

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Homedale City Hall

August 9th, 2023

6:00p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Steve Atkins (Phone), Mike Aebischer, Kim Murray

Council Absent: Aaron Tines

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Danny Zenor

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Paul Fitzer

Approve Agenda Discussion/ Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the June 14th, 2023, meeting: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one.

Mayor Christoffersen closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearings:

PUBLIC HEARING: Fee Increases; Republic Services:

CURRENT RATE			PROPOSED RATE			PERCENT OF
SERVICE	PER TOTE FEE	TOTAL	SERVICE	PER TOTE FEE	TOTAL	INCREASE
\$11.03	\$2.50	\$13.53	\$12.02	\$2.73	\$14.75	9.02%

No public comments were given:

Republic Services Fee Increases; Discussion/Action:

After much discussion, the Council agreed on a 6% raise for Republic Services. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the 6%, Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one.

PUBLIC HEARING: Zone Change for 127 W OWYHEE from Commercial to Residential:

Zone Change for 127 W. Owyhee; Discussion/Action:

The Council discussed the pros and cons of rezoning. The residence has been a home since the beginning, and no one could remember why it was zoned commercial. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the rezone to residential; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING: Intent to sell city-owned property located between North 3rd Street West and North 4th Street West, Homedale, Idaho:

Declaration of intent to sell city-owned property by sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$118,000.00. Discussion/Action:

The Council discussed opening the sale of this property again. It was decided they would do a sealed bid: Alice would run the information in the paper twice with the start for the sealed bids would be August 28th and ending on September 11th. The opening of the bids would be September 18th. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to declare the sale of city-owned property by sealed bid with a minimum of \$118,000.00; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Mayor called for a roll call:

Councilman Aebischer	yes
Councilwoman Murray	yes
Councilman Atkins	yes

Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

(Mayor Christoffersen reopened the regular meeting after the public hearings.)

Police Report:

Jeff reported Liset had graduated post and she would be doing her FTO for a few months. He added Canyon County was waiting for a new canine car; we would get a used one. He said Ruger had taken ill and was at the vets. He was probably going to need surgery.

Discussion: Randy Miller - Feral Cats and neighbor's yard; Randy talked about all the feral cats in town. It was discussed if they were caught; what would the city do with them. Jeff volunteered to get 4 live traps and loan them out to citizens; but added we would not be responsible for the disposal of the cats.

Public Works: See attached report from Scott. The mayor read the report.

The Council discussed the RV Park extension (Peterson Park); they decided to do hydroseeding in place of having our public works crew do the seeding.

It was quoted around \$7,900.

Engineer Report: Angus (Great West Engineering) Riverside Park sidewalk bids opened on the 2nd; the low bid was \$16,420.

The walking path is out for bid.

Andrew has reached out to Stephanie Bonnie to start the bond on the water project.

Wastewater project: hopefully a completion date of 01/24.

City Hall Update: P & Z Report:

Alice reported we had received 4 remodel permits and have not recd any info on the sale of the Amalgamated property.

Request from Martin Palominos to put a 6-foot vinyl fence on the front of his property.

Discussion/Action: After discussion on Mr. Palominos request; Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the request.

No motion was made; the request was denied.

Attorney Report: No report

Mayor and Council Member Report:

Appropriation Ordinance for FY24; Discussion/Action

Ordinance to Increase Mayor and Council wage; Discussion/Action

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED FY2024 BUDGET including increases for Mayor and Council.

Mayor Christoffersen closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing. He asked for any public comments, No comments.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to waive the 3 readings and have the clerk read the ordinance in title only,

He asked for a roll call:

Councilman Aebischer yes
Councilwoman Murray yes
Councilman Atkins yes

Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Alice read the Title only of the Appropriation Ordinance for FY24.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the ordinance by roll call:

Councilman Aebischer yes
Councilwoman Murray yes
Councilman Atkins yes

Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to waive the 3 readings and have the clerk read the ordinance in title only,

He asked for a roll call:

Councilman Aebischer yes
Councilwoman Murray yes
Councilman Atkins yes

Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Alice read the Title only of the Ordinance to Increase Mayor and Council Wage:

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the ordinance by roll call:

Councilman Aebischer yes
Councilwoman Murray yes
Councilman Atkins yes

Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Approve the Bills Discussion/Action. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bills; Councilwoman Murray made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to go into Executive Session in Accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(f):

Roll Call: Councilman Aebischer yes
 Councilwoman Murray yes
 Councilman Atkins yes

Motion passed by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Everyone was excused, Mayor and Council went into Exec. Session.


Executive Session; in Accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (f): To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

After approximately 45 minutes the Mayor reopened the regular meeting.

No further business was done.
Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest: 
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk