

CITY OF HELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

APRIL 26, 2011

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Scout Brody Hollis
PRAYER: Kurt Russell

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

Minutes of April 12, 2011 Council Meeting
March 2011 Overall Budget and Treasurer's Rpt.
March 2011 Expenditures
Building Permits:
Kelly Rausch - fence
Kregg Mickelsen - shed
Katherine Aldridge - re-roof
Derrick Dye - new home
Brian Covert - re-roof

A roll call vote was called for: Earl – aye, Charlotte – aye, and Kurt – aye. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Lynn Seymour of TRPTA was not present.

Sandy presented a letter and plans which request permission for Digital Skylines to lay buried fiber optic cable from the edge of Baseline Road onto the city property on the Butte where the water tanks are located. There is an existing radio tower owned by Don Clark who sub leases to Digital Skylines. Chuck said he reviewed the plans and did not see any problem, however he is unclear of where exactly they plan to lay the line. Earl moved, Charlotte seconded to approve the request to lay the buried optic fiber, but prior to digging Chuck should be contacted to review the plans and he must inspect the completed work. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Cody Johnson, the President of the Mayor's Youth Committee said the group had been mentoring the 7th graders. He said they are currently organizing an assembly with the 7th and 8th graders to show how they can have fun in a drug free environment. Mayor Christensen congratulated the group for the work they did to help make the Preparedness Fair a success.

Sandy presented a spreadsheet regarding the new telephone system for City Hall. She said the spreadsheet compared the features and cost for two phone systems. IdeaCom is the vendor for a Zultys system in the amount of \$8350, and Business Phone Specialists is the vendor for the Avaya in the amount of \$7790. Sandy said for the features available even though the cost is slightly more, the department heads would like to recommend purchasing the Zultys system for

\$8350. Sandy said this will go over the budget by \$350, but she could make that difference up when purchasing a new computer system that had also been budgeted this year. She said there may be some savings if the city discontinues using Qwest, but there could be termination fees involved. She said there are other providers, but one she had considered was having some financial difficulties. Brian Stuzman from BPS discussed the bid he presented in the amount of \$7790. He said he could provide a phone system with caller ID and voice mail for under \$3000. Mr. Stuzman said if the city considers terminating with Qwest it could cost a substantial termination fee. He said Sandy mentioned using Comm Partners as a provider, and they recently filed for bankruptcy. Mr. Stuzman said they have serviced the city's phone system for many years and he recommended the city stay with BPS and a name brand product. Sandy was asked by the council if she still recommended the Zultys system, and she said yes. Earl moved, Kurt seconded to expend \$8350 for the new Zultys system. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Sandy said pursuant to Idaho Code she must notify the County Clerk of when the City's budget hearing will be held. Charlotte moved, Earl seconded to set the City 2011-2012 budget hearing for September 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shelley City Hall. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Dawn said last year the city gave the library 100 pool passes to use in their reading program. She said they only utilized 50 of them. She recommended the library be given a maximum of 100 to use again this year. Kurt moved, Charlotte seconded to give 100 pool passes to the library to use in their reading program. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Earl moved, Kurt seconded to grant a safety day to be used in the same manner as personal leave to each full time employee for safety in the workplace. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Kurt said he spoke with the Journey Church regarding FDX Auto Sales. He said the church has not closed on the sale of the building with Don Hayes yet, and probably will not do so until the end of the month. Kurt said the church is still trying to buy the building. Earl moved, Kurt seconded to table this matter until the next meeting in May to give Earl some time to speak with the owner of the auto sales business prior to issuing a license. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Dave Noel discussed the updates to Wells 1 and 2 that will be utilizing EECBG funding. He said the original grant application requested \$110,000 to purchase and install new pumps. Dave said the grant was awarded with \$32,650 instead of the \$110,000 that was requested, so the project was split into three pieces; \$2650 for administration, \$15,000 for design and modification, and \$15,000 for equipment. He said this project will help to take care of some of the issues indicated in the water planning study. Dave said it is proposed in the plans to install a submersible pump, however it is more costly. Dave said DEQ has reviewed and approved the design of this project. He said the project has been advertised for the purchase of the equipment, and for the cable, pump and meter the bids ranged from \$24,000 to \$39,000. Dave said the original cost estimate did not include the cable, therefore with the budgeted \$15,000 we can only buy the pump and the motor. The requirements for the EECBG grant are to buy American; meaning it has to be made

on US soil. Dave said only one bid had an American made motor, however a Franklin motor is not rewind able. He said the project has to be completed by the end of April, which means the city probably needs to get an extension on the grant. Dave said if an extension cannot be obtained the city will need a purchase order by Friday, and a special meeting will be needed to approve the purchase of the equipment. Dave said he will contact Teton Waterworks, the company that gave a quote on the motor made in the USA for an itemized quote which would not include the cable.

Dave updated the Council on the Regional Project. He said there was an additional \$722,000 of Army Corp money that was reimbursed to the authority. Sandy asked about the reimbursement of \$43,000 to the city for the asphalt work that was done just prior to the Open House at the plant. She said Rick Miller had suggested that the amount would be reduced from Shelley's final portion towards the project. Sandy said she felt it would be better to be reimbursed for the sake of bookkeeping.

Dave said the Regional Project has been selected as one of the top three projects of the year in Idaho. He said ASCE will be presenting the award at a ceremony in Boise on Thursday. Dave said Husk has been chosen as Best Civil Engineer of the Year in Idaho.

Dave said he attended the City of Ammon's council meeting where the length of the term of the bond from DEQ was discussed. He said Ammon does not maintain their own collection system at this time, and Lance their Public Works Director feels he need \$22.50 per month per user to maintain one. Dave said Ammon feels a thirty year term would reduce the monthly payment for their residents, however it would add more debt to the Regional Authority. Dave said if Shelley chooses to go twenty years on their loan it would be less debt at the end of the bond, however the residents would still be charged the same rate even after twenty years to help with the next major improvement to the treatment plant. Dave explained how the user rate for both Shelley and Ammon would drop if both cities chose to take a thirty year term on their loan, however the debt would increase since there would be more interest paid. It also will be very likely that another major improvement is needed before thirty years has past. Dave also discussed the advantages and disadvantages to having EIRWWA collect the debt service money to pay the bonds for each city. He said this way the county users can also help pay off the bond. The city will need to choose the term of the bond as quickly as possible because DEQ is ready to close out the project. Sandy will place this issue on the next agenda.

Sandy said there will be an Idaho Rural Forum with the Idaho Department of Commerce on May 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Pocatello City Hall. She said anyone who might want to attend to let her know so she can take care of the registration.

Chuck said the city crew is almost done with Spring Clean Up. He said he contacted DEQ about burning some of the foliage in one of the old cells of the sewer lagoon, and it appears they may be able to burn. He said this will save the city some money by not having to haul all of the debris to the Rattlesnake Transfer Site.

Mayor Christensen said there will be a Regional Wastewater meeting on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:50 p.m.

ATTEST: Sandy Engdusich APPROVE: Emil R. Christensen