

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

November 4, 2014

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 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: Administrative Pastor John Lynn from Heart of the City Church provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Adams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Kinsel, Coeur d'Alene, stated that is concerned about pedestrian safety on 7th Street from Lakeside to Harrison Avenues. Specifically, she is concerned with the intersection at Foster Avenue due to emergency service personnel and large amounts of traffic. She requested the Council make it a priority to address 7th Street traffic and preserve the neighborhood.

Councilmember Gookin stated that he is on a committee charged to look at traffic calming devices within the City and will be looking at options throughout the community and funding options.

John Tappero, Coeur d'Alene, stated that the City's anti-discrimination ordinance is a violation of the state constitution as it exempts only ministers and not those with religious beliefs that are in opposition of the Ordinance. He agrees that this should be resolved at a higher level and asked the council to rescind the Ordinance.

CONSENT CALENDAR: **Motion** by McEvers, seconded by Edinger to approve the consent calendar.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for October 21, and 28, 2014.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.

3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for November 10, 2014 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. Setting of a public hearing for December 2, 2014 for the Adoption of the 2012 International Residential Code, 2012 International Energy Code, 2012 International Mechanical Code, and 2012 International Fuel Gas Code.

As recommended by the Building Services Director

5. Approval of a Beer and Wine License for Mc Staggers, LLC; David Priano, located at 318 W. Haycraft Avenue (New).
6. Approval of **Resolution No. 14-046** 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 THE WAIVER OF COVERED LOAD REGULATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH THE 30TH FOR THE ANNUAL CITY LEAF PICK UP; APPROVING THE ANNUAL DOWNTOWN CARRIAGE RIDES ON SATURDAYS NOVEMBER 29, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2014 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00P.M.; APPROVING SS-7-14, RIVERSTONE WEST SILVER: FINAL PLAT, SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT, AND SECURITY; APPROVING THE SURPLUS OF A 1986 BRUSH TRUCK TO ELK RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH XO COMMUNICATIONS; APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH TRIO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EAST TUBBS HILL ACCESSIBLE TRAIL PROJECT; APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH WELCH-COMER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE BELLE TERRA TUNNEL ENGINEERING STUDY; AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ROWAND MACHINERY FOR LEASE OF A GRADER.

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

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Edinger reminded citizens to get out and vote tonight.

Councilmember McEvers stated that last Friday the city held Power Point training for staff. He thanked Andy Finney for providing the training and Jeff Crowe for his support.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Stated that Wayne Knutson was a very vital part of the community over the years and expressed his condolences to the family for their loss.

Mayor Widmyer asked for the confirmation of the appointments of Woody McEvers, Mark Browning, Bruce Hathaway, and Clare Dumont as the Student Representative, to the CDA TV Committee.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Evans to appoint Woody McEvers, Mark Browning, Bruce Hathaway, as committee members, and Clare Dumont as the Student Representative, to the CDA TV Committee. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Interim City Administrator Troy Tymesen shared that the Police and Fire Department personnel joined in on the Halloween spirit downtown and passed out treats to hundreds of little ones dressed up in every costume imaginable. The city's Parks and Recreation Department has completed a month-long \$35,000 renovation project at the Jewett House. Work at the historic senior recreation center on East Lakeshore Drive included widening the driveway to accommodate emergency vehicles and senior center vans, painting of all the interior of the first floor and restoration of the wood flooring on the first and second floors and stairway. A new heating system was also installed and the greenhouse was painted by sorority members from Washington State University with supplies provided by the city's Water Department. An anonymous \$50,000 donation provided funding for the \$35,000 in upgrades. The remaining \$15,000 will be used for future upkeep, including exterior painting. Pictured is Marla Lake, Jewett House Manager. He announced the selection of Hilary Anderson as the City's new community planning director. Ms. Anderson, currently the planning and economic development manager for the City of Post Falls, will assume her new position on November 24. For the past three years Hilary has performed professional and advanced planning work involving administration, advanced research and analysis, and presentation of information and recommendations of long-range planning and economic development issues in Post Falls. Mr. Tymesen announced that the annual leaf pickup will begin November 12th and that citizens can begin placing their leaves in the street. This program will aid in over 1,700 tons of leaves being removed, which prevent phosphorous from entering the lake. The holiday season is approaching bringing wonderful events and memories for our community members. Sadly, some in our community do not have the basic necessities, let alone the opportunity to feel the joy of Christmas. This year, as in year's past, officers from the Coeur d'Alene Police Department, Post Falls Police Department, Kootenai County Sheriff's office, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police, Kootenai County fire & Rescue, Rathdrum Police Department, Spirit Lake Police Department, Idaho State Police, Spokane County Sheriff's Department, Spokane Valley Police, and numerous employee volunteers are proud to join together and participate in the "Holidays and Heroes" program. Police officers and firefighters volunteer their time to make this event special and are happy to work in partnership with businesses, civic groups, and citizens in the surrounding area to make a disadvantaged child's Christmas a little bit brighter. Holidays and Heroes is now accepting cash donations and food items that can be dropped off at the participating law enforcement agencies. The City has an opening for a student representative on the City of Coeur d'Alene Parking Commission. Nearly 12 years ago, the Coeur d'Alene City Council passed an ordinance allowing youth representation on City Commissions, Boards, and Committees. Service on these boards gives students an unprecedented opportunity to learn about city government, special projects, and community needs. If you are interested in serving as a student representation, please call Amy Ferguson at 666-5754 for an application form. Several events will be held at the Library during the month of November including the showing of teen movie "Maleficent," Novel Destination programs, a personal finance course, and the NIC Film Club. For more information visit the library website at cdalibrary.org or call 769-2315. Members of the Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers Association (ICCTFOA) elected Renata McLeod, City Clerk for the City of Coeur d'Alene, as their new District 1 Director for 2014-15. McLeod was elected and took the oath of office on September 19th during the ICCTFOA Institute in Boise. The ICCTFOA was formed to increase the professionalism of its members; improve city administration; advance the fullest measure of responsibility in local government; and to cooperate with federal, state and local agencies, the Association of Idaho Cities, Idaho

universities, and other organizations to upgrade the efficiency of city government. There is a new question on CityPoll: “Do you take advantage of free city leaf pickup?” Each month, a CityPoll question is posed on the city’s website so the city can learn how the community feels about a particular issue. Responses will be reviewed by city staff and changes will be used in leadership strategic planning as guidance to assure we are offering the best possible services to our citizens. Additionally, Coeur d’Alene Mayor Steve Widmyer has established a direct telephone line for callers to leave a comment, idea or concern. To leave a message 24/7 with the mayor, call 769-2220, extension 503, or visit the city’s website and click on the icon shown on the screen.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-047

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERMAX NETWORKS FOR INTERNET SERVICES TO ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS.

STAFF REPORT: IT Network Administrator Kirk Johnson explained that this contract will be a savings from the current expenditure of \$950 a month to \$220 a month. He mentioned that Intermax has a line within McEuen Park and presented a cost that will provide the City with substantial savings.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin asked for clarification regarding the City-owned fiber connecting into a private provider and how Intermax was able to get into the park. Mr. Johnson explained that Fat Beam and Idaho Regional Optical Networks are the only other providers that have fiber that could be utilized. They have a local loop fee and did provide a quote for services. The best quote came from Intermax and he confirmed that this is a fiber-to-fiber connection. Mr. Johnson also explained that the Intermax fiber in McEuen came in as a donation and was accepted by the City council on June 3, 2014.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Miller to approve **Resolution No. 14-047** approving an Agreement with Intermax Networks for Internet Services to all city departments.

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

PRESENTATION: POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING NEEDS AND FUNDING SOURCES

Mr. Tymesen and Police Chief White reiterated that the Police Department did not receive the anticipated Federal grant that would have funded three patrol positions. Chief White stated that Police staffing is determined by the number of calls for service, crime rates, and population size. Chief White explained that adequate staffing would allow for officers to use their time for calls for service, officer initiated activities, and administrative tasks. Recent data reflected that officers spent as much as 94% of their times on calls for service. He reported that this evening there were three calls that needed immediate officer assistance, in which a Patrol Sergeant and Lieutenant had to respond to the domestic violence call and the other two calls had to wait. He

stated that the Police Department would need to hire at least 12 officers to meet the minimum standard of offenses per officer. Chief White provided a review of crime rates compared throughout the state with Coeur d'Alene. He reviewed several options for reducing the need for immediate service such as educating the public regarding reducing calls for service, internet report filing, and establishing a minimum staffing level. Mr. Tymesen reviewed the expected grant amount, and clarified that the City is seeking to fill \$118,110 for the remainder of the fiscal year in order to hire three officers. He explained that there is an expected savings from PERSI through the Firefighter Retirement Fund (FRF). Since they have had such a high return on investment and the cities throughout the state have replenished the fund, the PERSI contribution rate will be 5% effective January 1, 2015. This will be a cost savings to the City of \$431,342 annually. Therefore, he is recommending use of the FRF contribution savings toward the cost of the new officers.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked for clarification regarding responding to pending calls being delayed and utilizing Sergeants and Lieutenants to respond. Chief White stated that the supervisors have to perform the management function rather than acting as higher paid patrol officers. Councilmember McEvers asked how volunteers are utilized to fill the gaps in service. Chief White explained that the volunteers provide an enormous resource and would like to increase the number of volunteers. Councilmember Miller asked for clarification regarding the two review groups mentioned regarding call levels and staffing. Chief White explained that they are committees that include representatives of the police association and supervisors. These groups will look at current and historical data to determine the critical number of officers needed for any shift any day of the week. For example, they will review the needs of dayshift in February versus July, Monday nights versus Friday nights, and make recommendations. Councilmember Edinger asked how many officers are needed. Chief White stated that 16 Officers would be needed, as he believes there will be additional efforts to reduce crime and that number should be reevaluated annually.

Councilmember Gookin asked if any other departments are looking to spend those funds. Mr. Tymesen stated that the Fire Department would be looking to use those funds. He confirmed that the public safety bond will include the construction of Fire Station No. 4 and that the FRF was intended to fund Firefighters. Councilmember Evans asked if there were any other options. Mr. Tymesen clarified that there are no other income streams expected. Councilmember Adams asked what the current Fund Balance is and why couldn't it be used to fund the patrol positions. Mr. Tymesen stated that it is approximately \$6 Million, and that next year those funds will be used to pay the ongoing expenses of these officers. Additionally, the Fund Balance will be used for the purchase of railroad right-of-way acquisition that was not in the original financial plan. Councilmember Adams stated that the question for Council is whether or not they should put property purchases over public safety. Mayor Widmyer clarified that the land will be a short-term loan from the utilities that will be paid back with annexation fees over time. He clarified that this is a short-term need and that the expense reduction is available to aid in funding these officers. The longer term need is to plan for Fire Station No. 4 and reiterated that at this year's strategic planning meeting, public safety was a priority. Councilmember Gookin stated LCDC does impact the city budget by approximately \$3 Million dollars a year, which would be able to fund officers. He offered to meet with the Mayor and Mr. Tymesen to seek additional items to come up with funding for these officers. Mayor Widmyer stated that Mr. Tymesen has come up

with a plan that would work and it would be good to act on a plan tonight. Councilmember Gookin asked Fire Chief Gabriel for his ideas for potential funding of officers. Chief Gabriel stated that quite a few years ago they were able to see an increase in capital through their General Obligation Bond. Receiving the bond eliminated the need to go to the General Fund and was done knowing that they would come back for another bond in 10 years. Since that time they have increased their funding from Impact Fees and planned to utilize FRF savings for staffing of Station No. 4. Mayor Widmyer asked when Station 4 would be online. Chief Gabriel stated that it would be approximately 2 years and confirmed that there would be an impact down the road to potential Station 4 staffing. Mayor Widmyer stated that future expenses and revenues are unknown and that there is a potential for another decrease in the FRF participation.

MOTION: Motion by Adams, seconded by Gookin to use the savings from the FRF contribution decrease to hire the three officers this fiscal year. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked if the City has ever used grant funding in the budget before. Mr. Tymesen clarified that the City does and often includes the match for grants in the budget. Councilmember Edinger stated that he believes taking this money from planned future Fire Department needs will need to be made up when Fire Station No. 4 staffing is needed. Councilmember Gookin stated that when the time comes he will support the staffing needs for Station No. 4.

NOMINATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR JAMES HAMMOND

Mayor Widmyer gave his nomination for filling the City Administrator position as James Hammond and asked for a motion of confirmation from the City Council.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers to confirm the appointment James Hammond as the City Administrator. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION: Edinger and Mayor Widmyer thanked Interim City Administrator Troy Tymesen. Mayor Widmyer welcomed Mr. Hammond to the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Edinger to enter into Executive Session as provided by Idaho Code 67-2345 § (c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency and § (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; Miller Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye; Edinger Aye. **Motion carried.**

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, Interim City Administrator, and City Attorney. Council returned to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renata McLeod, City Clerk