

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Street

July 10, 2019

6:00p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Steve Atkins, Aaron Tines, Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson

Attorney: Paul Fitzer

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Jeff Eidemiller, Bret Smith, Sharla Jensen

PUBLIC HEARING: LIBRARY UPDATE: Craig Erickson with Great West spoke about the library construction. He mentioned the two delays were due to the steel and insulation being delivered late. He is hoping the new library will be open by the first week of October. He asked for any questions from the Mayor, Council and public. Craig said we met with Tony Tenne of the Dept. of Commerce and he did a brief audit; he added we passed with flying colors. Craig we had started with \$697,000; approximately; and now we are at about \$713,000. Contractor's price was a bit higher and we had a change order for the insulation. Craig said the City received authorization from USDA to start the process for procuring the new shelving for the library. Mayor Christoffersen asked for any questions or comments; there were none. Craig did add that this project was being funded by grant monies and donations; no increases in taxes or fees to the residents of Homedale.

Mayor Christoffersen closed the public hearing

Approve Agenda: Action Item: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2019 Meeting: Action Item: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12 meeting; Co Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Approve Council Budget Meeting Minutes from June 3rd and June 17th Meetings: Action Item. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3rd and June 17th Budget meetings; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Farmer's Market: Update and Request for Donation for Kids Cultivating Class: Discussion/Action.

Denise, the Mayor and Council discussed a possible new location for the community garden. It was decided they would meet at 5:30 August 14th for a site visit at the RV Park on Riverside Dr.

Denise Dixon talked with the Mayor and Council asking for a City donation for the Kids Cultivating Class and possibly adding it to our annual budget. Councilman Tines said he thought we could add it to our Civic Pride line item. He added he feels she has done a great job with the Farmer's Market. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the donation for the Kids Cultivating class as an annual donation of \$900; Councilman Anderson made the motion and Councilman Tines seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Library Report:

Sharla reported on the summer reading program; the first meeting there were over 40 kids. Usual attendance is 20 to 30 kids.

Approval of Change Order to purchase insulation: Discussion/Action

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the change order to purchase insulation for the new library; Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Police Report:

Jeff – He stated the Fourth of July went well, with no major incidences;

He added his cleanup day went well; he had asked for volunteers on Face Book and had about 20 to 24 people show up.

Public Works Report:

Bret said Jeff's cleanup did a great job.

He said Homedale Highway Dist. has purchased their own chip spreader and asked if we could assist them and then they would assist us. He said in the past we have hired Golden Gate Highway Dist. and we did the traffic control. He said if we work with Homedale Highway Dist. we would have to hire the traffic control. The Mayor was worried about not using Golden Gate and then it not working out with Homedale Highway and then we would be off Golden Gates list. He said he would like us to use both at least for a couple of years.

Bret said they were working on upgrading the electric upgrades at the RV Park; it should be done by Monday. He brought up the long term vs. short term at the RV Park. Bret mentioned if a long term was available and someone wanted it for a short term; what would we do: Councilman Aebischer asked if we would turn them away; Mayor Christoffersen said he didn't believe we would turn them away. Bret asked if we could change the 5 long term and 5 short term ratio; the Council doesn't want it to be a permanent living spaces; they said to keep it 5 and 5. It was discussed hooking some up to our sewer line. Councilman Tines said we need to establish a plan to add more spaces. Mayor Christoffersen said we should have a meeting at the RV Park. It was decided they would meet at 5:30 at the RV Park August 14th and then come to City Hall to continue the regular meeting.

Bret said he would like to purchase a harrow spring tooth or other drag implement for maintenance on the sand filters; possible an 8 or 10 foot one from an auction.

Councilman Atkins asked if it was normal to have the amount of grass at the ponds; Bret said they have a better piece of equipment now.

He reported he has no violations from the DMR.

Discussion/Action; Shed for RV Park (tabled from June 12th Meeting) Councilman Aebischer said the Shed Company was giving us a discount of \$1,200 plus for a net of \$3,099.99. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the purchase; Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

P & Z Report:

Alice reported dog tags were at 294.

Building permits: deck, one new home, porch and 2 new applications for new homes

Alice asked the Mayor, Council and citizens to please think of a color for the City Hall.

Andrew Kimmel with Great West Engineering asked the Council to think about projects they may want to do in the future. Mayor Christoffersen stated we have projects in almost every area in town and could use grants to assist.

Attorney Report: Paul said he had nothing to report.

Mayor and Council Member Report:

Expiring Non-Primary Entitlement Airport Funds: Discussion/Action. See attached.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the transfer of funds to an Idaho City; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded; Motion carried by full Council.

Update/purchase computer for City Hall: Discussion/Action; Alice explained she has one computer in her office that needs upgraded; the cost with the set up will be a little over \$1,300. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion; Councilman Atkins made the motion and Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Approve the III-A Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement; Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion for him to sign the agreement; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Approve the Bills: Action Item; Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bills; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.


Councilman Tines said Southwest Health District was inquiring about partnering with a City and its advisory council and work on youth health and alcohol programs. Mayor Christoffersen said the youth are so busy; he's not sure they have room for anything else. Jeff spoke up and said he would be in support of any education programs with the kids and the adults in the community. Mayor Christoffersen said he believes we have a major drug problem and it encompasses people of any age. Councilman Tines said they would like to come out and give them the information on the program. Mayor Christoffersen said maybe they should start with the schools. Jeff said we need to "ram" the drug issues down everyone's throat and we should go to meetings and just keep at it. He added we need to do whatever Councilman Tines believes we should do. Mayor Christoffersen said he would like to do a "Drug Free Week"; maybe a proclamation. He asked the Council to think about it.

Adjournment: Action Item: Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest: 

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk