

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MAY 18TH, 2020
AT 10:00 A.M.
AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL
160 SOUTH 3RD EAST

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

DISCUSSION/UPDATE - COVID 19 Information

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Decision on when to begin water shut offs again, the charging of late fees and turning people over to collections for non-payment. ACTION ITEM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) - to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. ACTION ITEM.

NEW BUSINESS

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ADJOURN

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,
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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at Mountain Home City Hall, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho on May 18th, 2020. A quorum was established with Councilman Brennan, Councilman Stokes, Councilman McCain, Councilman Bundy and Mayor Sykes being present at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion/Update - COVID 19 Information

Mayor Sykes said we are now in phase 2 of Governor Little's Rebound Idaho Plan. He said the City's Emergency Resolution will expire the 20th of May. The City was allocated \$495,000.00 for expenses due to COVID. Mountain Home will use it toward any expenses the City incurred from COVID from the time of the shut down until December.

Courtney Lewis, Economic Development Director explained how some of the relief money is being disbursed from the state.

Councilman McCain said the state is currently at 2,419 cases and Elmore County is at 30 cases and has been at that number for about the last two weeks.

Councilman Bundy said on Saturday he went to the Farmer's Market and they had reduced vendors and kept them spaced. The vendors had procedures they were following and those rules were posted.

Councilman Stokes said we have stayed flat with Coronavirus cases and wondered if Mountain Home couldn't skip a stage.

Councilman Bundy said reopening of bars and nightclubs has moved to stage 3, so the only thing left is large gatherings and that isn't something that Mountain Home generally deals with.

Councilman Stokes asked if we could go to stage 4 from stage 2.

Mayor Sykes said he thought it had been agreed on to follow the state plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Decision on when to begin water shut offs again, the charging of late fees and turning people over to collections for non-payment. ACTION ITEM.

Judy Lehto, Deputy City Treasurer said if late fees were going to be assessed in May then it would be done on the 21st and then the shut off for the past due amount would be at the beginning of June.

Councilman McCain said he would go along with not charging late fees for one more month and assess late fees after the June bill was due and then resume shut offs the beginning of July. He asked that notices be sent to delinquent customers before shut offs resume.

Nina Patterson, City Clerk said those are routinely sent out before any shut offs are done.

Councilman Stokes said he would like to see the late fees not be assessed until July with shut offs resuming in August.

Mayor Sykes asked City Treasurer, Paula Szafranski if any of the loss of revenue for the City could be claimed to the state because of the pandemic.

Paula said she didn't know but it was something they could ask about.

Councilman Brennan said if the City waited until August to do shut offs again the summer water bills are much larger than the rest of the year and it would make it that much harder for people to catch up, but he would be willing to review it one month at a time.

Councilman McCain made a motion to access late fees in June after the June due date and resume shut off again in July for non-payment in June with collections starting again in July as well. Councilman Brennan seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Stokes	NAY
Councilman McCain	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The majority of the vote being in favor, the motion was carried and so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session - Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) - to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Stokes made a motion to enter Executive Session - Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) - to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Stokes	AYE
Councilman McCain	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

The Council went into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

New Business

Discussion/Decision on land swap and paying for appraisal. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Brennan said considering the individual is approaching the Council to ask for a land swap he would like to see the individual pay for the appraisal with the understanding the Council is willing to work with the interested party.

Paul Fitzer, City Attorney said the Council could lay out some of the terms they would like to see and send a letter to the other land owner detailing the terms with which the Council would consider proceeding with a land swap.

Councilman Stokes said he thinks in the interest of both parties splitting the cost is the most equal measure of an appraisal.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to for the individual seeking a land swap to pay all the costs of an appraisal and after one year if an agreement couldn't be reached then the City would reimburse the land owner half the cost of the appraisal. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Stokes	AYE
Councilman McCain	NAY
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The majority of the vote being in favor, the motion was carried and so ordered.

FINAL COMMENTS

- Mayor Sykes said they met with the IT company and they are almost caught up with getting all the old computers that were still in use swapped out. He said he met with the Department Heads this morning and they were able to adjust their budget requests for next year's budget down to be more in line with what the budget was last year.

- Councilman Stokes asked if he could make a request that at the next meeting on the 26th of May the Council could get a Fiber Optics Update.

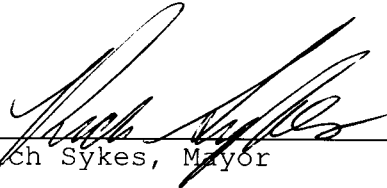
Mayor Sykes agreed to put a Fiber Optics Project Update on the next City Council Meeting agenda.

- Councilman McCain asked when the Monday Special City Council Meetings would be discontinued about Coronavirus.

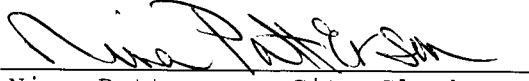
Mayor Sykes said he had planned to discontinue the weekly meetings after the Emergency Declaration Resolution expired on May 20th, so this would be the last special meeting held over the virus.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 A.M. by orders from the Mayor.


Rich Sykes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nina Patterson, City Clerk

