

CITY OF HAYDEN LAKE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the regular meeting of the Hayden Lake City Council to order at 4:00 p.m. Council members present were Tom Gorman, Bob Grant and Evelyn Meany. Councilman Todd Walker arrived late. Attorney Pete Bredeson, Phil Boyd from Welch Comer and Dick Pelton, City Code Enforcement Officer were also present as representatives of the Council. City Clerk Lynn Hagman Recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Visitors present at the meeting were John Charles, Blake Hintz, William Bentz, Jan Wingren, Jeff Lugar, Brooke Myers, Taite Petersen, Hailee Maus and Stephanie Dutson.

Councilman Gorman led the Council and citizens in the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA

Mayor Morris made two amendments to the agenda. The Public Hearing was moved to the end of the meeting due to Mr. Boyd not being present at 4:00 p.m. and the variance request was removed from the agenda. **With that Councilman GRANT moved to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment and the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2008. Councilwoman MEANY seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Grant questioned Attorney Bredeson on the letter he sent to County Attorney Pat Braden at the County regarding the City Impact Fees. Attorney Braden agrees that the City is allowed to collect impact fees within the Cities area of impact. Mr. Braden also agrees that the County is required to collect these fees. Councilman Grant voiced his concern with fees that should have been collected over the last year and weren't. Councilman Gorman questioned what will happen to the fees the City has not been paid. Mayor Morris asked Attorney Bredeson if the Council should meet with the County Commissioners.

Attorney Bredeson assured the Council that he and County Attorney Pat Braden will communicate and if necessary a Council member and one Commissioner may want to be involved. Councilman Gorman volunteered to attend a meeting with the Attorney's and a Commissioner present. Attorney Bredeson will report his findings at the next meeting.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Mr. Jan Wingren voiced his concern with the communication the City has with its citizens. He feels that the City web site needs to be kept updated more frequently to keep people informed.

Mayor Morris stated she would like to see a news letter sent out with information on the new Council and what is going on in the City. Mr. Wingren felt that email is a better way to communicate with the public. Mayor Morris voiced her concern with everyone not having email and certain notices need to be sent via regular mail. Councilman Grant explained that the City has only one office employee who basically does everything and suggested the City may want to contact the local High School to see if they would be interested in taking on the Cities web site as a project. A local high school student who was present at the meeting volunteered to check with his computer teacher and get back with the City Clerk.

MAYOR MORRIS

Mayor Morris has requested the Clerk to place Ordinance 222, an ordinance amending Hayden Lake Code on fences to the February 5, 2008 agenda. Councilman Grant suggested Mayor Morris appoint a committee to review ordinance amendments before they go to the Council. This would save time and money and Council agreed. Mayor Morris appointed Councilman Grant and Councilman Gorman to this committee and they will work with Dick Pelton, code enforcement officer and Clerk Lynn Hagman.

Mr. Wingren asked the Council if they had thought about annexing Timber Cr. Councilman Grant explained the previous conversations that the Council had about this and why it was not done. Several land owners between the City limits and Timber Cr. Were against annexation, therefore, the City did not annex.

RECESS AT 4:35 p.m.

RECONVENE AT 4:45 p.m.

Mayor Morris opened the public hearing on water rates at 4:45 p.m. Phil Boyd from Welch Comer was present to advise the Council and give a presentation on the rates and depreciation on the water system. The last rate review was done in Nov. 2007. Mr. Boyd explained how the analysis was done and how the depreciation was being funded. Water rates are reviewed every year with depreciation being reviewed every two years. The progressive rate structure the city uses helps promote conservation. Councilman Gorman questioned the depreciation in 2003 and the City having a deficit. Councilman Gorman felt that even with the rate increase there will still be a gap in the depreciation. Mr. Boyd explained that the depreciation monies were being held in interest bearing accounts which help and the water line would most likely never need to be replaced in its entirety.

Mr. Jeff Lugar, 5888 English Pt. Rd. owns a home on Easy St. and asked why the City could not bill by family size and what is excessive usage. Mr. Lugar has had a very large bill in the past and explained that no one lives in the home on a full time basis. He questioned Mr. Boyd on a process to look at an entire street for water usage.

Mr. Boyd explained that normal usage depends on the area, usually 10,000 to 20,000 gallons in a month is normal and 30,000 gallons would be excessive. Mr. Boyd informed the Council that he could look at Easy St. alone if they so directed him to. Mr. Boyd explained how to read the meter so Mr. Lugar could check that himself for a leak. Mayor Morris felt that a comparison would be difficult due to the different size of lots.

Two written comments were received and read into the record. Comments were from Mrs. Frank Buhler who is in favor of the rate increase and from Cherie Knudson who is against. Mayor Morris asked Mr. Lugar for his opinion and Mr. Lugar is in favor of the increase.

At 5:04 p.m. Mayor Morris closed the public hearing on the water rate.

Following discussion by the Council and review of Resolution #87, a Resolution to increase the water rates, **Councilman WALKER moved to adopt Resolution #87. Councilman GRANT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

JOBS PLUS

Phil Boyd addressed the Council regarding Jobs Plus and Kootenai County Perspective Boards. The focus of these Boards is affordable housing in Kootenai County. The Kootenai County Perspective Board would like to appoint Mr. Boyd to the N.I.S.K.I. Board. Mr. Boyd informed the Council that a letter asking for support of Mr. Boyd as a Board member may come to the City and he asks Mayor Morris and Council for their support.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Nancy Morris, MAYOR

Lynn M. Hagman, CITY CLERK