the Fire District this past year. He said this would allow the Fire District to levy the taxes instead of the city, and also give the city residents the opportunity to vote on Fire District matters. Mayor Christensen said the city has diligent working employees and leaders working in the Public Works Department. He said the Public Works Department helps make all the luxuries in the city part of everyone's life; such as toilets flushing, water on demand, garbage removed, etc. Mayor Christensen said the Police Department and Chief Dial have worked hard and experienced the different perceptions of the citizens in the city. He said Shelley does not have a speed trap, which was demonstrated last year through the media. Mayor Christensen said he appreciates the police officers and the job they do. He said last year mobile computers were placed in each police vehicle to make the officers more efficient in their jobs. He said this past year there has also been a lengthy discussion regarding animal control. Mayor Christensen said the city has budgeted incremental amounts for the past five years to build a new dog pound, and this past year finally had enough for the project. He said a new animal shelter is constructed and should be operational soon. Mayor Christensen said the council worked on a new animal control ordinance for several months with various citizen input. Mayor Christensen said the Oxbow Wastewater Treatment Plant has been constructed over the past year and will soon be operational. Mayor Christensen recognized the Mayor's Youth Council. He said the council

was created this past year, and it has been a great experience to watch the young people become involved in their community. He said they have served lunch at the Senior Citizens Center, cleaned up the streets, and worked at the Gables Assisted Living Center. Mayor Christensen also recognized the city office staff and the City Clerk for their jobs well done. He said there is a great working relationship among the city employees and the city council. Mayor Christensen thanked the city council for making government run successfully.

Kerri Payne said she is interested in purchasing some city owned property on State Street. This is the property, which the city acquired on a tax deed from the county, which was previously owned by Vaughn Lefevre. Mrs. Payne said she would like to purchase the property to building a new structure to expand her dance studio. John mentioned there may be some problems constructing a new structure between the existing buildings. Husk said if a private party buys the property and constructs a building they would be responsible to meet all city and state codes. BJ said they would need to make sure the title is clear. Sandy said there will need to be a public hearing to consider selling the property and the council should set a minimum value, but she would need to check any publication deadlines. This matter will be placed on the next agenda to proceed with the sale of the property.

Dave Noel updated the Mayor and Council on the current projects. He said the new regional wastewater treatment plant is coming along nicely, and is currently in operation. He said they have been operating and processing flow for about one month. Dave said samples have been sent to the lab to check the water quality after treatment. He said the quality will improve as the microorganisms continue to grow. He said at the present, Forsgren personnel has been operating the plant, however they have been working with the regional board to hire an operator.

Dave said he talked to Tom Hepworth of DEQ regarding the design of the new well. He said Mr. Hepworth said he is still busy reviewing AARA projects, and probably will not been able to look at the well design until after February 17th. Dave said the drawings for the well was submitted in September, but with the stimulus money being offered they have not been able to review our plans.

Husk gave a brief summary on the history of the wastewater treatment plant. He said there will be a work meeting on February 2nd where this will be discussed in more detail. He provided a Project Financing Summary Plan to the Mayor and Council.

Husk discussed the stimulus money that is available to help resurface some of the streets in the city. He said the ITACH Board determines which projects will be funded. Husk said he would like to complete the applications for projects on North Park and South Park Avenues.

Husk said it is time to renew the base contract between the city and Forsgren Engineering. He said he would like to update the contract, as there has been no new scope of services listed. BJ said he will review the contract and advise the council.

Mayor Christensen said the council assignments for 2010 will be as follows:

John – Public Works Department

Charlotte – City Hall

Earl – Police Department

Kurt – Parks and Recreation Department

Mayor Christensen asked each council member to motion to appoint the department head over their respective departments.

Earl moved, Charlotte seconded to appoint Alan Dial as Police Chief for 2010. Approved unanimously.

Charlotte moved, Earl seconded to appoint BJ Driscoll as the City Attorney for 2010. Approved unanimously.

John moved, Charlotte seconded to appoint Rick Anderson as Public Works Director for 2010. Approved unanimously.

John moved, Charlotte seconded to appoint Forsgren Engineering as the City Engineers for 2010. Approved unanimously.

Kurt moved, John seconded to appoint Dawn Lloyd as Parks and Recreation Director for 2010. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Christensen said the liaisons for each committee would be as follows:

Charlotte – Tree Committee and Planning and Zoning

John – Comprehensive Planning Committee, Urban Renewal Board, and North Bingham County Economic Development

Earl – SICOG

Kurt – Shelley School District

Alan said Officer Mike Johnson will be leaving the Shelley Police Department to accept a job with Bingham County. He said Kent Swanson has a desire to return to the Police Department as a full time officer instead of part time. Alan recommended he be hired full time as a level two employee with a six-month probationary period. Earl said he has spoken with Alan about this matter and recommends that Kent Swanson be hired. Earl moved, Charlotte seconded to hire Kent Swanson as a level two full time employee in the police department with a six-month probationary period, however he will not receive an increase in wage after the probationary period expires due to the wage freeze. Approved unanimously.

Earl said he has reviewed the Police Department Policy Manual and discussed it with Alan. He said he feels this policy manual will work for our city. Earl moved, John seconded to approve and adopt the new Police Policy Manual as reviewed. Approved unanimously.

B J thanked everyone for the kind words and his appointment for the New Year. He said he is grateful to continue the opportunity to work with the city.

BJ discussed the amendment for the business license ordinance. He said he will be working on the amendment, and will present it at the next council meeting.

BJ said he would like to request an executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b).

Sandy thanked everyone for their kind words. She said there will be an IDWR Board meeting on February 8th if anyone is interested in attending.

Dawn thanked everyone for her appointment, and said the Jazz Basketball Program is running strong.

Alan thanked everyone for his appointment.

Rick thanked everyone for his appointment. He said the engineers have done a great job with the construction of the new treatment plant. Rick said he appreciates Dave Noel and Forsgren.

Kurt said he had the opportunity to visit the wastewater treatment plant. He said this is an amazing project.

Earl said the Police Department is looking and running well.

Charlotte said she went to the DARE program tonight before council meeting. She said there were 158 fifth graders that graduated from the program. Charlotte said Officer Byron Howell will be retiring this year, so this will be his last year with the DARE program.

Mayor Christensen said this past weekend he was a judge at the American Legion Constitutional Oratorical Contest. He said each contestant was given eight to ten minutes to talk about the Constitution. Then the finalists were given five minutes to prepare for a speech on the 5th amendment. Mayor Christensen said all of the debaters were top-notch speakers.

Mayor Christensen presented a resolution supporting the F-35 Lighting Program being brought into Mountain Holm Air Force Base. He said the Lighting Aircrafts are the next generation of fighters. Governor Otter is asking for support for this project by means of a resolution. Mayor Christensen presented Resolution 10-001, and read it in its entirety. Earl moved, Charlotte seconded to adopt Resolution 10-001 supporting the F-35 Lighting Program in Idaho. Approved unanimously.

John moved, Charlotte seconded to adjourn into executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (b) to discuss any complaints, discipline, evaluation, or dismissal brought up against a city employee, official, etc. Approved unanimously.

Charlotte moved, Kurt seconded to reconvene into regular session. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Christensen said during executive session the council discussed complaints, evaluations, dismissal or discipline against a city employee, official, etc.

Adjourned: 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST: Sandy Bagdaska APPROVE Eric R. Christen