

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT COEUR D'ALENE CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene Library Community Room, November 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Mayor Bloem

Steve Adams)	Members of Council Present
Loren Ron Edinger)	
Deanna Goodlander)	
Woody McEvers)	
Dan Gookin)	
Mike Kennedy)	

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Gookin.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander to amend the agenda to include the executive session subcategory (a) to the agenda to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general to the agenda.

Motion Carried.

2013-2014 SNOW PLAN PRESENTATION: Street Superintendent Tim Martin presented the annual Snow Plan. He stated that the crew will be aggressive to avoid ice floors and continue hitting commercial areas, bus routes, and hills as priority areas. His estimated completion time for a storm occurrence is 38 hours. He clarified that they will not be plowing alleys. He asked that residents keep vehicles from the street during snow storms to aid in the removal process. He also stated that they are ready for large snow events or any other scenarios. The plan will be posted to the city's web site for those who would like to review it. He encouraged citizens to assist neighbors who need help. Additionally, Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of the Street Department inner workings. Councilman Goodlander thanked Mr. Martin for his continual improvement and his crew's hard work.

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger to move the Snow Plan item forward on the agenda. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE 2013-2014 SNOW PLAN

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Gookin to approve the 2013-2014 Snow Plan.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Gookin stated that the city-wide snow removal time moved from 50 to 38 hours over the years, and wondered what it would take to make that even less time. Mr. Martin stated that he believes it would take more operators; however, citizens are currently satisfied with the response time and there is a balance of cost versus concerns.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roy Wargie, Coeur d'Alene, stated that he is concerned about bicycles not obeying the traffic laws. He suggested the City Council implement bicycle licensing and require lights for those that ride at night. Councilman McEvers asked if Mr. Wargie has attended the bicycle committee. Mr. Wargie stated that he would try to attend the next meeting. Councilman Adams stated that the Pedestrian Bicycle Committee has worked to educate the community for years.

David Barger, Coeur d'Alene, expressed concerns regarding Agenda 21 and all employees upholding the constitution. He provided the Council with a summary of his concerns and asked that the City reverse any movement toward Agenda 21.

CONSENT CALENDAR: **Motion** by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for November 5, 2013.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for November 25, 2013 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. Approval of a Cemetery Lot repurchase from Tim Jones, Lot 76, Block V, Section RIV, Forest Cemetery.
5. Setting of a Public Hearing for December 17, 2013 for various fee increases.
6. Setting of a Public Hearing for December 17, 2013 for approval of the 2012 International Building Code with amendments, the 2012 International Existing Building Code, the 2009 Idaho State Plumbing Code, and the 2012 International Fire Code (IFC).
7. Setting of a Public Hearing for December 17, 2013 for O-2-13, Reduction of single family special use threshold.
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 13-055:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED CONTRACTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE INCLUDING APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF COEUR D'ALENE PLACE COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND MAINTENANCE / WARRANTY AGREEMENT; APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH J.U.B. ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE 2013/2014 WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; APPROVAL OF AN ACQUISITION / LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROWAND MACHINERY (JOHN DEERE) FOR TWO

NEW FRONT END LOADERS; AND APPROVING THE SURPLUS OF A 1992 CHEVROLET PICKUP, COATES TIRE MACHINE, AND OBSOLETE TIRES FROM THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Yes; Adams, Yes; McEvers, Yes; Goodlander, Yes; Gookin, Yes; Kennedy, Yes. **Motion carried.**

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Goodlander stated that there are two public art projects that have maquettes on display at the library. One project is for McEuen Park near the middle of Tubbs Hill in the park (not at an entrance of the hill), and the other that will be located near the old log yard near the wastewater treatment plan. Public comments are being sought at this time and will be used in the determination of the final chosen piece.

Councilman McEvers stated that Front Street is open from 6th to 7th Street and provides a good perspective of McEuen Park. Holidays are coming and he recommended adoption of a pet for the season if one is already considering a new pet.

Councilman Kennedy stated that Specialized Needs Recreation was awarded the Governor's Brightest Star Award in the organization category. He read the press release outlining the organization and why it was awarded this great achievement and expressed congratulations to their organization.

