

7:00 pm

July 19, 2017

**626th MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Pat Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Cooper, Green, Fisher and Riley present. Also present, Treasurer Terri Lawson and Attorney Geoff Schroeder.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Cooper made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman Riley made a **motion** to approve the previous minutes for the June 21, 2017 meeting. Councilwoman Cooper **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilwoman Cooper said she received the bills from Terri Lawson for approval.

Councilwoman Cooper made a **motion** to approve and pay the City's bills presented.

Councilwoman Green **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

New Business:

- Boise County Sheriff – police contract:
Sheriff Kaczmarek requests a 6% raise from the City for police protection. Boise County currently receives \$60,000.00 and a 6% raise would bring the amount to \$63,600. This raise would be used to give his officers a raise and is necessary to retain good officers. Sheriff Kaczmarek cited these statistics: last year Horseshoe Bend had 644 traffic stops and handled 273 events.
- Ginnie Blackner – water and sewer bill:
Ms. Blackner is present and requests a reduction to her water and sewer bill at 122 Adams Street. She explained that the water is not connected to the residence and has not been connected for a few years. City policy is that water and sewer accounts accrue a monthly bill at the normal rate if turned off for nonpayment. She eventually wants to hook back up to City services but her residence needs work first. Ms. Blackner offers to write a check for \$2,500 if the rest is forgiven. Councilwoman Fisher **moved** to accept the \$2,500.00 and forgive the rest of the bill. Councilwoman Cooper **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- Set tentative budget:
Treasurer Lawson presented a tentative budget to the Council and pointed out line items of interest such as bond payment, required reserve for the bond, police protection etc. Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to accept the tentative budget and publish it for a public hearing to be held at the August 16, 2017 meeting of the City Council.
- EMS Discussion – Bob Showalter, Emergency Management Coordinator:
Mr. Showalter proposes to the Council that the City of Horseshoe Bend turn over control of their ambulance department to the Horseshoe Bend Fire District. He cited the benefits as EMS and Fire Dept. can train together and that would enhance the ability to respond, relieve the City of responsibility to man the ambulance, better retention of personnel, income would increase and it would relieve the work load of current personnel. He has

talked to people in the EMS and Fire and they are for this move and the Fire Commissioners think it can be worked out. If Horseshoe Bend staffing of the ambulance isn't worked out the State could step in and transfer it to the EBCAD. (East Boise County Ambulance District) The goal is to stop that from happening. The Fire District would need the money budgeted for the next fiscal year from the City to run the program for the first year and after that it would be run with taxes. Councilwoman Cooper didn't feel it was right to take City tax money and give it to the Fire District and Councilwoman Green stated that we cannot give the new ambulance away. Mr. Showalter assured the Council that the City would retain ownership of the ambulance and equipment. Attorney Schroeder questions whether forming an Ambulance District has been looked into. Mr. Showalter answers that the idea is to find a solution that would avoid losing City EMS to EBCAD and creating an ambulance district would not solve the problem of staffing. A fully staffed Ambulance can support itself with transport fees and avoid taxing citizens. He suggests a trial period to see if it would work. He does not need an answer now, he wants the Council to consider the idea.

Old Business:

- Sandy Fenton:
Ms. Fenton wants clarification on a question she asked at the last City Council meeting. She is concerned about a run where the ambulance was driven to a scene without an EMT and the driver is not medically trained. She received the dispatch records from State Com.
- Development Agreement – Acacia Fisher
Attorney Schroeder handed out copies of the agreement for the Mayor and Council to read. Ms. Fisher questioned a stipulation about not being able to transfer the Daycare use if she decides to sell it in the future. She was advised that this development agreement is between the City and Ms. Fisher and if someone buys it they will have to come before the Council with their own application and agreement. In the event of her death it would pass down to her heirs. Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to approve the development agreement and allow the Mayor to sign it. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. Councilman Riley –aye, Councilwoman Cooper –aye, Councilwoman Green – aye. **Motion carried.**

Department Updates:

- EMS:
Judith Hutton was set to meet with an instructor she had found for a new class but the instructor received an email the day before the meeting stating that the Mayor has found an instructor and she would not be needed. Ms. Hutton asks for clarification. Mayor Goff said that he received a call from the State informing him that if we didn't start a class soon we would have to give the books back and forfeit the class. Ms. Hutton explains that this online class with the State is new and has run into problems and delays and if she had known she would have started a regular class already. She has ran into so many road blocks to making a healthy EMS dept. She also looked into creating a taxing district as we need quarters with a shower for personnel. A discussion was held about the problems with the department and the lack of communication between Ms. Hutton and the Mayor. The Council instructs Ms. Hutton to set up a class to get new people trained and to communicate the details to the Mayor.

- **Public Works:**
Michele Brothers handed out pictures of a sewer pond she visited that used plastic discs instead of covers. She also had a disc for them to look at. They have gotten the new ozone meters up and running and the spray truck has been repaired. Ms. Brothers received a bid to repair damage on N. Riverside and the Mayor asked her to get a bid from Kit Smith. She also reported that the water plant pumped 3.2 million gallons last month and is already up to 3 million for this month. Councilwoman Cooper added that she took a group of children from the library on a tour of the water plant accompanied by Mayor Goff and led by Jobie Catherman.
- **City Engineer:**
Amy Woodruff states that the seepage tests for DEQ are being finalized. They are working on moving forward with the new well and will have an estimate of costs next month. She also had a discussion with ITD about the Payette River Bridge but does not have a set construction date yet.
- **City Attorney:**
Attorney Geoff Schroeder handed out a worksheet for the Council to work on last month regarding the update to the zoning ordinance that he is working on. A discussion is held on the worksheet. Councilwoman Green has a question about wording that delays applications if there are problems or changes. Applicants have to wait so long because the Council only meets once a month. She would like to expedite the process. Attorney Schroeder adds that some changes require republishing of the application in the paper and explains about the public notification process. He will research her question and see if the process can be expedited.

Public Comments:

Robert Showalter: if the EMS merged with the Fire Dist. there will still be a training class. He has talked to EMS and Fire and they all want this.

Jon Dufresne: There has been animosity between the EMS and Fire so he thinks a merger is a great idea. He doesn't feel the Director has been communicating and thinks the merger should be considered.

Pat Howell: She is concerned about the impact the August 21, 2017 eclipse will have on the City. She also asked about porta pottys. Emergency Director Showalter said they are getting 4 pottys for Horseshoe Bend and they are as prepared as they can be.

Laura Baker: Ms. Baker is a County Commissioner and offered the Commissioners help with the EMS situation.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor