

**CITY OF HAYDEN LAKE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the regular meeting of the Hayden Lake City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Tom Gorman, Todd Walker, Bob Grant and Chris Beck. Dick Pelton and Attorney Pete Bredeson were also present as representatives of the Council. Clerk Lynn Hagman recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Mayor Morris led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested the agenda be amended to remove Avista road cuts. **Councilman Gorman moved to approve the agenda with the amendment. Councilman Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Councilman Beck moved to approve the consent agenda including the list of invoices for payment and the minutes of September 7, 2010. Councilman Gorman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STRAHORN ONE-WAY

Mayor Morris introduced Councilman Gorman to address the citizens on the decision of making Strahorn Rd. from Miles Ave. to Hayden Ave. a one-way street.

Councilman Gorman explained the thought process of the council in how they came up with the decision to make Strahorn Rd. a one way street between Miles Ave. and Hayden Ave. Councilman Gorman explained that the City was faced with a badly deteriorating road that is only 18 to 19 feet wide and has no real road bed. This road is a safety hazard. Councilman Gorman stated that doing nothing was not an option. In doing something, there were four objectives that the council had to take into consideration. One was to improve safety, two was to stay within the budget, three was to preserve the trees as much as possible and four was to comply with the comprehensive plan.

Councilman Gorman informed the citizens that rebuilding the road with new road bed was discussed and the cost would be around \$800,000 and the city did not have this kind of money in the budget. One of the ramifications of rebuilding the road was that 50 or more of the mature pine trees along Strahorn Dr. would have to be taken down. The citizens of Hayden Lake did not want this done. The one way addresses all four points and was introduced as a trial basis.

There were 16 letters received and a petition from Diana Kern, 10221 N. Hillview St.

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Jack Budvarson, 12439 Strahorn Rd., addressed the council and voiced his displeasure with the inconvenience that the one way street has caused him. Mr. Budvarson felt that the street should be repaired and put back to a two way street.

Mr. Tom Evans, 12104 N. Kensington, informed the council that he was a mediator and has dealt in conflict. Mr. Evans felt that the city has created a speed trap for revenue. Mr. Evans felt that the city decided this one way street without public input and should be rescinded.

Mr. Ed Burke, 1800 E. Hayden Ave. informed the citizens that he used to live on Lakeview and then moved to Hayden Ave. Mr. Burke applauds the council's decision and thanked the council for being financially conservative.

Sean Hoisington, Public Works Director for the City of Hayden, informed the citizens that the City of Hayden has been pursuing a relationship with the City of Hayden Lake on this issue for about a year. The City of Hayden has asked for multi-jurisdictional cooperation on this issue. The City of Hayden has acknowledged that north of Miles Ave and south of Hayden Ave., Strahorn Rd. is a minor arterial because of its configuration. The City of Hayden has a Localized Travel Demand model that is used in the transportation planning process to help make decisions on traffic alternatives. Mr. Hoisington informed the council that the City of Hayden is receiving many calls complaining of the one way street. The City of Hayden has tried to work with the City of Hayden Lake on this decision and now has to listen to complaints from a decision that was made unilaterally. New subdivisions will add to the traffic problem. Mr. Hoisington invited the City Council to discuss these types of road issues at the monthly meetings with KCAT.

Mr. Roger Saterfield, 10052 Vail St., Council President representing City of Hayden, agreed that Strahorn Rd. is a problem area. The City of Hayden Lake has improved the safety; however, it has only made the safety in the City of Hayden worse. Mr. Saterfield stated that he is receiving many calls from citizens who live on Hillview Dr., Maple and Finnucane Dr. These streets have received a huge amount of traffic. Mr. Saterfield asked the council to work with the City of Hayden to solve this problem.

Kent Hull, 10235 N. Strahorn Rd. disagrees with the City of Hayden's suggestion that a 19 foot road bed could be a minor arterial. Mr. Hull feels the street is narrow and unsafe. Mr. Hull feels the city has done the right thing and sees more people walking now.

Linda Schultz, 11441 Avondale Loop voiced her disapproval of the one way street. Mrs. Schultz stated that her concern was a decision that was made without input from anyone. Mrs. Schultz questioned who owned the street and Attorney Bredeson replied that the City of Hayden Lake owns that section of the street.

Mrs. Schultz then questioned whose taxes maintain the street. Mayor Morris replied that the City of Hayden Lake taxes maintain the portion of Strahorn that the city owns. Mrs. Schultz asked who has the right to turn this section of Strahorn Rd. into a one way with a bike lane. Mayor Morris stated that the City Council has this right. Mrs. Schultz questioned with councilman brought this up and was it voted on. Mayor Morris explained that the city council makes the decisions and at this time the council will not here any further questions. The council is only taking input at this time and will take this under advisement.

Jan Wingren, 3108 E. Pt. Hayden Dr., pointed out that the council is serving for the benefit of their community and decisions are made for the best interest of the City of Hayden Lake. Mr. Wingren asked that everyone keep an open mind.

Peter Cooper, 1671 E. Miles, feels that the City did not make a good decision. Mr. Cooper felt that the speed bumps were not designed well and the one way street is a traffic irritating device rather than a traffic calming device. Mr. Cooper would like to volunteer to design a corridor that works.

