

**CITY OF SHOSHONE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – 207 S RAIL ST. WEST
SHOSHONE, ID 83352
FEBRUARY 21, 2017 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, Mike Wallace, Tammy Swaner and Payson Reese.

Others present were as follows: Dena Mabbutt, Clerk/Treasurer; Clay Ritter, Library Director; John Peyman, Maintenance Supervisor and Dan Lewin, Police Chief.

Members of the public were as follows: Cliff Katona, Sheriff Rene Rodriguez and Melissa Berry.

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

CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Mayor Pierson asked for a motion to add Ground Water Users Association to the agenda. Councilman Wallace so motioned, Councilman Reese seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME: none

MINUTES: Mayor Pierson asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of March 7, 2017 and March 17, 2017. 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.

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

REPORTS ON MEETINGS: Sheriff Rodriguez reported that he had been to a Sircom meeting last week and they are looking at upgrading some of their equipment which could result in a cost savings for the City and the County for dispatch services.

Mayor Pierson and Clay Ritter reported that our grantwriter Jessica Rossow and member of the public Clair Granquist were in Boise today presenting the grant for playground equipment. They said they thought the presentation went well.

BUSINESS:

IDAHO TOURISM UPDATE: Melissa Berry from Region IV Southern Idaho Tourism was present and updated the council on what the organization is doing. She stated that tourism is up seventeen percent in the last year and that it has generated over sixty million dollars in wages in the Southern Idaho area. She talked about events planned around the solar eclipse in August and that they are doing more advertising on social media.

ARBOR DAY GRANT APPLICATION: Mayor Pierson explained that we are applying for a \$300.00 grant for “Planting Idaho”. The grant is a reimbursement grant and is a 25% cash or in-kind grant. Councilman Sluder made a motion to apply for the grant. Councilwoman Swaner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION: Mayor Pierson read the following Proclamation:



2017 Arbor Day Proclamation

- Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- Whereas, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the Nation and the world, and
- Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving up paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Dan Pierson, Mayor of the City of Shoshone do hereby proclaim May 3, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Shoshone and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 21st day of March in the year 2017.

Mayor _____

AT&T CELL TOWER LEASE UPDATE: Dena Mabbutt explained she had discussed the lease agreement with Melissa Kippes and Brad Looney, AT&T representative. The new lease will be much like the last lease, however if AT&T needs more equipment on the premises, they will be able to put it there with the City’s approval, and if they vacate the premises they can leave any of their improvements for the city to use. Also the rent will be \$500.00 per month and will increase 10% every five years.

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE REVIEW: Maureen O’Shea, State NFIP Coordinator for the Idaho Department of Water Resources emailed Dena and advised the City needs to pass a new Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to be in compliance with the NFIP minimum standards. The ordinance must be adopted by May 17, 2017. Councilman Sluder made a motion to have a public hearing on the ordinance on April 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reese. All in favor, no opposition.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE: see above item

LIBRARY CEILING/ROOF UPDATE: Clay Ritter advised the council that the roof, ceiling and floor are sagging in the library. We had a structural engineer here today and he thinks a supporting wall has been removed.

He and a contractor will be back tomorrow to see what can be done about the problem. He said he thinks it will require four support columns at a minimum to make the building safe.

GROUND WATER USERS ASSOCIATION: Our water attorney Rob Williams advised that the City needs to belong to a ground water users association and that it will cost somewhere around \$30,000.00. This will be something to consider during the next budget season.

CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS: Mayor Pierson advised the council that Phil Dixon, electrician gave us a bid for exhaust fans in the library bathroom and the city hall bathroom. These both need to be changed because they currently just blow into the attic space with no venting and are a fire hazard. The council agreed the fans need to be changed as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED: none

ADJOURN: Councilman Reese moved to adjourn. Councilman Wallace seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved:

Dan Pierson, Mayor

Attested to:

Dena Mabbutt, City Clerk