

**CITY OF HAYDEN LAKE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Council members present were Tom Gorman, Bob Grant and Chris Beck. Councilman Walker was absent. Attorney Pete Bredeson and Dick Pelton were present as representatives of the Council. City Clerk Lynn Hagman recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Visitors present were Matt Gillis from Welch Comer & Assoc., Eleanor Elliott and two high school students sitting in for their government class.

AGENDA

**Councilman Grant moved to approve the agenda for this meeting, seconded by Councilman Gorman. The motion carried.**

**Councilman Gorman moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes of April 6, 2010 and the invoices for payment. Councilman Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Matt Gillis from Welch Comer presented the council with options for traffic calming devices at the intersections of Strahorn Rd. and Miles Ave. and Strahorn Rd. and Hayden Ave. Option one is a roundabout, which is large and one of the most expensive solutions with a cost of approximately \$450,000. Option two would be turn lanes added with some possible islands. This gives the opportunity for a gateway to the city. The approximate cost for this would be \$50,000 to \$150,000.

The third option is called a chicane. This reduces speed and gives a landscaping opportunity. It does require right of way acquisition and island maintenance. The approximate cost is \$50,000 to \$150,000. The fourth option is a choker. This increases friction and is easy for large vehicles and emergency vehicles; however, the effect on speed is limited. The cost is approximately \$75,000 to \$180,000.

Councilman Beck questioned making Strahorn Rd. and Hayden Ave. a four way stop. Mr. Gillis felt it would be fine for the city to do this. Mr. Gillis would like to see traffic counts for this intersection before the four-way stop is installed.

Mr. Gillis explained the KMPO and informed the council that the KCATT is a sub-committee and they are calling for projects. Mr. Gillis recommended asking for the design and right of way funds first. Matt will submit for Miles Ave and it is a 7.34% match to the city. Councilman Beck question why the City of Hayden Lake isn't on the KMPO letter head with the other cities. Mr. Gillis will ask at the next meeting he attends.

**Councilman Gorman moved to direct Matt Gillis to apply for the grant for Miles Ave. Councilman Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## CITIZENS

Eleanor Elliott addressed the council regarding speed limit signs and flags on the signs. Mrs. Elliott thanked the city for the flag that was recently placed on the speed limit sign on Lakeview Dr. and requested another speed limit sign on Lakeview Dr. at the top of the hill. Councilman Gorman asked Mrs. Elliott if the sign would be for north bound or south bound traffic. Mrs. Elliott replied it would be for south bound traffic. Council will consider Mrs. Elliott's request.

## PUBLIC HEARING – PATRICIA NELSON VARIANCE REQUEST

At 4:25 p.m. Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the variance request by Patricia Nelson. One letter was received in favor the variance by Sheila Sayles. Mr. Bill Smith, architect for the applicant presented the variance to the council and explained what her hardship was. Mr. Smith stated that the hardship for Mrs. Nelson is the single car garage and she want to remodel in order to make the home sellable in the future. A previous variance was granted for a different design which was not a good design according to Mr. Smith so the variance was never used. Mr. Smith now has a new design and requests a new variance which would locate the addition in a better place as to not block golf course views.

Councilman Grant informed the council that the Code Review Committee reviewed the application and the room to be built will be placed on an existing concrete slab where there once was a room in the past. Council Gorman informed the council that he felt there would be less intrusion to the neighbors than with the previous variance granted. The Code Review Committee recommends this variance be granted.

At 4:36 p.m. Mayor Morris closed the public hearing on the variance.  
**Councilman Gorman moved to approve the variance with the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order. Councilman Grant seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed; Councilman Gorman, "aye", Councilman Grant, "aye" and Councilman Beck, "aye". The motion carried.**

At 4:40 p.m. Mayor Morris reconvened the regular meeting of the city council.

## NOXIOUS WEED

Clerk Lynn Hagman presented the County Noxious Weed Control contract to the council. The County will spray for noxious weeds in the park at no cost to the City. **Councilman Grant moved to approve the contract with the County, seconded by Councilman Gorman. A roll call vote was taken; Councilman Grant, “aye”, Councilman Beck, “aye” and Councilman Gorman, “aye”. The motion was carried.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Beck reviewed the financial report with the council and found it to be in order. **Councilman Beck moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Councilman Gorman. The motion carried.**

## POLICE REPORT

Councilman Grant reported on the dog issues in the Pt. Hayden area. The dog that reportedly attacked another has been taken care of.

