

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

November 17, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Library Community Room November 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Loren Ron Edinger) Members of Council Present
Dan Gookin)
Kiki Miller)
Steve Adams)
Woody McEvers)
Amy Evans)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Adams led the pledge of allegiance.

ACCESSIBILITY DURING THE WINTER PRESENTATION: Virgil Edwards with Disability Action Center Northwest explained the importance of proper snow removal during the winter. He noted that people often do not intend to move snow covering the accessible parking stalls, but they do and this is a violation of the Americans with Disability Act. He reminded citizens that everyone benefits from accessible routes. Angela MacDonald, Independent Living Specialist with Disability Action Center, explained that accessible routes being clear is a safety issue for all including those with small children and the elderly. She encouraged citizens to remove snow from the sidewalk in front of their homes to allow for accessible routes of travel and to call violations into the City's Code Enforcement Officer, Shawn Youngman, 769-2390. Local citizen Don Waddell stated that lack of snow removal is a safety issue and that those with mobility disabilities cannot use the businesses that do not clear the snow appropriately. If snow is placed in the accessible stalls at the beginning of the winter is easily turns to ice and remains there the rest of the season. The code requires property owners to remove the snow and they can be charged with a misdemeanor, but enforcement is not there yet. Mayor Widmyer reiterated that this is a good reminder for all to keep their sidewalks clear and expressed appreciation to the group for their message.

PROCLAMATION: DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 16, 2015: Mayor Widmyer proclaimed the week of November 16-22, 2015 as Diabetes Awareness Week. Hailie Velasco accepted the proclamation and explained that she is 9-years old and has Type 1 Diabetes. Over the past year, she has gone through 4,345 finger pokes, 1,200 injections, and 24 pump insertions. She noted that at the beginning of each meal she must analyze how much insulin she needs. Due to her Mom's knowledge, she noticed the symptoms before it got too

bad. She is hoping to raise money to find a cure. The Mayor thanked her for her information and her bravery.

TUBBS HILL FIRE PREVENTION PRESENTATION: Deputy Fire Chief Glenn Lauper explained the status of the Tubbs Hill access trail and noted that the City completed the plans to finish the last 1,100-foot section of fire road for connectivity on Tubbs Hill. This will aid in keeping the fires small and allow for quick response times. Parks Department staff has presented this idea to the Natural Open Space Committee and Tubbs Hill Foundation several times over the years. The fire road was included in the Natural Open Space Master Plan. Last September, the Tubbs Hill Foundation was given notice of the City's intent to build the road and the Foundation has endorsed the engineered plan for the road. Parks Superintendent Bill Greenwood presented a map of the access road area. He noted that the roadway would pass by the water tanks and connect into the existing roadway.

Councilmember McEvers asked if the water from the water tank is used to fight fires. Deputy Lauper stated that there are hydrants in the vicinity that would be used, not a direct connection to the tank. Mr. Greenwood explained that there is an opportunity to use a flat area near the tank to refuel trucks with water. Deputy Lauper stated that under the right circumstances, the hill could burn within two hours and this road would allow them to get there and keep the fires small. Councilmember Gookin noted that this project will begin soon and would like the message out to the public, so they understand what is occurring. He also asked how many trees have to be removed. Mr. Greenwood explained that they hope it will be less than twelve that are 6 inches or greater, but cautioned that until they get into construction they do not know for sure. Councilmember Gookin asked for an explanation as to why the road is needed if the City is purchasing a fireboat. Deputy Lauper explained that the fireboat will be able to cover the hill from the water up to 200 feet and that the road will provide coverage over 200 feet above the road. Councilmember Miller asked if this road would help with other public safety aspects of the hill such as responding to medical needs. Mr. Greenwood confirmed that it would be a benefit if someone was injured for emergency response access and law-enforcement related issues. Councilmember Edinger commended Deputy Lauper and Mr. Greenwood for getting this through the Tubbs Hill Foundation, as they are very protective of the hill.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by McEvers, second by Gookin, to approve the consent calendar.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for November 3, 2015.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for November 23, 2015 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. Approval of Beer/Wine License transfer from Chinese Gardens to China Inn; Wen Luo, Qin Li at 310 N. 4th Street.
5. Approval of Beer/Wine License to Paint CDA, LLC at 728 N. 4th Street (New).
6. Cemetery Lot Repurchase from Edward & Jean Holt; Lots 068 and 078, Block A, Riverview Section; Forest Cemetery.
7. **Resolution No. 15-063** - 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 APPROVING A PERMIT AGREEMENT WITH ROW ADVENTURES FOR ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE POINT FOR LAUNCHING KAYAKS FOR GUIDED TOURS; APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BROOKS SEAPLANE SERVICE, INC. FOR MOORAGE SPACE ON COMMERCIAL DOCK BAY 5.

