

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

November 3, 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 3, 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:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Adams.

**ROAD SCHOLAR CERTIFICATIONS PRESENTATION:** Laila Kral, PE; LTAC T2 & Safety Manager, explained that the LTAC program provides training and technical assistance to highway jurisdictions throughout Idaho. The Road Scholar program requires 10 classes equal to approximately 80 hours of class time to complete. She announced that two city employees have completed the Road Scholar program and presented Robert Royce and Jon Broemmeling with their certificates. The next certificate is the Road Master program, which requires another 80 hours of instruction. She presented a Road Master Certificate to City employee Mike Cummings. She thanked the Council for supporting the program. Mayor Widmyer congratulated the employees on their accomplishment.

**HEALTHY CHOICE PROGRAM PRESENTATION:** Firefighter Dylan Clark and Captain Steve Jones stated that they are proud of the Healthy Choice Recipe book they put together for School District 271. They received assistance from Ed Ducar, Director of Nutrition Services at School District 271, and Shelly Johnson, University of Idaho Family and Consumer Science Educator, through the "Let's Move" initiative. They all want to encourage kids to be healthy and active and thought providing the Firefighters as role models is a good start. This program was funded through SNAP funds. The recipe books will be distributed to all of the School District 271 elementary schools and the group will give presentations to all 5,500 kids in the District. Additionally, they have created calendars to be sold with proceeds going back to the School District for future play equipment and other active program needs. Ms. Johnson explained that she has worked in the extension office for 16 years and has worked to educate families on preparing healthy meals at home. She has seen better foods offered for lunch with the District. They are promoting white milk this month, as a healthy alternative to chocolate and as the year progresses they will focus on promoting fruits and vegetables. Mr. Ducar mentioned that he recently had students husk fresh corn that was served in the cafeteria and that

they recently used carrots with the tops on them, which some kids had never seen. He said that this goes back to improving the “Let’s Move” program. Councilmember McEvers complemented them on a good job. Ms. Johnson explained that cookbooks were going to be distributed through School District 271 but citizens can contact the fire department for additional copies. The calendars are available at the Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor thanked them for their hard work and complemented them on a job well done.

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

1. Approval of Council Minutes for October 20, 2015.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for November 9, 2015 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. **Resolution No. 15-061-** 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 AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE SEVEN (7) PATROL VEHICLES; AUTHORIZE BID REJECTION – SINGLE SOURCE TOWING PROVIDER – AUTHORIZATION TO REBID; AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH LEGENDS SPORT PHOTOGRAPHY FOR SERVICES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018.

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

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Gookin mentioned that the annual leaf pickup has started by allowing citizens to put leaves in the street; however, pick up will not begin until November 16, 2015.

Mayor Widmyer announced that Boy Scout Troop Pack 228 was in the audience this evening to listen and learn about government.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3526 COUNCIL BILL NO. 15-1027**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 8.36.100 LITTERING, 8.36.130 DUMPING, DROPPING OR DEPOSITING OF MATERIALS AND 9.44.060 CURFEW PENALTIES TO BECOME INFRACTIONS; PROVIDING REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**STAFF REPORT:** Deputy City Attorney, Wes Somerton, explained that the 2015 Idaho Legislature changed the penalties for littering and curfew violations from misdemeanors to infractions. The City of Coeur d’Alene City Code currently notes violations for littering and curfew as misdemeanors, which needs to be amended to infractions.

**MOTION:** Motion by Adams, seconded by Evans, to pass the first reading of **Council Bill No. 15-1027**.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin asked if there were any other violations that could be reduced to infractions. Mr. Somerton expressed concern with taking too broad of a look at the codes, as the City would need to make sure that the long-term impact still gets the needed results. He said that the initial review was based on the impact to the public defense system, as misdemeanors qualify for public defense and infractions do not. Councilmember Miller asked if there were discussions with law enforcement regarding the reduction of misdemeanors to infractions. Mr. Somerton explained that those are on-going conversations and that these sections needed to be amended to be compliant with Idaho Code.

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

**MOTION:** Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans, to suspend the rules and to adopt **Council Bill 15-1027** by its having had one reading by title only.

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

**APPROVAL OF OFFICERS TO ENGAGE IN OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT AND SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2015 TO ESTABLISH A FEE.**

**STAFF REPORT:** Police Chief White requested that the Council authorize Coeur d'Alene Police Officers to engage in off-duty employment and requested that Council authorize City Staff to set a public hearing regarding the fee for this service. He explained that the Police Department receives occasional requests for officers to participate in non-traditional policing duties. Many Police Departments across the United States allow members to perform limited job duties in an off-duty capacity, in uniform, in an effort to meet this need. Examples include security for Black Friday events or traffic control, which would be upon approval from the Chief's office. Chief White believes this program would be cost neutral to the City, as he would charge a rate that would include the officer's base rate, cost of benefits, administration of the program, and vehicle use. He believes the management of the program through his office will work best and noted that this is supported by ICRMP.

**MOTION:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by Adams approving the Police Department moving forward with a program to engage off-duty employment of Police Officers and set a public hearing for November 17, 2015 to establish fees.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember McEvers asked if this program would increase overtime costs or cause rescheduling of officers' shifts. Chief White explained that the policies would include the Chief approval and that he would ensure that it does not affect staffing. Councilmember Gookin asked about City liability. Chief White explained that the officers are acting within the employment of City and he would include some waiver of liability.

**Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-062**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH CHRISTIE WOOD.

**STAFF REPORT:** Police Chief White explained that Sgt. Christie Wood has elected to retire on December 16, 2015. Although the Public Information Officer (PIO) duties currently performed by Sgt. Wood will be passed along to other members of the Department, a few weeks of shadowing Sgt. Wood cannot replace her years of experience. He is seeking approval to pay Ms. Wood up to \$24,000 over three years to assist the Department and the City of Coeur d'Alene in media and public relations duties.

**MOTION:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by Miller to approve **Resolution No. 15-062;** approving an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Christie Wood.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember McEvers asked for clarification regarding using two people to replace one. Chief White explained that one officer is a school resource officer and one an investigator. He feels that the job requires responsiveness to the Press and that multiple people should cover the position. Councilmember Miller asked if the Officers would receive additional public relations-type training. Chief White confirmed that they are scheduled for training in Spokane and several others as they become available. Mayor Widmyer stated that Ms. Wood has been a tremendous employee and has worked all over the community including service on the School Board, Trustee of North Idaho College, and the Human Rights Task Force. He believes she will continue to be heavily involved in the community.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Steve Widmyer, Mayor

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Renata McLeod, City Clerk