## STREETS

Councilman Gorman stated that he is trying to move towards an overall plan for traffic calming and felt that a four way stop on Strahorn Rd. and Hayden Ave. would be agreeable. Councilman Gorman also suggested making Strahorn Rd. a one way road for the summer months on a trial basis. This would be a south bound road and striping and barriers could be used to delineate the one way. Councilman Gorman is also in favor of Mrs. Elliott’s request for another speed limit sign on Lakeview Dr. Councilman Gorman would like to have Mr. Gillis come and work with the City on installing gateway monuments and help develop a long term plan.

Mayor Morris voiced her concern with the trial one way on Strahorn Rd. Short term may be confusing and would striping and barriers be enough. Councilman Grant also voiced concern with the capital improvement plan as well as the signage and flags. Councilman Grant reminded the council of the capital improvement plan already in place. Councilman Grant stated that the part that was never completed were the bike paths. This still needs to be done before intersections. Councilman Grant felt the concern with speed is between the intersections and according to the traffic counts, Hayden Lake does not have a speeding problem.

Councilman Grant felt that the city needs to re-think the number of flags on the speed limit signs. Councilman Grant feels the flags are an eye sore and there are too many signs in the city. Councilman Grant would like to know if there is a code for number of speed limit signs and the spacing of them. Councilman Grant stated that the council should be extremely careful in regards to traffic calming devices. Councilman Grant felt that it may be the perception of the residents that someone is speeding due to the volume of traffic and not necessarily speeding.

Councilman Beck felt that there are a number of residents that are still concerned with traffic and speeding and their concerns need to be addressed. If it is perception by the residents, then maybe education would take care of their concerns. If it is speeding, other remedies may be needed.

Mayor Morris voiced her concern with making Strahorn Rd. a one way without inviting the City of Hayden to discuss their thoughts. Councilman Gorman stated that the City of Hayden does not invite the City of Hayden Lake to discuss that may have an impact on the City of Hayden, therefore, he feels the City of Hayden Lake does not need to inform the City of Hayden.

Councilman Grant questioned Mr. Gillis if the City could make Strahorn Rd. and Hayden Ave. a four way stop and see how it works. Councilman Gorman will get the traffic counts the city currently has and Mr. Gillis will review them as well as the pedestrian path on the capital improvement plan. Councilman Grant would like to know where and how many speed limit signs we should have in the city.

**Mayor Morris directed Councilman Gorman to work with Welch Comer on these issues.** Councilman Grant suggested possibly loaning out the radar gun to those concerned with speeding. Councilman Grant also suggested that flags and signs be discussed in council before being put up. Councilman Grant will speak with Chief Johnson about borrowing the County speed counter sign.

Striping was discussed and Councilman Grant would like to see fog lines and lanes that are 9 feet wide to help slow traffic. Miles Ave., Lakeview Dr., and Hayden Ave. will be striped. Strahorn Rd. will be done at a later date. Councilman Beck questioned if any streets would be chip sealed this year. Councilman Gorman informed the council that he had spoke with Joe at Lakes Highway District who stated that Hayden Ave. and Lakeview Dr. were done in 2006 and didn't need to be re-done yet. Councilman Gorman discussed chip sealing on the cities portion of Dakota Ave., on the south end and will get a quote from Duro-Patch.

Mayor Morris questioned if the bids on the North Kootenai Water Dist. project in Pt. Hayden had been determined. Councilman Beck informed the council that MDM Const. was awarded the bid for this project. Attorney Bredeson informed the council that he had received the MOU, memo of understanding, from North Kootenai Water District on this project and he will review it for the next meeting.

Councilman Beck suggested asking Matt Gillis how the city would safely implement the plan of a one way street on a temporary basis. Councilman Gorman will speak with Mr. Gillis about the design for the one way along with the other issues.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the council, at 5:25 p.m. **Councilman Grant moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Beck. The motion carried.**

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Nancy E. Morris, MAYOR

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Lynn M. Hagman, CITY CLERK