

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

**March 1, 2011**

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 March 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

A. J. Al Hassell, III	)	Members of Council Present
John Bruning	)	
Woody McEvers	)	
Loren Ron Edinger	)	
Mike Kennedy	)	
Deanna Goodlander	)	

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

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was led by Pastor Dick Hege, Coeur d'Alene Bible Church.

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

**PRESENTATION – WATER RESEARCH INBRE (IDEA NETWORK OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE) PROGRAM:** Professor Rhena Cooper from North Idaho College introduced the students who reported on their research of water quality in area lakes and the river as it relates to the water quality. Andy, a student from NIC, reported on his research on Lake Fernan for dissolved oxygen and E.coli. NIC student Brianna compared water quality from the Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene Wastewater Treatment Plants and reported that all levels were within acceptable limits. NIC student Tom presented his research of water quality at Coeur d'Alene City Beach.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**McEuen Park Improvement Project – Public Vote:** Those speaking in favor of a public vote on the McEuen Park Improvement Project were Rita Sims-Snyder, 808 Front Ave; Julie Clark, 602 Pine Avenue; Sharon Culbreth, 206 Hubbard; Sharon Hebert, 4255 Wirth Drive; Ron Harwood, 9256 N. Maple St., Hayden, Idaho; Mary Comfort, 901 ½ N. 4<sup>th</sup>, Vermont Trotter, 512 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street; Steve Ayles, 2925 E. Packsaddle Dr.; Frank Orzell, 310 E. Garden; Richard Sherrell, 1308 Cd'A Ave.; Anthony Hall, 720 C Street; Jeff Anderson, 3660 Evergreen Drive; Mary Souza, 4153 W. Fairway Drive.

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

1. Approval of minutes for February 15, 2011.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. RESOLUTION 11-008: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING A NO PARKING ZONE ON FRONT STREET, WEST OF 7TH STREET AND ON 7TH STREET, JUST NORTH OF FRONT STREET.
4. Approval of cemetery lots repurchases from Carol Gregory and Roy Purcell.
5. Approval of beer/wine license for Java on Sherman at 324 Sherman Avenue.
6. Authorizing the Police Department to purchase patrol vehicles from Knudtsen Chevrolet and Lake City Ford.

ROLL CALL: Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Bruning to call for a 10 minute recess. Motion carried. The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

COUNCILMAN BRUNING: Councilman Bruning announced that volleyball camp registration began Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and will remain open until registration is full. Spring soccer registration is available March 1-10<sup>th</sup>. For more please contact the Recreation Department at 769-2250. He announced that Specialized Needs Recreation presents the Rhythm Dawgs, as a fundraiser dance to be held April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 with proceeds going to the Specialized Needs Recreation Program.

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Councilman Goodlander read a letter from Dr. E. R. W. Fox dated 12/12/97 which recalled the transition of McEuen Field and urged that McEuen Field be improved to serve the greatest good for the greatest number.

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Councilman Kennedy announced that the City Council will be meeting, for the first time, with Team McEuen to review the proposed park plan on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Parkside Towers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**APPOINTMENT – PED/BIKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bruning to appoint Marjorie Hern to the Ped/Bike Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced a thank you to the Street Maintenance Department and the Parks Department for their tireless efforts to clean up after “Storm Fast Eddy.” The next Legislative Town Hall Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in the Library Community Room. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Last Friday we had the pleasure of touring the new Kathy

Reed House at an Open House event. The Kathy Reed House is a 36 unit low income senior apartment building located at Howard and Neider Avenue right next to the Lynn Peterson House. Your local Arbor Day Committee announced the annual art contest to design a button for 2011 Arbor Day celebrations. Designs must be submitted by Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Karen Haskew at 769-2266. Spring is coming and two landscape care workshops have been planned for Friday, March 11th. They are designed for anyone who makes decisions about, or participates in, the maintenance of landscapes, from professional landscape contractors to church trustees or homeowners' association board members. Both workshops will be held at the Trailhead building at Q'emiln Park in Post Falls. A \$10 registration fee per workshop helps cover workshop costs. A workshop brochure and registration form is available on-line at [www.communitycanopy.org](http://www.communitycanopy.org) or call Katie at 208/415-0415. Teen videographers have the opportunity to win up to \$350 for their entries in Teen Film Festival 2011, with contests sponsored by North Idaho libraries and the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Videos can be submitted by individuals or groups, but participants must be age 13-18. Call the Coeur d'Alene Library for more information at 769-2315. There are two vacancies on the city's Noise Abatement Board. If you are interested in serving, please contact Susan Weathers at 769-2231 for an application. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Writers Competition at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library is underway for writers over age five can submit up to two entries in either the fiction or nonfiction prose category (no poetry please). The deadline for entries is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Entries mailed to the library should be postmarked no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>. I am pleased to report that last Wednesday a federal jury completely cleared the City and the three police officers involved in the City v. Aaseby case. This frivolous case was filed by Larry Purviance alleging that the City and several of its police officers violated his client's civil rights. The majority of the claims were previously dismissed by the judge and the few remaining claims, involving alleged use of excessive force, were resolved today. Last week, our Water Department sponsored a cross connection meeting with other purveyors and DEQ. One thing that was evident in that meeting was the excellent leadership role that City of Coeur d'Alene cross control program managers, Greg Schrempp and Gary Nolan. During the meeting the people from Rathdrum, Sandpoint, East Greenacres, North Kootenai Water, Hayden Lake Irrigation, Department of Environmental Quality, etc. all commented on how Coeur d'Alene is leading the field in backflow prevention.

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS ACTION PLAN FOR 2010:** Mayor Bloem read the rules of order for this public hearing. Councilmen Bruning and Goodlander declared a conflict of interest. Renata McLeod, Project Coordinator, gave the staff report.

Mrs. McLeod requested the Council to authorize the proposed amendment to the CDBG 2010 Annual Action Plan including the following:

- To allocate \$14,000 from the Community grant program that was not awarded as follows: \$10,000 to Whitewater Development for the Riverstone Apartment project and \$4,000 awarded to the Lake City Senior Center for a facility enhancement in support of the Meals on Wheels program.
- To reallocate funds originally set aside for a sidewalk project within the East Fairway area in the amount of \$27,006, as follows: \$25,000 to land acquisition of 102 and 106 Homestead Avenue; and \$1,006 added to the Administration line item, \$600 added to the

Low-to-Moderate-Income sidewalk line item, with the remaining \$400 added to the Lake City Senior Center public service line item.

Councilman Edinger believes that the funding of the Lake City Senior Center is a good investment.

Councilman Kennedy thanked Mrs. McLeod for her diligence on managing the CDBG funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Bloem called for public comments with none being received.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to authorize the amendments to the CDBG Fund 2010 Annual Action Plan as presented. **ROLL CALL:** Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Abstain; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Abstain. Motion carried.

**RECESS:** Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Hassell to recess this meeting to March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Parkside Towers for a joint workshop with the McEuen Steering Committee. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Weathers, CMC  
City Clerk