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

JANUARY 2, 2019

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, January 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor
Woody McEvers ) Members of Council Present
Amy Evans )
Dan Gookin )
Dan English )
Kiki Miller )
Loren Ron Edinger ) Member of Council Absent

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Widmyer called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor Tim Remington with the Altar Church provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember McEvers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Mayor requested the appointment of Brinnon Mandel to the ignite cda board.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by McEvers, to appoint Brinnon Mandel to the ignite cda board. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin, to approve the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the December 18, 2018 Council Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2018 Public Works Committee Meeting
3. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
4. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
5. Setting a Public Hearing for January 15, 2019 for V-18-09, Vacation of a pedestrian access, the 10’ strip of land known as Lot A, Block 2 of Bentwood Park Third Addition to the City of Coeur d’Alene
6. Setting a Public Hearing for February 5, 2019 for A-2-18: A proposed annexation of 2.50 acre annexation from Agricultural Suburban to R-1 zoning district, located at 3655 E. Fernan Hill Rd and 4151 E. Fernan Hill Rd, fronting the north side of N. Fernan Hill Rd, being tax parcel #4952 Applicant: Dave and Yvonne Palmer
7. Approval of a final plat for SS-18-14c, The City Lofts
8. **Resolution No. 19-001** - Approval of surplus police radios and the donation of such to the North Idaho College L.E. Program.

**ROLL CALL:** Gookin Aye; English Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT TO BUILD A NEW SHARED-USE PATH IN THE NEWLY ACQUIRED ATLAS WATERFRONT AND A SECOND APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN MAINTAINING COEUR D’ALENE’S EXPANDING TRAIL SYSTEM.**

**STAFF REPORT:** Trails Coordinator Monte McCully requested approval to apply for a grant for a shared-use path construction within the Atlas Waterfront property. He noted that in the 2008 Coeur d’Alene Trails and Bikeways Masterplan included a potential corridor for a bike path in the property that formerly housed the Atlas Mill. The 2017 plan update recommended the future trail be the main route of the Centennial Trail and suggested connections in the area to other trails. The City and ignite cda purchased the railroad right-of-way in 2014 for the purpose of ensuring public access and trails in the area as future development occurred. In 2017, the City purchased the entire 47-acre parcel to add public water access to the proposed trail system. This grant would help fund the trail going into the parcel with ignite cda contributing the remaining costs. The grant request would be in the amount of $106,000 with $200,000 contributed by ignite. Mr. McCully noted that the higher the match the more likely the grant would be funded, which is why ignite cda agreed to pay a higher match portion.

In regard to the equipment grant, Mr. McCully noted that in 2018, three more miles of paths were added on Seltice Way and in 2019, three more will be added to the maintenance schedule when ITD rebuilds the US 95 trail. The City of Coeur d’Alene mows, sweeps, conducts snow removal, and repairs 23-miles of trail within the City’s 52-mile trail system. To keep up with growth, the Parks Department will need additional equipment in order to maintain the trails. The equipment to be covered by the grant includes a Bobcat, mower, snow blower and blade, with a total approximate cost of $75,000. The grant would provide $60,000, with funds from the Parks Department savings from a new bucket truck purchase last month to cover the remaining $15,000 match.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin asked for clarity regarding the proposed Atlas trail location and if it were going to cover the trail through the Douglas property. Mr. McCully explained that the Atlas plan is still conceptual and that engineered drawings would be coming through Council for approval later. The grant funds will be used for the trail up to the Douglas property, not through it. Mayor Widmyer asked what the timeline is for the grant award. Mr. McCully noted that approval would occur in May; however, funds would not available until August. Councilmember McEvers asked for clarification regarding acquiring more ITD trails. Mr. McCully confirmed that the City would only be willing to take over the trails after ITD rebuilds them. Councilmember Gookin asked about equipment already owned by the City that could do the same work. Mr. McCully noted that the proposed piece of equipment would have
more ability for attachments and would be able to handle more industrial-type work than the existing Kubota equipment.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by Evans to approve the Parks Department to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant to build a new shared-use path in the newly acquired Atlas Waterfront and a second application for the purchase of equipment for use in maintaining the City’s expanding trail system. **Motion carried.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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ATTEST: Steve Widmyer, Mayor

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Renata McLeod, CMC, City Clerk