

**CITY OF SHOSHONE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY HALL-207 S. RAIL ST. WEST**  
**SHOSHONE, IDAHO**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Dan Pierson declared a quorum present and opened the Regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of the City Council were present: Dale Sluder, Tammy Swaner, Mike Wallace and Payson Reese.

Others present were as follows: ; Rene Rodriguez, Interim Police Chief; John Peyman, Maintenance Supervisor; Larry Green, Police Officer; Clay Ritter, Library Director; Vern Johnson, Community Member; Lanita Hall, Community Member; Leigh Kelley, Community member; Cresley McConnell, County Commissioner.

Mayor Pierson led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** Mayor Pierson asked for a business item to be added to the Agenda, Asphalt on West B Street. Councilwoman Swaner motioned to add the item to the Agenda. Councilman Sluder seconded the motion, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:** No public comment was given.

**MINUTES:** Mayor Pierson asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of September 6, 2016. There were none. Motion made by Councilwoman Swaner to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Reese seconded the motion, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS ON MEETINGS:** Interim Chief Rodriguez Introduced Officer Larry Green to the council who will start part time as an officer at the Shoshone Police Department. Officer Green has worked for the City before and he is POST certified with 10 years of experience. Chief Rodriguez also informed the Police Department that they met with the employees at the Valleywide convenience store and conducted training on situations such as a robbery. It was a 1.5-2 hour session and the police are looking to expand trainings to other businesses and interested agencies in the community. Chief Rodriguez also informed the council he was working with the School on Homecoming week and will be gone next week to a police chief seminar in Boise.

**VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT:** The Council reviewed the vouchers for payment. Councilwoman Swaner moved to approve all of the claims and payment thereof. Councilman Reese seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS:**

**VERN JOHNSON—SKATEPARK LOCATION CHANGE:** Mr. Johnson talked with the council about moving the Skate Park over by the community swimming pool next to the park. The representative from the Skating ramp company came through town and looked at the location and informed him that a 50' x 85' asphalt pad would be sufficient for the needs of the park during the current time. He also discussed placing the park close to the road in the front so that safety and police patrols could be conducted easily. Mr. Johnson discussed funding options for the pad with the council and that the new park would most likely need fenced for Safety as well as gates installed and the entryway moved to the new location. The city would also need to draft a letter for the Seagraves foundation agreeing to maintain the park. Mr. Johnson discussed possible avenues the city may pursue for funding the asphalt

pad. Council believes that Valley Paving donated the pad for the current park. Mr. Johnson also discussed the benefits that the park would have for the community and council briefly discussed putting an overhead light at the location in the future.

**REPAIR QUOTE FOR 2008 DODGE CHARGER:** Chief Rodriguez presented the council with the repair quote for a new engine in the Police Cruiser. Commissioner McConnell spoke about the reasons behind the engine and the cooperative agreement. Chief Rodriguez informed the council that the block in the engine was cracked and the vehicle was assisting the Sheriff's Department on a call north on Highway 75. The vehicle currently has approximately 81,000 miles on it. Councilman Wallace asked about the Department's policy on driving speeds and asked how the police determine due caution during an assist call. Chief Rodriguez informed council he counsels officers to use common sense and follow department procedure on the issue. Councilman Sluder asked Chief Rodriguez about standard maintenance and daily fluid checks. Chief Rodriguez informed Council that the fluids are checked once a week. Council inquired about maintenance on vehicles, Chief Rodriguez is going to check maintenance logs on replacement of wearable parts, belts, and hoses on vehicles. Council talked of possibilities about disposal of vehicle and how the cost of the engine was outside of budgetary funding at this time. They suggested that the Shoshone Police Department utilize only 4 vehicles until the 17-18 Fiscal Year.

**ITD DISTRICT 4 ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING RELOCATION INFORMATION:** Mayor Pierson informed Council that Thursday September 22, 2016 at 9:25AM there will be a meeting at the ITD offices in Shoshone to discuss the building of a new District 4 building. Options on the table at this time are a Remodel, build a new Administrative building in Shoshone, or build a new Administrative building in the Twin Falls/Jerome area. This would mean 47-50 jobs leaving Shoshone, 26 jobs would stay with the maintenance crews. Councilwoman Swaner and Commissioner McConnell will present at the meeting speaking on behalf of the City of Shoshone and Lincoln County respectively. Council discussed impact to the community and the possibility of keeping the administrative offices in Shoshone. Council urged that attendance to the meeting may impact the decision of the board.

**PERMISSION FOR CITY CLERK TO PAY YEAR END BILLS:** Councilman Sluder made a motion to allow the Clerk to pay all year end expenditures. Councilman Wallace seconded the motion. All in favor, none in opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Council discussed the Christmas Party and the possibility of changing it to be a Luncheon for the Employees. Commissioner McConnell discussed how the County offices hold their Christmas party and the possibility of combining the City and County parties into one was discussed. Mr. Ritter mentioned the possibility of the Lincoln County Library Foundation helping with babysitting or decorating and he would talk with them. Mayor Pierson said they would discuss further at the next City Council meeting.

**ASPHALT ON WEST B STREET:** Councilwoman Swaner said that Mr. Ridinger had asked about a timetable for fixing the asphalt in front of his house on West B Street after the installation of a new 10" Water line to the Idaho Transportation Department. He offered his help in fixing the roadway if it was required. Mr. Peyman said he had just finished hooking up all of the water on the new line and with the current workload of the Maintenance department he hadn't finished all of the prep work to lay down new asphalt on the roadway yet. Mr. Peyman said he would be looking at it in the next couple of weeks now that the patching and maintenance of streets was done on the northeast side of town. He informed council he would be done with that section by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED:** Mayor Pierson called for an executive session per I.C. 74-206 (1)(b). Councilman Sluder so moved. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Swaner. Mayor Pierson took a roll call as follows: Wallace, aye; Sluder, aye; Swaner, aye; Reese, aye. The executive session began at 8:17 p.m. and ended at 8:41 p.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS/CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Pierson informed council that Mr. Ray Mitchell sent a letter of concern to the Council that Hazelton had paved all of their streets this year and the city didn't pave all our streets

this year and was concerned about possible waste. Mayor Pierson has been looking into the cost to pave their streets and will compose a letter in response to clear up any misunderstandings. Mayor Pierson and Council expressed their willingness to receive letters of concern from all citizens about the operations of the city.

Mayor Pierson informed council that Ms. Jessica Rossow is working on grants and has quite a few she would like to present to the council, she will be attending the second meeting in October.

Leigh Kelley had some information on the Water Rights and usages of the City and will present to council at the next meeting.

**ADJOURN:** Councilman Reese moved to adjourn. Councilman Sluder seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Dan Pierson, Mayor

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Dena Mabbutt, City Clerk