

7:00 pm

January 20, 2016

**596TH MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Cooper, Green, Riley present and Councilman Goff absent. Also present, City Clerk Tracy Wright, City Engineer Mike Martin, and Attorneys Susan Buxton and Anthony Pantera.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to approve the agenda. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Councilwoman Green **moved** to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting of the City Council. Councilwoman Cooper **seconded**. All ayes. Motion carried. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting of the City Council. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Terri Lawson presented the bills for review and a written report to the Council. Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to pay the bills as presented. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing:

The public hearing for Tamarack Mills is a continuance from the December, 2015 public hearing. JUB Engineering, who is representing the applicant, submitted correspondence to withdraw the current application and close the public hearing. They will submit a new application to reflect new property. The correspondence was read into the record by Tony Pantera, City Attorney. Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to close the application and public hearing on Tamarack Mills. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. **Roll call: Councilman Riley- aye, Councilman Goff- absent, Councilwoman Cooper- aye, Councilwoman Green- aye. Motion carried.**

Tina Reay, 76 Stone Lane- Unless the applicants are referencing a different property, Mrs. Reay is confused about the "property" indicated in the correspondence since they have not sold their property. Mrs. Reay asked for a copy of the correspondence submitted by the applicants.

New Business:

Swear in Elected Officials-
Clerk Wright swore in Mayor Mary Hanson. Mayor Hanson accepted the Oath of Office.

Mayor Hanson swore in Teresa Cooper and Ben Riley as Councilmembers. Councilwoman Cooper and Councilman Riley accepted the Oath of Office.

Appoint City Staff-

Mayor Hanson appointed City Staff with Tracy Wright as City Clerk, Terri Lawson as City Treasurer, Phil Tschida and Michele Brothers as Public Works, Moore, Richard Linville as Prosecuting Attorney, Smith, Buxton & Turke as City Attorney and Amy Woodruff as City Engineer.

Councilwoman Cooper was elected Council President.

Zwygart CPA-

Mr. Zwygart will be on the February 17 agenda.

John Roberts- EMS joint powers agreement-

John Roberts, Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed the joint powers agreement. The need is to make sure that all parts of Boise County are being covered and currently there are portions that are not. Tony Pantera and Susan Buxton, City Attorneys, had previously been in contact with former Boise County Attorney, Ian Gee, to discuss the agreement. There are issues with the agreement as it stands currently pertaining to the areas covered, fee collection, etc. Susan represents other ambulance districts and has negotiated contracts and agreements for them and stated that she would be willing to provide her services to help construct a solid document. The City did receive a threatening letter from Garden Valley concerning the agreement. Tony Pantera asked the two EMTs present what concerns they had with the agreement. EMT Sandy Fenton is concerned with the boundary lines on the map they had received. She also stated that the map was not very readable. Mr. Roberts will provide the City with a better map. Questions were brought up about ambulance fees and whether residents and non-resident users are billed differently. As well, there are concerns about how much the ambulance is out of service.

Traffic Study-

The contract that was provided by JUB Engineering was not a complete contract. The contract will be tabled until next month.

American Legion Hall- Waive building permit fee-

The American Legion received a grant to update their building. They are updating the restroom to be wheelchair accessible and are making improvements to the kitchen. Councilman Riley **moved** to waive the building permit fee. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Old Business:

Water shut-off rate-

Mayor Hanson read Resolution 2016-01 amending water shut-off rates. Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to approve Resolution 2016-01. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. **Roll call: Councilman Riley- aye, Councilwoman Cooper- aye, Councilwoman Green- aye. Motion carried.**

EMS stipend request-

There are problems with the EMT's stipend proposal in regards to the Fair Labor Act. If the stipend request is approved it would push the EMS from a volunteer to an employee status since the EMS is already provided compensation that is high. City Council compared their compensation to other agencies in the county. City Council discussed options like doing away with the stipend all together or providing a paid position. Council also discussed the issue with the ambulance being out of service so frequently. Discussion was made about Phil Tschida helping EMS out by being a driver and as a City employee he and EMT Michele have been approved to run during City hours. Deputy Baker commented that Boise County Deputies could drive the ambulance in an emergency as well. City Attorneys will draft a proposal to compensate EMT's but keep their volunteer status.

Grant Updates-

It was discussed that a separate contract be drawn up for JUB and Civil Engineers for the water study. Amy has been collecting data for the study.

Department Updates:

EMS- Dept-

Melissa Seibel- 32 Quail Rd, informed the Council that they had an EMT pass the test and is almost licensed.

The Lucas has arrived and they have training scheduled.

The Spring Fling is coming up and there are 6 EMT's interested in attending. Councilwoman Cooper moved to allow 6 EMT's to attend the Spring Fling Conference in Grangeville the 1st weekend of March. Councilman Riley seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sandy Fenton submitted a letter of resignation as EMS Co-Director. She will still be active as an EMT. Councilwoman Cooper **accepted** Sandy Fenton's letter of resignation as EMS Co-Director. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Phil Tschida- Public Works-

The RV dump station at The Chevron and the Thunder Mountain Line is closed and the PH Levels at the sewer plant is holding well. The sewage that is dumped through the dump station costs the City approximately \$500.00 in chemicals a month. Susan Buxton, City Attorney, recommends adopting a fee schedule to adjust fees.

The surplus at the water plant has not been cleaned up yet.

Amy Woodruff, City Engineer-

There is no new news for the DEQ Lagoon Testing.

Tony Pantera, City Attorney-

Received a letter from Trout Law representing Jon Dufresne.

Mayor Hanson-

Mayor Hanson congratulated the Councilmembers on the City election.

The City P&Z codes need to be looked at and parts need to be fixed. Susan Buxton will refer the City to a staff member at her law office that can assist.

Public Comment:

Councilwoman Cooper-

Councilwoman Cooper asked about grants for the new park. There is concern from Amy and Susan about asbestos on the property. Amy will refer a park planner when the City is ready. ITD may want to stage off the property when the bridge work starts.

Deputy Mike Baker-

Deputy Baker inquired about the new park ordinance.

Terry Simmons-

Mr. Simmons mentioned that he sent a complaint letter to the City.

Executive Session:

8:53 pm- Councilman Goff **moved** to entered into executive session IC 74-206 (1B)- personnel matter. Councilwoman Green **seconded**. **Roll call: Councilman Riley- aye, Councilwoman Cooper- aye, Councilwoman Green- aye. Motion carried**

10:15 pm exited out of executive session.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor