

City Council Minutes

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

July 11, 2011



Public Hearing: FY 2011 Appropriation Amendment

Public Hearing opened at 7:02 pm

Mayor Jardine outlined the purpose of amending the FY 2011 appropriations. Increasing the annual appropriation for unanticipated revenue & expenditures will increase the City's budget authority to match the unanticipated revenue & expenditures.

Call for questions = none; public comment: For = none; neutral = none; against = none.

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Pledge of Allegiance with roll call by City Clerk Lenz

Mayor: Rex Jardine; Council President: Matt Berry; Councilmember: Tom Abbott, Gloria Hoopes, & Bucky Matkin; Bart Birch, City Attorney; Citizens: Hope Strong – Valley Citizen

Consent Agenda

- **Amend Agenda** according to IC 67-2343:
 - Due to the short work season, and the number of entities involved, associated with anticipated street paving, **Matkin moved to add discussion of an engineering contract with Williams Engineering for replacement of the water line on 5th Street between Perry & Leigh Avenues. Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
 - After discussion, **Matkin moved to approve signature authority for Mayor Jardine to enter into an engineering contract with Williams Engineering for the proposed water line replacement on 5th Street between Perry & Leigh Avenues. Berry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Minutes:**
 - June 13, 2011, Regular Meeting
 - **Abbott moved to accept the minutes as presented. Hoopes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - June 20, 2011, Pre-termination Hearing
 - **Abbott moved to accept the minutes as presented. Matkin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **May Claims and Revenue**
 - **Abbott moved to accept claims and revenue as presented. Berry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - Water/Sewer Delinquencies reviewed by account number only.

Old Business

- **EECBG: LED Street Lights (Daren Sudweeks)**
 - Mr. Sudweeks was not able to attend. Beta testing an LED light on the pole at the SE corner of Main & Jackson. Resident comment is that the light is "much brighter" than the old sodium light.

- PWD Smaellie reports that the light was “easy to install”; requests for quotes will be sought if the EECBG extension is granted.
- No action at this time.
- **City Hall Remodel: 3D Decker Bid**
 - Discussed funding for remodel above the EECBG & USDA available funds. Consensus reached to request an extension for the EECBG funds, with general fund reserves used to pay costs above grant funds
- **Tetonia LDS Church: Street**
 - No new information. No action.
- **Egbert Lawsuit**
 - Per City Attorney Birch, Judge Simpson has granted the motion to intervene for the two landowners whose land abuts Egbert’s.
 - Birch believes Simpson’s interpretation of standing for the two interveners is based on “a more particular affect/specific injury.”
 - Original four interveners’ appeal of the original denial has also been denied. VARD has/will appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court – Court approval is required to accept the case which is usually not done until a case’s final opinion. Judge Simpson has not eliminated VARD’s ability to submit a brief on behalf of the four interveners.
 - Time limit of an appeal on the original litigation (validity of the referendum election) may become an issue. Annexation is a legislative act.
 - A consensus was reached by member of the Council for the City to remain neutral and not expend money to appeal. The Court’s ruling will guide action by the City in the future.
- **Summer Event**
 - Hoopes briefly outlined work to date on holding a summer event in Tetonia. The date has been set for September 17, 2011 at Ruby Carson Memorial Park. Items discussed by the Council included what type of food to have, funding with a raffle, softball tournament, how to get residents to participate, & the possible creation of a horseshoe pit in the park.
 - Hoopes briefly discussed development of a non-profit Tetonia Improvement Association. She asked that all that more ideas be brought to the next Council meeting.

8:25 p.m. Berry moved to take a short recess. Hoopes seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.
8:35 p.m. The regular meeting was rejoined.

New Business

- **Ordinance 2011-1 FY 2011 Appropriation Amendment**
 - **Abbott moved to dispense with the rules and read Ordinance 2011-1 by title only. Matkin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** Mayor Jardine read by title only X 3.
 - **Abbot moved to approve Ordinance 2011-1 FY 2011-1 Appropriation Amendment. Matkin seconded. Discussion: None.** The question was called by roll: **Abbott – aye; Berry – aye; Hoopes – aye; Matkin – aye. Motion carried.**
- **Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority: Health Insurance Pool**
 - III-A Joint Powers Agreement
 - Clerk Lenz reported on the formation of a health insurance pool by some of the larger cities in Idaho. Tetonia can join without reserve penalty on or before August 3, 2011. If that deadline is missed, the City can join on or after January 1 2012 as long as it pays a reserve fund percentage, which would be determined at time of entry.
 - There is a monthly fee, currently \$9.06 per enrollee, and the per employee monthly premium, dollar amount unknown at this time. The City can design its own plan or it

can choose one of the existing plans. If there are no employees participating, there is no charge to the City; however, the City is committing to a three-year initial participation cycle.

- **Hoopes moved to join the III-A by signing & submitting the Joint Powers Agreement, pending City Attorney review, and to pay the monthly enrollee fee [premium to be paid by enrollee via a payroll deduction]. Berry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Departmental Reports

- **Planning & Zoning** (Emily Nichols, Chair)
 - No report.
 - **Jan Gallup**, Planning Consultant
 - No report.
- **Public Works Department**
 - **Sewer Lagoon VFD: Land Application**
 - The pivot end-gun is shutting down when water pressure levels drop. Pressure control is accomplished manually at the pivot with 60# of pressure ideal. When the end-guns do turn on, the pressure drops to 20# which is too low and shuts the entire system down. A Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) would eliminate system shut-down by automatically regulating line pressure.
 - Estimated cost to purchase a VFD is \$1,000.00 to install and \$2,500 for the system.
 - Funding the VFD would be a problem. Options: a) GF loan to SF; b) ECIPIA buying the VFD and leasing to the City; c) Sale of lagoon hay; d) revenue from lagoon dumping; or e) any excess funds from USDA for the bathroom remodel
 - **Hoopes moved to enter into an agreement with ECIPIA to lease or purchase a VFD for the sewer lagoon if mutually agreeable terms can be reached. Abbott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **City Clerk**
 - **Special Meeting Reminder: July 20, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Adjourn Meeting**
 - **Abbott moved to adjourn. Berry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Rex Jardine, Mayor

Date

Carol Lenz, City Clerk/Treasurer

Date