Vince Rossi, 10043 Strahorn Rd. responded to the comments made in the Coeur d' Alene Press by stating that there has never been any discussion of making this section of Strahorn Rd. a gated community and there are no Beverly Hills wanna be's. Speaking for his neighbors and himself, Mr. Rossi explained that the speeding on Strahorn Rd. is bad and dangerous. Many citations have been issued over the years. Strahorn Rd. is in desperate need of repair due to the heavy traffic. The one way street and the four way stop have help with speeding and have made it safer. It is inconvenient but everyone can make adjustments. Mr. Rossi asked the citizens to please stop honking their horn and dumping garbage in their yards.

Mike Jorgenson, Pt. Hayden Dr. had served on the City Council previously and has also served on the State Legislature. Mr. Jorgenson assured the citizens that what the council is doing is within their authority. Notice was given by the city for all regular meetings where this issue was discussed.

Diana Kern, 10321 N. Hillview. Mrs. Kern voiced her concern with the increase in traffic on her street. Children travel this street to go to school and with the increased traffic, it is dangerous. Mrs. Kern feels the children are more important than the trees and the city should just repair the street. Mrs. Kern presented a petition with 50 signatures.

Bob Schmand, 10281 Strahorn Rd applauded the city for the safety corridor that has been made for the children of Hayden Lake. Mr. Schmand supports the council and feels they are on the right track for preserving what was designed years ago.

Dawn Suomas, St. James Ave. stated that she travels Strahorn Rd. twice a day and it is an inconvenience to have it a one way street. Mrs. Suomas works in county government and can appreciate budget constraints,

however, she feels that some of the trees could be taken and possibly work with the Country Club for an easement for a bike path and still have a two way street. Mrs. Suomas suggested the city look for grants also.

Dan Wright, 1102 Whispering Pines stated that he also travels Strahorn Rd. regularly. Mr. Wright does not like the traffic but the cities keep allowing more subdivisions to go in. Mr. Wright feels that this section of Strahorn Rd. is in the middle of a minor arterial and that makes it a part of the minor arterial no matter how narrow it is. The road should be fixed right.

Sean Taylor, 9925 Country Club Dr. stated that he too has been inconvenienced but he likes seeing more people walking and biking along this stretch of Strahorn Rd. He thanks the council for their decision.

ORDINANCE 241

Ordinance 241, an ordinance changing the dates and time of regular council meetings was presented. **Councilman Grant moved to adopt Ordinance 241 by Title only. Councilman Gorman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Council Gorman, “aye”, Councilman Walker, “aye”, Councilman Grant, “aye” and Councilman Beck, “aye”. The motion carried.**

Mayor Morris read Ordinance 241 by Title.

Councilman Gorman moved to adopt Ordinance 241 under suspension of the rules requiring the reading of the ordinance on three separate occasions. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed; councilman Walker, “aye”, Councilman Grant, “aye”, Councilman Beck, “aye’ and Councilman Gorman, “aye”. The motion carried.

Councilman Beck moved to adopt Ordinance 241 as presented, seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried.

HEMLOCK HILLS RESPONSE TO COUNTY

Attorney Bredeson informed the council that this subdivision is not in the cities ACI and recommended he send the County a standard response, letting them know of the city’s ordinance requiring one acre minimum. **Councilman Walker moved to direct Attorney Bredeson to respond to the County with the information of the one acre and the concern the City has with impact to Hayden Lake. Councilman Gorman seconded the motion. The motion was carried with three yes votes and Councilman Beck abstained from the vote due to his working on this project.**

LETTER FROM NKWD

Mayor Morris informed the Council that North Kootenai Water District has responded to the letter the City sent to them regarding the Pt. Hayden project expectations of the City. North Kootenai Water District informed the City that a temporary surface may need to be put down if it is too late to pave. Councilman Grant stated that the streets in the project have been maintained at times and not maintained other times.

MEETING RESCHEDULED

Mayor Morris rescheduled the November 2nd meeting to November 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. due to the election on November 2nd. Due to no agenda items for the October 19th meeting, Mayor Morris suggested this meeting be cancelled. **Councilman Gorman moved to cancel the October 19, 2010 meeting, seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried.**

STREETS

Councilman Gorman discussed the N.K.W.D. project in Pt. Hayden and in reviewing the work to be done; Councilman Gorman informed the council that the City may be able to asphalt the entire street in all of Pt. Hayden. Councilman Gorman had a conversation with MDM Construction, the Construction Company doing the work for North Kootenai Water District. Councilman Gorman informed the council that he had received a verbal quote from MDM Construction for \$50,000 to asphalt all of Pt. Hayden streets. The City has already committed to approximately \$29,000 for work to be done in certain areas of Pt. Hayden. This would be an extra \$21,000 and MDM Construction will fabric the entire road and asphalt. **Councilman Beck moved to approve the extra funds and move forward with the new proposal. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

NEW DEPUTY CLERK

Mayor Morris informed the Council that a new Deputy Clerk has been hired, her name is Lynn Gilbert and she was a former Deputy Clerk for the City of Osburn. She will be part time, working 2 days a week or less.

ADJOURN

With no further business for discussion, at 7:30 p.m. Councilman Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Gorman. The motion carried.

Nancy E. Morris, MAYOR

Lynn M. Hagman, CITY CLERK

