

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO,  
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM  
August 4, 2009**

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 August 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

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

John Bruning	)	Members of Council Absent
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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

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

**PRESENTATION – HEROISM AND BRAVERY AWARD:** Both Police Chief Longo and Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel presented a “Heroism and Bravery Award” to Jody Burns who was recognized for heroism and bravery for his role in saving the life of Michael Brandt.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP Dan Gookin, 714 W. Empire, urged the Council to take a 0% increase in the City’s upcoming fiscal year. He commented that since property taxes has shifted from owner occupied residential homes to commercial property it places an undue burden on these commercial property owners.

IRONMAN AWARD: Andy Emberton, 3483 Lookout Drive, Coeur d’Alene, presented a plaque to the City of Coeur d’Alene on behalf of World Triathlon Corporation, who hosts the Coeur d’Alene Ironman Triathlon in appreciation for the excellent service provided by the City. Mayor Bloem commended Andy for his work as race director.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilman Goodlander and Bruning declared a conflict of interest for some items on the Consent Resolution.

1. Approval of minutes for July 21, 28, 2009.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively.

3. RESOLUTION 09-032: 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 AN AGREEMENT FOR FUEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH COLEMAN OIL COMPANY; CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH SHANNON INDUSTRIAL FOR THE STORMWATER PUMP STATION PROJECT.
4. Approval of beer/wine licenses for Sherman Junction Restaurant at 819 Sherman Avenue and for the Locker Room at 6055 N. Gov't Way.
5. Setting of public hearing for V-09-3 (vacation of a portion of Sorbonne Addition) for September 1, 2009.

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

#### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

COUNCILMAN MC EVERS: Councilman McEvers announced that the Parking Commission has an opening for a business owner in the downtown business district and an opening for a city resident.

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY : Councilman Kennedy announced that the City received \$307,000 for a traffic signal at Kathleen Avenue and Howard and thanked the Engineering Department for their efforts in obtaining this grant.

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Councilman Goodlander announced that the General Services Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. beginning August 10<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, this past weekend she volunteered at the Art on the Green as part of the Arts Commission who had the maquettes on display of the proposed artwork for East Sherman. She noted that the Arts Commission will be making a final decision on the artwork at the end of this month. She also noted that she volunteered for the Library Foundation at the Muddy and Millie booth as part of the Downtown Street Fair.

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Councilman Kennedy asked the City Attorney to explain why the City will not release first names along with the employee's positions and pay as requested by a Boise resident. City Attorney replied that per I.C. 9-340C it specifically prohibits the disclosure of an employee's gender which the first name would reveal. He further explained that the release of information such as gender must only be done with the written consent of the employee. Councilman Kennedy asked how the City could be more proactive in responding to these types of records requests. City Attorney Gridley responded that some cases brought before judges can be quick and simple and in this case it would be going before a judge to make a determination of the interpretation of this specific Idaho Code. Councilman Edinger asked if any employee in the City has asked to not have their first name released to the public. Mr. Gridley responded not at this point. Councilman Edinger then asked if someone came in off the streets and asked to speak to the City Attorney, would the staff person call him "M" Gridley or would they call him

Mike Gridley. Mr. Gridley responded that this would not be a public records request. Councilman Hassell commented that in today's environment of identity theft, that by providing a person with an employee's name you are providing these criminals with the employee name, their wage and their employer. Mayor Bloem summarized that that the City had made a determination and the requestor has a remedy to the City's interpretation and additionally the City can request the legislators to amend the Idaho Code. Mayor Bloem also noted that although the City has been accused of trying to hide something, she noted that the City is simply abiding by the legal opinion of our City Attorney.

**APPOINTMENTS – PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE COMMITTEE:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to appoint Beverly Moss to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced that the Mayor's Institute will be held August 11-13<sup>th</sup>. The City was selected to be a part of this Institute and will have the opportunity to receive concepts as a guide for future planning and development of the higher education corridor which extends from Riverstone through East Sherman. She invited the public to participate in this process on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 4:45 – 6:00 p.m. at the Library Community Room and then there will be an open house/presentation of the findings on August 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. in the Library Community Room. Mayor Bloem noted that these two meetings will be televised. Mrs. Gabriel listed the activities that will be conducted at the Library during the month of August which includes Game Day with Wii games, author brown bag event, and a Mudgy and Millie Family walk. The St Vincent DePaul H.E.L.P. Center is up and running in the former Library building. Fire Danger is high so open burning within the City is closed unless you have a burn permit issued by the Fire Department and added that no fires and no smoking are allowed on Tubbs Hill and in City Parks. The City received a \$500,000 public safety grant to fight drugs and gang activities. Another grant was received by the Police Department in the amount of \$728,625 which will allow the Police Department to hire 3 additional police officers.

**PRESENTATION: NORTHWEST QUADRANT SEWER CAPACITY**

**ANALYSIS:** Sid Fredrickson, Wastewater Superintendent, presented the results of the Northwest Quadrant Sewer Master Plan Evaluation and Updates. He explained that council authorized the study a number of months ago as they had anticipated significant changes in housing densities. J-U-B looked at all of the various scenarios for the quadrant. In evaluating the established areas, they have seen a change in densities that will result in up to a 26% increase in flows. Areas such as the Landings development, Coeur d'Alene Place apartment complexes and tri-plexes, Hanley Avenue townhouses, Mill River, Seltice Way, Riverstone, Kroc Center, U.S. Forest Service, Atlas Road Industrial Park, the Huetter Addition, and the City of Huetter are all seeing much higher densities and a larger than anticipated increase in flow. Critical surcharge areas were identified, which represent "build out" conditions. System capacity will not be exceeded until these areas are fully developed. Mr. Fredrickson said that if the City elects to build-

out per the worst case scenario, any changes in land use beyond the assumptions used in the analysis increase the amount of surcharge in the identified critical reaches and could result in sanitary sewer overflows.

Mr. Fredrickson explained that “surcharge” means over-full or over-capacity. He further noted that the over-capacity would be in the sewer pipe and not the sewer treatment plant, and that the sewer treatment plant capacity would be reviewed during the facility planning process. Mr. Fredrickson also said that they have been focusing their efforts on the Northwest Quadrant because that is where all of the growth is occurring.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Hassell, seconded by Kennedy to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345, Subsection B: To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; and Subsection F: To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss legal ramifications of and legal option for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently like to be litigated.

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

The Council met in Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator and City Attorney.

Matters discussed were those of personnel and litigation. No action was taken and the Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger that, there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Weathers, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk