

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,  
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM  
OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

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

Mike Kennedy                    ) Members of Council Absent

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

**INVOCATION** was led by Pastor Charles Musonda, House of Prayer.

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

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

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

1. Approval of minutes for October 4, 2011.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. RESOLUTION 11-036: 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 ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING RETENTION OF VIDEO RECORDINGS OF OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES PUBLIC MEETINGS; APPROVING S-1-05.M.1 – ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS WITH WARRANTY AGREEMENT FOR RIVERSTONE 3RD ADDITION; APPROVING THE ANNUAL WAIVER OF COVERED LOAD REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN M.C. 8.36.130 FROM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011 FOR THE ANNUAL FALL LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ATLAS ROAD AND KATHLEEN AVENUE FOR A FUTURE PRODUCTION WELL SITE; AND APPROVING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
4. Approval of Bills as submitted and on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
5. Approval of cemetery lot repurchase from Rodney Joki.
6. Approval of beer/wine license for Dangerous Dog at 108 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
7. S-9-06 – Final Plat Approval of Meadow Ranch, 1<sup>st</sup> Addition.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

COUNCILMAN EDINGER: Councilman Edinger announced the next prescription drug turn-in day to be held at the Coeur d'Alene Library will be October 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Councilman Goodlander thanked the Arts Commission and Tammy Smith for their many hours of work on the Mayor's Arts Award program. She also announced that E-books are now available through the Library.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARDS APPOINTMENTS:** Motion by Bruning , seconded by Hassell to re-appoint John Kelly and Warren Fisher to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee, re-appoint Katie Saylor to the Library Board and appoint Stefan Chatwin to the CDA TV Committee. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced that the CDA TV Committee has scheduled this year's Candidate Forum for Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> , in the Library Community Room. The forum will be aired live over Channel 19 and then streamed to the City's web page. Live airing times are as follows: City of Hayden 4:30-5:00 p.m.; City of Cd'A 5:00-6:30 p.m. The Candidates forum will re-broadcast throughout the days until election. City of Cd'A will stream the city's forum on our web site [www.cdaid.org](http://www.cdaid.org). The Coeur d'Alene Police Department and the city's Enough is Enough Committee are sponsoring a "Prescription Drug Turn-In Day" on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Prescription Drug Turn-In will be open from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in front of the Coeur d'Alene Library, 702 E. Front Avenue. PLEASE NOTE: Only medications will be accepted – do not bring syringes or biohazards. Congratulations go to the City of Coeur d'Alene's Urban Forester, Karen Haskew on receiving the Municipal Arborist Award from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arborists. Last month at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, the City Stormwater Division and the Parks Department launched a new program called "Canines for Clean Water." This program addresses dog waste and importance of dog owners to clean up after their pets. Mayor Bloem received the Planning Leadership Award from the American Planning Association. A tip from the city's Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee: To cycle more comfortably in rainy or cold weather, wear layers of clothing that you can peel off and put in a backpack or saddlebag when you start to warm up from the exertion of riding. Fenders are a great accessory to keep water from the bike tires off your clothing. The Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeking artists for public art in three vehicular round-a-bouts in the "Education Corridor." Information packets are available at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue, or online at [www.cdaid.org](http://www.cdaid.org). Artist proposals are due by 5:00 p.m., November 24, 2011. Artists with questions are encouraged to contact Steve Anthony, Arts Commission Liaison, at 769-2249. The Coeur d'Alene Library has been awarded a grant of \$13,500 from the Fred Meyer Fund. The money will be used to improve library services to children and young adults including additional materials and e-books specifically for children and teen readers. Monday, November 14, 2011 marks the start of the City of Coeur d'Alene annual leaf pick-up program. Please be sure to keep leaves on your property until Monday, October 31, 2011. Please rake your leaves and pine needles about one foot away from the gutter/curb line to allow for water drainage. Leaves will be picked up only once. Please do not put leaves in the street after city crews have completed your area, and do not include bagged leaves, branches, rubble, or refuse. Due to weather conditions, equipment malfunctions, and unforeseen

circumstances, city crews are unable to provide a precise schedule of where leaf pick-up will take place. Pick-up will start south of Sherman Avenue and move north. Completion is expected by Wednesday, November 23rd. If you have any questions or need additional information please check the website <http://streets.cdavid.org> or call the Street Maintenance Information line at 769-2233. Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the signal at Hubbard and Northwest Boulevard will be activated. Mrs. Gabriel reported on the dike road issue: She is awaiting confirmations from two more citizens to serve on the citizen Ad hoc Committee and once confirmed, the group can begin to work to address the issues of the the Army Corp of Engineers' mandates regarding the dike road tree removal. Also, staff has sealed some cracks in the dike wall and removed some heavy brush but no large trees have been removed.

**PUBLIC HEARING – APPEAL OF DENIAL TO REMOVE TREE AT 1042 E. YOUNG AVE.:** Mayor Bloem read the rules of order for this public hearing. Karen Haskew, Urban Forester, gave the staff report.

Ms. Haskew gave the applicants name as Michael Schmidt, and the reason for the request as an appeal of a denial to remove the horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) tree within the right-of-way at 1042 Young Ave.

She noted that the Urban Forestry Ordinance requires that the Urban Forestry Committee (U.F.C.) members inspect tree removal permits and make recommendations regarding removal according to specific criteria. Mr. & Mrs. Schmidt, owners of the property at 1042 Young Ave requested removal and replacement of the abutting horse chestnut tree because tree roots are disturbing the sidewalk and to give the two remaining trees more room to grow. The subject horse chestnut tree, is the middle of three trees at this location, is in good health and fair to good condition. There is some minor rot in a fork of the tree and it has been pruned poorly in the past. In addition, roots have been cut for the installation of an irrigation line. The tree has 90-95% live crown. There are a few dead branches that should be pruned from the tree. Minimal root pruning would be needed for sidewalk repair. The average score for the tree was -14, insufficient for a removal permit (an overall score of -40 is needed for removal).

Ms. Haskew noted that the tree is healthy and is providing value to the street and neighborhood. Sidewalk problems can often be solved by some root pruning and modification of the sidewalk. In addition, the condition of the tree could be improved by sanitation pruning (removing dead branches).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Michael Schmidt, 609 E. Sherman Avenue, #202, soon to move into 1042 E. Young Avenue, believes that the existing trees have nearly overgrown the small area between the street and sidewalk, that the tree is split down the middle and not in good health, and that the density of the trees along the front is such that very little sunlight makes it through to allow for any meaningful lawn or undergrowth. He highlighted his research on the horse chestnut trees and what he believes are problems with these trees. He also noted that this tree is not on the preferred trees species list for the City. He commented that if this tree is allowed to be removed they would place three trees along 11<sup>th</sup> street.

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger to approve the appeal and allow the removal of the horse chestnut tree at 1042 E. Young Avenue with the condition that three trees on 11<sup>th</sup> street will be planted. ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Hassell, seconded by McEvers to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345 : 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: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye;. Motion carried.

The session began at 6:45 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator and City Attorney.

Matters discussed were those of litigation. No action was taken and the Council returned to regular session at 7:32 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Hassell, seconded by McEvers that, there being no further business before the Council, this meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned 7:32 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Weathers, CMC  
City Clerk