MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO, HELD AT COEUR D’ALENE CITY HALL NOVEMBER 6, 2007

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 Hall November 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bleom Mayor
A. J. Al Hassell, III ) Members of Council Present
Dixie Reid
Loren Ron Edinger
Deanna Goodlander
Woody McEvers

Mike Kennedy ) Members of Council Absent

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was led by Pastor Ron Hunter, Church of the Nazarene.

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

PRESENTATION - STUDENT ATHLETE RECOGNITION: School Superintendent Harry Amend introduced the three coaches from the three teams who had 100% participation in the random drug testing program at the two high schools.


Coach Randy Astin, announced that the participants from the Coeur d'Alene High School Girls Junior Varsity Soccer team are: Jamie Meredith, Katie Robinson, Sarah St. John, Haley Hollenbach, Kaitlyn Nearing, Alex Jacobson, Miranda Fox, Jayden Suttlemyre, Christina McCullough, Jessica Ball, McKenna Yetter, Hanna Kender, Chloe White, Vanessa McKeeken, Alisha Buechler, Christine Woeller, Meghan Ward, Emily Choesesman, Charlotte Fyhr, Sydney Kohles and Shelby Flaherty.
Coach Jennifer Bassett, representing the Lake City High School, announced that the following students from the Varsity Cheer Squad participated in the drug testing program: Kendi Atteberry, Natalie Brown, Michelle Butterfield, Lindsey Clausen, Ashlin Cox, Jenna Hall, Heather Holton, Mitchell Kennedy, Elise Logan, Mara Makinson, Lauren Ong, Raelynn Petersen, Elissa Raynor, Christina Rolfe, Brittnay Sampson, Ashley Sampson, Michaela Starnes, Brianna Sullivan, Faith Thompson and Kelsey Tibbitts.

In closing, Superintendent Hammond thanked Councilman Reid for the tremendous amount of work she has done to educate the public on drug and alcohol abuse issues in our youth and the work she has done on the Enough is Enough Committee.

Councilman Reid also thanked Pastor Tim Remington and Steve Walsh from the Character Council for their partnership in this program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
STAFF INTRODUCED: Wastewater Superintendent, Sid Fredrickson, introduced the newest member of his team, John Dearth who is the Laboratory Supervisor and Pretreatment Coordinator for the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant.

PERSONS FIELD: Jody Teeter, 1320 Pennsylvania, requested that the City maintain Person’s Field as a park. She noted that although Person’s Field is listed as a Special Use Field in the Parks Master Plan, she urged the Council to work with the School District to acquire their half of the Person’s Field to maintain the entire area as a park. She believes that if anything is done at this site that the neighbors should be notified first.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Reid, seconded by Edinger to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
1. Approval of minutes for October 16, 24, 2007.
2. Setting the Public Works Committee and General Services Committee meetings for Tuesday, November 13th at 4:00 p.m.
4. Approval of additional funding of $14,000.00 for the Atlas Trail Extension Project.
6. Approval of cemetery lot transfers from W. J. Trueblood to Donna Landes and from W. J. Trueblood to Sally Miles and then to William G. Miles.
7. Approval of cemetery lot repurchase from Cara Lynne Ann Finney.
8. Approval of Findings and Order for Amendments to the zone change requirements at 702 N. 4th Street.

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

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:
COUNCILMAN HASSELL: Reminded residents that today there is a City General Election and there is still time to vote.

COUNCILMAN MC EVERS: Presented a video of the newly dedicated Public Safety Training Facility has funded through the voter-approved General Obligation Bond.

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Thanked Councilman McEvers for his work on providing this video and all his work on CDA TV. She also noted that the public's use of the new Library is increasing every day.