Councilman Gookin stated that he reviewed the financial status report included in the packet, which reflects one month into the fiscal year and found one item that was already at 100% entitled General Government. He contacted the Finance Director and found that this is a money transfer account and only for accounting purposes.

Councilman Adams stated that Mayor Elect Widmyer contacted him and they will be meeting next week. He asked that citizens feel free to contact him with their suggestions for him to discuss with Mr. Widmyer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Gabriel stated that the city team donated to the Kroc Center's "Families Feeding Families" event, which is a program that collects non-perishable food for families to have a holiday meal with the food bank providing the turkey. The City's donation will feed up to 96 people. The Atlas Well was tested last Friday and results were good. Water quality tests will be conducted next. The City's annual leaf pick-up program is in progress. City street crew are working their way north. Please do not put leaves in the street after the crews have completed your area, as leaves will be picked up only once. Expected completion will be before December 1st. If you have questions or need additional information, please check the website, streets.cdaid.org or call the Street Maintenance information line at 769-2233. With the extreme cold weather, St. Vincent de Paul's Warming Center will be open tonight, November 19th through Friday, November 22nd. Future nights will be extended as extreme cold persists. As the sub-25 degree temperatures continue, St. Vincent's shelter will always be open from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The Post Falls Shelter located at 202 W. 7th Street, behind the Post Falls St.

Vincent de Paul Thrift store, is able to shelter 65 individuals and will have available sleeping bags, blankets, gloves, stocking caps, coats, a full bathroom, warm food, and drinks. The St. Vincent de Paul "Soup Off" will be held Thursday, November 21 at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds with celebrity servers, including some city staff. Just a reminder that City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th, in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday. City offices will reopen on Monday, December 2, 2013. Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day. Crews are working to open some of the lower parking lot off of Front Avenue by November 27th, in time for the lighting parade and the holiday season.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2014/2015 FREIGHTLINER TANK TRUCK FROM FREEDOM TRUCK CENTERS, INC. FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

Mike Becker, Wastewater Utility Project Manager, stated that this item was on a tight timeline, as the 2014 trucks need to be ordered now, otherwise they would need to wait until the 2015 trucks are available. A delay would cause a high cost and a delay in receipt of the vehicle. Council approved the request for bids and surplus the old tanker truck as a trade in. One bid was received and staff recommends acceptance of the bid and allow staff to move forward with the purchase. This item was under the budgeted amount (which was \$120,000) by coming in at \$102,000.

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Gookin to approve the purchase of a new 2014/2015 Freightliner Tank Truck from Freedom Truck Centers, Inc. for the Wastewater Department. **Motion Carried.**

FRONT AVENUE PROJECT – 2ND TO 3RD STREET UPDATE

City Engineer Gordon Dobler stated that the Front Avenue design from 2nd to 3rd has been discussed several times. New information is being brought forward to include a donation from the Hagadone Corporation to enhance the improvements to the Centennial Trail through that corridor. He has met with the Centennial Trail Committee and they are in favor of the design. With the large donation there will be a ripple effect to the budget. He stated that he will bring back a budget amendment and move forward with a bid for construction in the spring.

Councilman Goodlander clarified that this is property from the resort through to 3rd Street along Front Avenue and requested Mr. Dobler show a drawing of the area/proposal. Councilman Gookin asked Mr. Gridley about the possibility of the PUD amendment coming before the Council. Mr. Gridley stated that Council should avoid questions pertaining to the PUD area as outlined in the green area on the drawing, as they would hear any appeals of the PUD amendment. Councilman Gookin asked if this design would come back to Council for approval. Mr. Dobler stated that this is conceptual, but the award of the contract would come before the Council after bids are received. Councilman Goodlander clarified the Resort's request to amend their PUD would go to the Planning Commission and, if it is not approved, they can appeal to the City Council. Mr. Gridley reiterated that anyone could appeal it to the City Council, not just the applicant. Councilman Goodlander stated that she is concerned that there will be conflict with the plaza area and Centennial Trail traffic, as it does not seem to have a connector. Mr. Dobler clarified that the Centennial Trail Committee was accepting of the design and clarified that there are ballards that will be removable on either end for delivery traffic (a 14' area), but permanent

ballards will be installed in the center. Councilman Gookin stated that people are currently using a circular parking area south of the clock tower and it seems to be removed in the drawing and wondered about policies regarding removal of public parking. Councilman Goodlander stated that there will be parking stalls removed on the south side of Sherman Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets to accommodate a right turn lane. Mr. Gridley stated that some of the property is outside of the PUD. Councilman Edinger asked how many parking stalls would be removed between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Mr. Dobler stated approximately 4 or 5 stalls would be removed. Councilman Gookin expressed concern that the City requires a certain amount of parking stalls be provided with new construction without an option to remove those stalls; however, it appears the City is doing that with this project. Mayor Bloem stated the loss of the parking spaces was previously discussed and reviewed as opening to the park and there are additional stalls in the structure and along Front Avenue. Councilman Gookin stated that the parking lot south of the clock tower is convenient and would be a loss. Mayor Bloem reminded Mr. Gookin that it is within the PUD. Mr. Gridley clarified that there is an amendment to the PUD that will go to the Planning Commission, not the design between 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Dobler clarified that this is the first time that the City has had a design for this area, as the donation from the Hagadone Corporation allows for design enhancements including landscaping maintenance. Councilman Goodlander asked if this will remain public right-of-way with the City maintaining it and providing the plowing. Mr. Dobler stated that level of detail has not been worked out yet and should be a part of conversations going forward.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR PLAN YEAR 2013.

Grant Administrator Sherri Wastweet provided a brief presentation of the amendments to the 2013 Action Plan for CDBG funding. Amendments included an increase in initial funding from \$243,000 to \$297,298; an increase in the Public Services/Community Grants budget line-item from \$22,567.00 to \$66,111.64 with specific awards to St. Vincent de Paul for rehabilitation to their Community Kitchen in the amount of \$36,000 and \$30,111.64 awarded to Trinity Group Homes for rehabilitation work to various low-moderate income (LMI) apartments owned and operated by Trinity; and an increase to the Emergency Minor Home Repair Program budget line item from \$40,000 to \$50,753.36. Ms. Wastweet stated that pursuant to HUD requirements the City published the notice of public comment period and public hearing on October 14, 2013. The public comment period was open from October 14, 2013 through November 15, 2013 and no public comments were received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Bloem called for public comments.

Troy Tymesen, Dalton Gardens, stated that this program is a great program and he knows the community members are also thankful for the program. He stated that this is a program that flies under the radar but is extremely helpful. He thanked the City Council for their stewardship of these community funds. Panhandle Area Council (PAC) is a great partner in getting projects done and managing the grant.

Mayor Bloem closed public comment.

DISCUSSION: Councilman McEvers asked about the sewer line EMRAP and who dug the trench shown in the pictures presented. Ms. Wastweet clarified that the homeowner had to uncover the line to determine the problem prior to his request for funds. Councilman Kennedy noted that Mr. Runkle from Trinity Homes was in the audience waving thank you. He also noted that Mr. Cook, the Executive Director of PAC, was in the audience and thanked the organization for its partnership. He specifically thanked Ms. Wastweet for her hard work and will support this item. Councilman Goodlander stated that she believes that PAC has been a good partner and her service on their board has been great. Councilman Edinger stated that it is good to have Greg Cook as the new Executive Director and back in our community.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to approve the Plan Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant Substantial Amendment. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion** by Goodlander, seconded by McEvers to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345 §(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need, §(c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; §(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

ROLL CALL: Adams Aye; McEvers Aye; Goodlander Aye; Gookin Aye; Kennedy Aye; Edinger Aye. **Motion carried.**

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, Deputy City Administrator, and the Finance Director. Matters discussed were related to labor negotiations, hiring, and pending litigation. Council returned to regular session at 8:34 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to approve the Separation Agreement with Sid Fredrickson. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Edinger, seconded by Adams that there being no further business before the Council that this meeting is adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renata McLeod, City Clerk