

CITY OF HAYDEN LAKE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council members present were Jim Ackerman, Ed Graves and Tom Gorman. Councilman Tom Frey was absent. Code Enforcement Officer Rand Wichman and Attorney Bredeson were present as representatives of the Council. Clerk Hagman recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Visitors were Annie Van Valin from Anderson Bros. CPA, William Bentz, Les Hintz and Thomas D. Frey.

Mr. Hintz led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA / MINUTES

Council member Gorman moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda including the minutes of December 16, 2014 and the invoices for payment. Council member Ackerman seconded the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 5:03 p.m. Mayor Beck opened the public hearing for the Hayden Lake Country Club Pedestrian Easement Vacation application. Attorney Bredeson addressed the Council about conflict of interest issues and stated that he found none. Attorney Bredeson suggested the Mayor and Council disclose if they are a member of the Country Club or the Country Club Estates. Councilman Gorman stated he is a member of the Country Club and will abstain from voting, Councilman Graves stated he was a member of the Country Club and will abstain from voting, Mayor Beck stated he is a member of the Country Club and does not vote, however, he will participate in the discussion. Councilman Ackerman stated he is not a member of the Country Club.

Mr. Frey spoke on behalf of the Country Club and explained to the Council that they had been trying to get the requested consent letters from property owners with no luck. Some are out of town and they have no address for them. Mr. Frey questioned if sending a certified letter to the property owners with signature required would be sufficient. Attorney Bredeson replied that a registered letter would be adequate and informed the Mayor that the hearing could proceed. Attorney Bredeson explained the written consents would be needed before the Ordinance is approved. Attorney Bredeson will review the registered letter and suggested giving the property owners 30 days to respond.

Mr. Wichman informed the Council that the Country Club has had issues with the easement and sees no reason not to vacate it.

Mr. William Bentz questioned why they want the easement vacated and asked if there were any police reports or citations. Mr. Bentz stated he and his daughter use this path to get her to school and thought that this easement was part of the annexation agreement between the Country Club and the City.

Councilman Gorman informed Mr. Bentz that the City is working with the Country Club on pedestrian paths. There was one letter received and read into the record by Mayor Beck.

Councilman Ackerman questioned where it was that the people were walking. Mr. Hintz explained where the path was and stated there had been trouble with kids hanging out and transients camping on the easement. Mr. Hintz stated the Country Club will work with the City on pedestrian paths in the future.

Mayor Beck questioned Mr. Frey about the pedestrian path at the Hayden Lake Country Club Estates with the City of Hayden. Mr. Frey replied Hayden has no problem with it.

At 5:30 p.m. Mayor Beck closed the public hearing and tabled the issue to the February 17, 2015 regular meeting.

SERVICES AGREEMENT

Council reviewed the services agreement between the City and the Hayden Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District. Attorney Bredeson explained the changes in the agreement.

Councilman Gorman moved to approve the agreement and to provide the agreement to the Sewer District for approval. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Council had previously reviewed the new quote for the Blue Cross Insurance.

Councilman Graves moved to approve the Gold Choice plan with Blue Cross Insurance. Councilman Gorman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Councilman Ackerman, "aye", Councilman Graves, "aye" and Councilman Gorman, "aye". The motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Rand Wichman reported on the building activity in Hayden Lake. Several building permits were still outstanding.

AUDIT REVIEW

Annie Van Valin from Anderson Bros. CPA presented the 2013/2014 annual audit to the Mayor and Council. The conveying of the water system was discussed and the City ended the year with a surplus.

Councilman Graves moved to approve the audit, seconded by Councilman Gorman. The motion carried.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Gorman suggested the City retrieve any documentation of the problems regarding the easement that the Country Club has petitioned the City to vacate. Mayor Beck felt the hearing was closed and the Council could no longer discuss this issue.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council, at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Gorman moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Graves. The motion carried.

Chris Beck, MAYOR

Lynn Hagman, CITY CLERK