

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

July 13, 2022

6:00p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Steve Atkins, Aaron Tines, Kim Murray, Mike Aebischer
Councilwoman Murray arrived after the approval for minutes.

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Mike McFetridge, Curtis Stansell, Sharla Jensen,

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Absent

Approve Agenda Discussion/ Action: Mayor asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded; motion carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the June meetings: Discussion/Action:
(June 6th; June 8th, June 13th, June 20th) Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June meetings; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Request for a Non-Commercial Kennel License, George Burns, 301 W Montana;
Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for comments; George Burns spoke to the Mayor and Council about the number of dogs at his residence. (he stated he has 9 dogs) Several citizens spoke against the kennel license in a residential area. There was also written statements against it. Mr. Burns said he was not going to raise dogs; he just ended up with the 9 dogs.
Councilwoman Murray said she could understand the citizens' concerns.
Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the kennel license for 301 W Montana; George Burns; No motion was made; motion denied

Library Report: Mike stated the library has been busy with the summer reading program.

Police Report: Mike McFetridge presented Officer Justin Herman with two certificates; one for General Instructors and the second for High Liability (Firearms) instructor. He added the police were busy with drug busts.

Public Works Report: Curtis said they have been very busy; patching and spraying. Curtis introduced Gage Farnetti to the Mayor and Council.
Councilman Aebischer stated he was working on leveling the ground at Peterson Park.

Engineer Report: Andrew Kimmel stated he believed we would have several bids on the Wastewater Project.
He presented the Mayor and Council with the Airport Master Plan. (See Airport 2022 File)

They discussed options for the runway length/width. Options for new hangers, taxi lanes.....etc.

He added he was dealing with the Dept. of Lands on getting permission to remove some of gravel from the Airport property to use in the Wastewater project.

He added he has not heard anything on the Walking Path Grant; and is hopeful he will know within a couple of weeks.

City Hall Update: P & Z Report:

P & Z – Discussion on City Zoning; Alice mentioned she has had several citizens voicing concerns about Homedale's zoning. They are concerned there will be too many multi-family housing in the single family areas. Mayor Christoffersen said at his AIC June conference several Mayors also voiced those concerns; the multi-housing areas seem to have more issues needing more police calls.

Attorney Report: no report

Mayor and Council Member Report

Discussion/Action – Bulk Water Rates – Andrew said he has checked into a company that handles this. The company charges \$2,800 for the equipment and \$1,100 annual service fee. It is based on a credit card or code system; they enter the card or code and the company bills the user and sends the City a check. The City would set a rate, per gallon. Mayor Christoffersen added we need to stop people from using the fire hydrants; an ordinance with a fine if caught using the hydrant. Councilman Aebischer mentioned installing a meter at the bulk tank; but that would take up a lot of employees' time to regulate. Alice commented some users may not be able to complete a log book. Councilwoman Murray said she liked the company idea if we could charge enough to cover the costs. The Council asked Andrew to get additional information for them. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bulk water rates of: \$36.70 plus \$2.25 per 1000 Gallons; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Tines seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Discussion/Action- Commercial Fridge and Freezer in Community Center
Councilman Aebischer suggested we sell the commercial fridge and freezer. He would like to see a residential size fridge/with freezer in the kitchen area. Councilwoman Murray asked if we had rented out the kitchen area; Alice said not at this time. We do not have a rental agreement at this time. They are unplugged and after some discussion; it was decided to keep it for now. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to table the removal of the Fridge and Freezer in the Homedale Community Center; Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Mayor Christoffersen discussed the possibility of putting in a skate park. He asked the Council to think about it.

Approve the Bills Discussion/Action;

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

Bill Pastoor asked the Mayor and Council is all was good; Mayor Christoffersen asked him about putting the totes back in the alleys; Bill stated people would just toss trash in the alley next to the totes; he added the current trucks would not work in the alley. He said Larry complained they were breaking irrigation lines.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (a); Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion approved by full Council. Mayor asked for a roll call:


Councilman Atkins	yes
Councilman Tines	yes
Councilwoman Murray	yes
Councilman Aebischer	yes

Executive Session: in Accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (a): To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest: 

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk