

CITY OF MOYIE SPRINGS MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 4TH, 2017

City Council met in regular session January 4th, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Moyie Springs City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Chad Farrens. Present were Councilmen Terry Johnson, Tim Narvaez, Public Works Supervisor John Nelson, Fire Chief Ken English and City Attorney Dan Featherston

Signed In: Ginger Perrenoud, Joe & Linda McClure, Dennis Weed, and Oliver Andrews

Prior Minutes Approval: Mayor Farrens asked to waive the approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Heather Andrews and seconded by Tim Narvaez to waive the minutes of the prior meetings December 7th and December 27th.

Current Financials Approval: Chad Farrens asked the Council to review the current financials. Mayor Farrens asked for comment or questions on the current financials. It was discovered, after some confusion, that the wrong report was given as it was a quarter report and not the current monthly financials. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser printed out the current months financials and handed them out to the Council to review. A correction was noted that the \$1680.00 in Hook-Ons was in error and should be with the income for Extra Hook-Ons. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser explained that the extra hook-on fees came from the additional hook-ons of \$30.00 for each additional hook-ons that are on a single meter, as this occurs in the duplexes and trailer courts. Tim Narvaez asked John Nelson regarding the snow plow repairs. John Nelson said that he had just picked up the metal today. Mayor Farrens commented on there being a little more snow plowing this year. John Nelson said more than the last three years. Heather Andrews asked about the water and sewer income. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser said that the sewer fees were just from the downtown area. Tim Narvaez asked about over 90 days water & sewer accounts. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser updated the Council on those accounts. A motion was made by Heather Andrews and seconded by Terry Johnson to accept the current financials with noted corrections on for the Extra Hook-ups from December 2016. Motion carried.

EDC: Dennis Weed talked about the AT&T tower in the Moyie Springs area and the needed for all to call AT&T's and voice their wish for the tower to be completed and in service. He said that the more people requesting the service would hopefully get AT&T to activate the service sooner than later. He said that there was a huge customer base extending to the Curley Creek area. Heather Andrews asked who they should call. Dennis Weed said AT&T's customer service. Heather said that she has no service as a customer where she lives in Moyie Springs. Dennis Weed said that he has reached out to AT & T from the EDC, but needed individuals to do as well. He hopes that the tower will allow service from Moyie Springs to Montana. He said that he has made headway talking to them from EDC. Heather Andrews said that the customer base calling would help and that she has a big voice and will let everyone she knows to call in. He thought that knowing more people might be signing up for the service would encourage AT & T. Dennis Weed said that he would keep everyone up-to-date on the progress.

Dennis Weed met with the County Commissioners, City of Bonners Ferry and with Jesse from Mountain Waterworks. He reported that that are looking into the regional sewer plan between the City of Bonners Ferry, City of Moyie Springs and the Three Mile area. They are looking into grant funding hopefully half from DEQ and possibly half from USDA, and if not USDA the other 50% from the County for the engineering fees involved with the research. He said that the Letter of Intent will be sent to DEQ for the grant monies this week. He said that it would

encompass the City of Moyie Spring, the Three Mile area, all the way to the City of Bonners Ferry. The grant will not happen till July, and once we have the grant Mountain Waterworks will work on a proposal. Mountain Waterworks might have to do something different for the City of Moyie Springs as to the current sewer situation. They are looking to keep the rates for the sewer basically the same \$45.00 to \$50.00. The City of Bonners Ferry is almost at capacity too, and having issues with DEQ as well as EPA; so it will be a regional approach. Tim Narvaez asked if they are wanting to get away from discharging into the river. Dennis Weed said Yes, so it will be a regional approach. Heather Andrews asked if then would be one request and not each separate entity. Dennis Weed said that going to regional grant wise would increase the money available as it assistants goes up astronomically with the joint effort. Tim Narvaez then asked how the City makes sure that DEQ knows that the City of Moyie Springs is tied in with this. Dennis Weed explained that was in the Letter of Interest. Mayor Farrens said that DEQ was going to deny our letter of for finalization, and that they wanted us to rewrite our letter; but that they had called the office and we explained that the City was seeking an alternative solution , and that the City was going to be working with this regional plan with the other two entities. Tim Narvaez said more specific how do we as a City let DEQ know that the City is on board with this regional plan. Dennis Weed said that as a motion the City would agree as a Council to be included in this regional plan, and that Jesse from Mountain Waterworks would be including the City of Moyie Springs in the LOI for grant monies for a regional plan to include a regional encompass of both cities and the county. Mayor Farrens said that is why the City needs to be on the same page with the sewer system solution. Dennis Weed said that at the City of Bonners Ferry Council meeting last that they had agreed to be in the same regional plan. Heather Andrews said that she would like to make a motion that the City of Moyie Springs work in conjunction with the City of Bonners Ferry and the County with the Three Mile area for the regional sewer facility, and Tim Narvaez seconded. Roll Call: Heather Andrews, Aye; Terry Johnson, Aye; Tim Narvaez, Aye. Motion carried. Tim Narvaez asked then if any further correspondences with DEQ can we just refer to the motion we just made. Mayor Farrens said that we had talked to DEQ and we had to explain the letter to them. They did not understand and thought we were not doing anything, and we had to explain that we were looking at a regional sewer system as an alternative plan. They understood the letter after we went thru it with them over the phone. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser said that she needed to talk to DEQ tomorrow and tell them that the Council was on the same page and pursuing the regional plan. Tim Narvaez asked if we needed to send a letter to DEQ stated that the city had agreed to this. Mayor Farrens agreed. Heather Andrews made a motion and Terry Johnson seconded to send a letter to DEQ that the City was going with the regional plan. Motion carried. Dennis Weed said the LOI was being sent to Dan Dinning to sign off on for the County. He said he was unsure if the City of Bonners Ferry and the City of Moyie Springs would be on it. Heather Andrews said that a letter to the County Commissioners needed to be sent stating that we agreed to be in the regional plan. Tim Narvaez asked if the Three Mile area had created a district yet. Dennis Weed said not at this time but the Commissioners would. John Nelson questioned if they had talked to the Three Mile Water District. Dennis Weed said that it had not been brought up to the Three Mile Water District Board yet. Heather Andrews made a motion and Tim Narvaez seconded to send a letter to the County Commissioners on the motion and acceptance to be in a regional sewer plan with them and the City of Bonners Ferry. Motion carried. Mayor Farrens asked if the plan would start next fall. Dennis Weed said that the grant money would not become available till July 1st.

Mike Baker: No update at this time. Mike Baker said that he would bring in better house plans for his residence. Mayor Farrens asked if he had brought any plans in. Heather Andrews said there needs to be a timeline. Tim Narvaez asked if we had sent a letter. Dan Featherston had written a letter of what the City was requiring. John Nelson said that we have talked to him in person several time. Mayor Farrens said that we needed to know.