8. Approval of Beer/Wine License transfer from Andiamo of CDA to ASLK, LLC; 1735 West Kathleen Avenue (Fairway Gas & Go)

ROLL CALL: Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye; Adams Aye; Edinger Aye.
Motion Carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Widmyer asked for the appointment of Bruce Hathaway to the CDATV Committee.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers to approve the appointment of Bruce Hathaway to the CDATV Committee.

DISCUSSION: Woody explained that Bruce used to be the camera operator for the cable channel long before it was CDATV and was one of the founding members of the CDATV Committee.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 SNOW PLAN – Due to a windstorm and emergency response needed by the Street Department, this item was continued to the next City Council meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF CANVASSED ELECTION RESULTS

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller to accept the canvassed election results as presented by Kootenai County and that the results be reflected in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried.

**Kootenai County
November 3, 2015
City & Fire District Election**

Coeur d'Alene City						
Precinct	City Council Seat #1		City Council Seat #3	City Council Seat #5		
	Loren Ron Edinger	Toby Schindelbeck	Dan Gookin	Steve Adams	Dan English	Bruce MacNeil
37	50	33	73	31	43	7
38	117	53	127	65	98	8
39	88	101	132	92	87	8
40	96	80	129	87	81	6
42	60	29	69	39	47	5
43	104	54	121	70	78	10
44	93	33	97	46	76	6
45	61	35	77	46	45	3
46	123	85	162	88	107	15
47	147	90	180	105	121	14
48	63	29	73	44	45	7
49	68	44	78	48	62	6
50	51	33	72	44	40	3
51	42	22	51	25	37	2
52	72	43	89	44	65	8
53	86	37	95	51	63	8
54	104	41	95	54	87	6
55	85	26	80	35	70	5
56	88	23	83	29	76	4
57	82	22	68	28	67	8
58	158	37	126	47	135	10
59	76	18	74	24	67	4
60	75	21	79	31	61	4
61	20	7	21	7	18	3
62	33	25	44	28	28	1
CdA ABS	1074	530	1245	586	927	100
CdA/CdA ANNEX ABS	15	8	19	8	14	2
Co. Total	3131	1559	3559	1802	2645	263

V-15-4- VACATION OF A TEMPORARY BICYCLE TRAIL EASEMENT IN THE RIVERSTONE PLAT.

STAFF REPORT: Engineering Project Manager Dennis Grant explained that applicant JHM Investments, LLC. requested the vacation of a temporary easement for a bicycle/pedestrian path. The Centennial Trail currently exists in its final location, so the temporary easement that encumbers two lots is no longer needed. Approving this vacation would allow the lots to be sold without the easement encumbrance. Mr. Grant noted that 11 mailings were sent out, with three responses in support of the request being received.

Mayor Widmyer called for public comments with none being received.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by Gookin to approve Vacation of a temporary bicycle trail easement in the Riverstone Plat.

ROLL CALL: McEvers Aye; Edinger Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye; Adams Aye; Miller Aye.
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 15- 064

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CITY FEES WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORT: Renata McLeod noted that the Council approved the outside employment of Police Officers at the November 3, 2015 meeting. The fee associated with this service would allow it to be a cost-neutral program to the city. Additionally, the department has been providing VIN inspection services and has never set a fee for that service. She noted that VIN inspection fees are charged at the same rate throughout the County. Fees proposed are as follows:

VIN inspection fee: \$5.00

Fee for service of Police Officers for security and/or traffic control:

- Patrol Officer: \$30.75 (2-hour minimum)
- Sergeants: \$43.05 (2-hour minimum)
- Lieutenants: \$55.35 (2-hour minimum)
- Processing fee per request: \$20.00
- Vehicle Use: \$20.00/4 hours (4-hour minimum per vehicle)

Mayor Widmyer called for public comments with none being received.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Adams to approve **Resolution No. 15-064** approving fees for the Police Department.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin expressed concern that the vehicle use fee was set low, especially if the Police were escorting someone around. Ms. McLeod explained that the most likely use of the program would be security at a building wherein the Officer would use the

vehicle to travel from the station to the location with the car remaining parked on site during the contract period. Councilmember McEvers asked for clarification regarding the police officer rate. Ms. McLeod explained that the rate is based on a median rate for officers, including benefits, and the assignment of an Officer, Sergeant, or Lieutenant will be based on who is available, not necessarily, what the applicant's desires are. Councilmember Miller asked if a request is made, is it mandated that the City provide the service. Ms. McLeod explained that it would be in the Police Chief's purview as to whether or not they have the staffing to provide the service.

ROLL CALL: Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye; Adams Aye.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Adams, that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Renata McLeod, City Clerk