APPOINTMENT - CHILDCARE COMMISSION: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Goodlander to accept the appointment of Linda Falk to the Childcare Commission. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: City Administrator Wendy Gabriel reported the following: In recognition of Veteran’s Day, City Hall will be closed next Monday, November 12th. Tuesday, November 13, 2007, marks the start of the city’s annual leaf pick-up program. Crews start in the south end of the city and work their way northward until completed. Completion is expected by Wednesday, November 21st. If you have questions or need additional information please call the Street Maintenance Department at 769-2233. Daily morning updates will be provided to you on KVNI Radio (AM 1080). The draft Parks Master Plan is available on our website. Click on the link on the main page at www.cdaid.org. The Police Department’s Executive Assistant, Nancy Cota, received the Soroptimist Women’s Forum “Woman of Distinction” award on Friday for the public service category. Police Officer Crystal Miller received the Domestic Violence prevention award for the Coeur d’Alene Police Department last Friday. On October 30th, the PD hosted a thank you luncheon organized by Sgt. Christie Wood to honor and thank the Police Department volunteers. Each of the volunteers honored have over 500 hours of service to the Police Department. Special thanks to Bud Arce, Joe Barrett, Paul McGraw, Jeremiah Halbert, Carolyn Cross, and Judy Blankenship! We still have a crew assisting with the devastating fires in California. Lt. Bob Shovald and Firefighter Joe Weihart have been working the Santiago Fire in Riverside County since last Friday. That fire is 90% contained and we expect them to be released this weekend. We have heard from folks at the fires and they commend the crew for their diligence and hard work. They are representing the City proudly. October statistics for the new library are simply amazing. Over 29,037 people came through the doors – a 57% increase over October of last year. Checkouts of books, CDs, DVDs, computers, electronic databases and more
totaled over 53,000 – a 61% increase over last year. Over 40 groups used the three meeting rooms and library staff issued 1119 more library cards.

ORDINANCE NO. 3321
COUNCIL BILL NO. 07-1043

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 8.06.020 TO DEFINE FIRE RESTRICTIONS AT CITY OWNED NATURAL OPEN SPACES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

STAFF REPORT: Parks Director noted that although there is a ban of open fires of any sort on our natural parks area, the code does not include smoking, and so staff is requesting that the codes be amended to include prohibiting smoking in these areas.

Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Hassell to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 07-1043.

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

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Reid to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 07-1043 by its having had one reading by title only.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3322
COUNCIL BILL NO. 07-1044

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, REPEALING SECTION 5.08.160 AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 5.08.160; GENERALLY PROHIBITING OPEN CONTAINERS OF OR CONTAINING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS TO THAT GENERAL PROHIBITION; FURTHER PROHIBITING CONTAINERS OF OR CONTAINING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHETHER OPEN OR NOT FROM PUBLIC PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS THERETO; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

STAFF REPORT: Parks Director reported this is a request that the City has had for several years in which alcohol be allowed in certain parks. Regarding Riverstone Park, it
was determined that staff could control the consumption of alcohol at this park. The permit would be for a specific time and location and would include security for the event.

Motion by Goodlander seconded by Hassell to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 07-1044.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Edinger noted that Mr. Eastwood commented that this is an “experiment” and wanted to know what other sites the Parks and Recreation Commission might recommend. Mr. Eastwood responded that the Jewett House would be the next site requesting the consumption of alcohol. Councilman Hassell noted that the only other area that the Parks and Recreation Commission thought they might request was the Jewett House.

Councilman Reid commented that we just gave certificates to our students for abstaining from alcohol and now we are opening up our parks for the use of alcohol. She recalled that when they removed alcohol from the Park they received a lot of criticism including comments that the City would not have anyone in their parks. Today our parks are full. She voiced her objections and concerns in once again allowing alcohol consumption in our Parks and questions the City’s liability.

Councilman Goodlander believes that the City should give this experiment a try. Councilman Hassell believes that this is also about personal responsibility and believes that the City should go ahead with this experiment.

ROLL CALL: Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, No; Edinger, No; Hassell, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodlander, seconded by McEvers to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 07-1044 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, No. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION - HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: Renata McLeod, Project Coordinator, presented a power point presentation of the action plan for the CDBG funding that the City will be receiving. She outlined the proposed budget for the approximate $300,000 that the City would receive from HUD. Councilman Goodlander noted that the City’s Building Department is issuing building permits within 3 days. Councilman Hassell noted that the funding is an estimate and it is contingent on the Federal Government continuing this program each year. Councilman Edinger asked if the budget can be changed if we find we need more funding for sidewalk repair. Mrs. McLeod noted that there is a process we can go through to amend our budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Reid to recess this meeting to November 13, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers and then to
November 14, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. for a joint workshop with the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan K. Weathers, CMC
City Clerk