Dave Volking: No update

129,000 Truck Permit: Mayor Farrens reported that Chris Pease from Idaho Forest Group is trying to setup a truck with the 10 axles to do a trial run on January 13th, 2017. He will let us know times. John Nelson said it would start at the turn from Highway 2 onto Roosevelt Street to the Mill and run a couple of trial runs. Heather Andrews asked if it would be loaded. John Nelson said that it would not be, as it was not a permitted street. Tim Narvaez asked if we should have a sign for the No un-muffled brakes; even if we do not have an Ordinance as we have no law enforcement to enforce on the exhaust noise, and if we should incorporate this sign as well, as part of signage request to ITD, along with the reduced speed limit to 45 mile an hour speed limi. I've been doing a lot of road driving, thousands of miles and I've seen a lot of signs in a lot of cities with no ordinance numbers; but have the un-muffled brakes prohibited. If that can become part of this, it's on a state highway, the state can enforce it and they know we don't want it and that gets the burden off of us for enforcement. Mayor Farrens said we could put one up at the City limit sign, along with the 45 MPH sign. Tim Narvaez said that with No, enforcement. It's about an unwelcome engine brake. It's been made clear to us we can't do it because we can't enforce it. Included this with the state and now it's enforced. You call a state trooper. Mayor Farrens said that we couldn't put an Ordinance on it. John Nelson said that it is a State Law and could use the State code on it. Heather Andrews said that she would make a motion to put a sign for No Un-muffled brakes one on each side coming into the City. Tim Narvaez seconded. Motion carried. Joe McClure said that we should get a hold of the State and ask them to put the sign regarding the state code on un-muffled breaks. Heather Andrews asked about the weight on the 129,000 truck permits. John Nelson said that they have 10 axles, and that it is not overweight, as much as a over length permit. Mayor Farrens said that the weight is spread out over the extra axles. He said the speed limit reduce to the 45 MPH is to help with the truck size, and that Susan Keibert was helping with the request of the speed limit lowering on Highway 2 in the city limits of Moyie Springs.

Volunteer Fire Report: Ken English asked if the Fire Truck was ready. John Nelson said that the Fire Truck was back in the Fire House and running. He said that it is running way better than it used to. He also said that the radio communication was not as yet and there were manuals he needed to go through. Ken English thanked John for all his effort and work. Fire Report on December 3rd- Ambulance Assist on Plum Street; December 7th - LEPC Meeting; December 14th - Ambulance Assist at the Moyie Store; December 22nd - Ambulance Assist on North Elk; December 27th -Wreck at Mile Post 69.25, Rollover; and December 28th - Ambulance Assist on Cherry Lane. It was fairly busy this month.

Water & Sewer Report: Total pumped for December 2016, 4,762,400 gallons. High day was the 3rd - 204,900 gallons - Low was the 23rd -99,000 gallons even - Averaged was 158,746 gallons a day. We only had one water meter that froze twice and broke it. We've been pretty lucky that way. Tim Narvaez questioned why the meters would freeze. John Nelson said that probably not enough water going thru them. Tim Narvaez commented on the roads looking good. Heather Andrews said that the Roosevelt hill off of Division Street had been sanded good.

Miscellaneous Business: Mayor Farrens addressed the Written Comment Letters received after the Public Hearing on the Sewer System. Heather Andrews thought we should send Thank You letters to the people that had given written comment and let them know the direction the Council was proceeding with. Tim Narvaez suggested that we put a note with the next billing to all the residents to thank them for the advice and concern at the public hearing and to also let them know the direction that the Council is considering. Heather Andrews made a motion and Tim Narvaez seconded to put a note in the water and sewer statements this month thanking

and letting the City know what direction the Council is considering and that we will keep them informed. Motion carried.

Tim Narvaez said that he had done some research in regards to recording minutes that will transcribe as it records. He said that the City should consider microphones for the Council and one for the other participants to be able to record clearly. They range in price and sophistication. He said that the Mayor would have to have a controlled meeting for it to work. Dennis Weed said that he thought that other City Councils used them, and that they used a podium for participants to stand at when speaking. Ginger Perrenoud suggested a mike that could be passed around. Terry Johnson said that it would have to be a very controlled atmosphere to work. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser said that she would look into it.

Heather Andrews asked about the letter regarding the dog complaint. Donna Wilson-Funkhouser said that she had received several complaints regarding a residence on Cherry Lane, and that she had tried several times to reach someone by phone and had not been able to reach anyone or able to leave a message. She said that she had sent the letter and a copy of the animal Ordinances to the residence.

Health Insurance quotes: Donna Wilson-Funkhouser had given the Council some information on health insurance for the Council to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Accounts Payable: Mayor Farrrens asked for questions and comments on the current accounts payable. Terry Johnson made a motion, and Tim Narvaez seconded, to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Terry Johnson made a motion, and Heather Andrews seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Attest: City Clerk