

7:00 pm

February 17, 2016

**598TH MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Cooper, Green, and Riley present. Also present, City Clerk Tracy Wright, City Engineer Amy Woodruff, and Attorney Anthony Pantera.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilwoman Green **moved** to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting of the City Council. Councilwoman Cooper **seconded**. All ayes. Motion carried. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting of the City Council. Councilman Riley **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.**

New Business:

Rescue Me Conference-

Terri discussed the Rescue Me Conference for April 15. It was asked that it be discussed at the March 15th EMS meeting.

Zwygart CPA-

Mr. Zwygart discussed the audit report. Councilwoman Cooper **moved** to accept the audit report for the FY2015 ending September 2015. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Traffic Study-

Tony Pantera, City Attorney, explained there is one more item on the contract that needs fixed. He requests to table it until the special meeting on February 24. Tony also requested that the Civil Dynamics water study contract be tabled until then as well.

Jon Dufresne- Canyon Street Mobile Home Park- water
No show

Lester Briggs- animal ordinance
No Show

Old Business:

EMS stipend request-

The stipend request was discussed at the February 16th EMS meeting.

Grant Updates-

The contracts will be ready to be approved at the February 24th meeting.

Littlecook property-

Tony Pantera, City Attorney, sent a letter to the property owner concerning the nuisance that was reported by DEQ. A citation has already been issued by the prosecuting attorney.

Department Updates:

EMS- Dept-

No new updates.

Phil Tschida, Public Works-

The City received a letter from DEQ withholding the City from being penalized for extension on the lagoon testing since the method that DEQ is formulating is new technology. DEQ has still not set a date for the testing.

Amy Woodruff, City Engineer-

After listening to the audit report Amy advises that the City is making sure it is capturing revenue from water sales by focusing on leakage, making sure meters are reading correctly and accounts are billed accordingly. It's especially important since the shut off rate has been reduced. Clerk Wright informed the Council that the current billing software is 20 years old and that the City should consider upgrading the system. Phil added that there are approximately 10 meters that need to be changed to radio reads.

Tony Pantera, City Attorney-

No new news.

Mayor Hanson-

The city streets are in need of repair and a letter has been sent to Boise County asking about chip sealing city streets. If the County is not interested then the City will need to look elsewhere. Clerk Wright handed out the Oath of Office to Mayor Hanson and Councilpersons Riley and Cooper.

The City will apply for the Arbor Day grant.

There has not been any new news on the river bridge project. The last known time frame was somewhere around 2017. The project has been put on hold since ITD has been going through a staff change and new staff has been assigned to the project. City staff will reach out to ITD to see if an update is available.

Mayor Hanson is working on filling the vacant council seat.

Bob Krogh with Tamarack Mills visited the office and gave an update on the mill project. They are pursuing additional property and actively working on their application. They are moving forward with their operation at Plum Creek and have invited City Council and staff to visit the site.

Public Comment:

Councilwoman Cooper-

The entrance on the north side of the library is in need of repair. The school buses and freight trucks have caused large pot holes that need to be filled. The Library is interested piggybacking off the city and have it repaired when the City works on the streets.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor