

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,
 HELD ON NOVEMBER 14th, 2023, AT 5:00 P.M.
 AT MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL CHAMBERS
 MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

- 21949 CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM
- 21949 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
- 21949 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION
 Has any Council Member received information pertaining to, or otherwise had any contact with any person regarding any items on this City Council agenda? If so, please set forth the nature of the contact.
- 21949 CONSENT AGENDA - All matters listed within this Consent Agenda section require formal Council action, but are typically routine or not of great controversy and will be enacted by one motion. Questions for the purpose of clarification may be asked about a particular item before the motion is voted on. However, for lengthy discussion or separate motion a Council member or citizen may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda section and placed on the Regular Agenda. ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE ACTION ITEMS.
- A. Approval/Acceptance of Minutes
 Planning & Zoning Commission - October 17, 2023
 Regular City Council - October 24, 2023
 - B. Bills - 10/25/23 to 11/14/23 in the Amount of \$1,071,340.29
 - C. Payroll for the period ending 9/22/2023 to 10/21/2023 in the amount of \$716,587.21
 - D. Approve Grant Application 2023/24-010 request to allow the Library to apply for the St. Luke's CHIF for 2023-2024 programming and authorize the Grant Administrator to complete all grant documents and the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all required documents.
 - E. Approve amendment No. 7 to task orders 10, 11, and 12 with Keller Associates for water, wastewater, and general engineering support and authorize the Mayor to sign.
 - F. Approve the request to purchase agreement for body-worn cameras with LensLock Inc. as a purchase agreement for the Police Department and authorize the first payment of \$20,881.00.
 - G. Pass Resolution #34-2023R - Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Equipment Purchase Agreement and all other schedules attached with LensLock Inc. for body worn cameras and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.
- 21950 OLD BUSINESS
 1) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision on Mellen Water District land lease.
- 21950 NEW BUSINESS
 1) Items removed from Consent Agenda
 2) Discussion Item: Deliberation on Mountain Home City Code 7-1A-9 Water Rights Fee.
 3) Discussion Item: Lynn Carrillo of Ethridge Legacy Homes regarding a proposed Hydrologic Study (H&H)
 4) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision on proposed Personnel Policy updates.
- 21951 RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE
- 21951 FINAL COMMENTS
- 21951 EXECUTIVE SESSION
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ADJOURN

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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at the Mountain Home City Hall Chambers, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho on November 14th, 2023. A quorum was established with, Councilman Green, Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Garvey, Councilman Bundy and Mayor Sykes being present.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Rich Urquidi, Director of Public Works said most of the projects are wrapping up for the year before winter hits. He said they began working on the stormwater project on Chukar Circle.

- Hank Patrick, Building Official said they were at 108 home permits for the year.

- Mark Moore, Fire Chief said they are drafting the SOG's for the year. He said last week ten firefighters went through physical abilities testing. He said they are seeking donations for the Burnout Fund.

- Chris Curtis, City Planner said there would be a couple of PUDs and final plats coming to the council for approval in the next couple of weeks.

- Shasta Hochstrasser, Library Director said the privacy pod has arrived and is being installed. She went over the programing for the next couple of weeks.

- Betsy Hiddleston, Communications Director said they have been working with Idaho Power to give locations for future substation placement. She said she was working on Small Business Saturday with the Chamber of Commerce.

- Tiffany Belt, City Clerk congratulated Scott Harjo and Jenny Wirkkila on winning the City Council election. She said audit is beginning and everyone is getting documents to the auditors.

- Mayor Sykes said he would be bringing Project Share to the City of Mountain Home where you can donate money extra on your water bill so that people who are having a hard time can receive the extra funds. He encouraged everyone to attend the Marc Mero presentation on the 16th.

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- The Council had nothing to declare at the time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilman Brennan made a motion to pass the Consent Agenda as printed. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Green	AYE
Councilwoman Garvey	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

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

OLD BUSINESS

1)Action Item: Deliberation/Decision on Mellen Water District land lease.

Erica Pedroza was present and said Hiddleston Drilling recommends getting rid of the pump completely, but Treasure Valley Drilling said the springs of the pump need to be cleaned up and they can do that.

It was decided Mellen Water District would no longer attend every meeting but would be present if there were updates to convey to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1)Items removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no Items removed from the Consent Agenda.

2)Discussion Item: Deliberation on Mountain Home City Code 7-1A-9 Water Rights Fee.

Councilman Brennan said in the City Code there is a price per acre for water rights but there was not any prices listed for land size under one acre. He said when you divide the current acre down it is 4.8 cents per square foot. And he recommends a fivecent per square foot fee. Moving this fee into Title 9 seemed like the most appropriate place for this fee.

Rich Urquidi, Director of Public Works said he thought there might be an easier way to divide the annexation fee but he would work with Keller Associates to determine the best way to move forward with this.

It was decided to have a draft of this ordinance change at the first City Council meeting in December, so Rich had time to consult with Keller on a fee schedule for this request.

3)Discussion Item: Lynn Carrillo of Etheridge Legacy Homes regarding a proposed Hydrologic Study (H&H)

Lynn Carrillo with Etheridge Legacy Homes was present and requested the City pay for Hydrologic Study required for this property since it is in a flood plain and the development would refund the city once the development process was further along. She said it would be refunded to the city upon entitlement.

Councilman Brennan said he was not interested in the city paying for the study.

It was the consensus of the Council it was not appropriate use of funds to pay for the study.

Paul Fitzer, City Attorney said they were not permitted to pay for that study anyway.

4) Deliberation/Decision on proposed Personnel Policy updates.

The Council discussed proposed changes to the personnel policy.

The Council discussed concerns with the personnel policy.

It was decided this item would be tabled until the next meeting when the proposed changes could be evaluated and possibly implemented into the Personnel Policy.

RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

- Krystal Powell came forward to speak to the Council and addressed the proposed requirement to have any City Employee who is in a automobile accident to undergo a blood test for drugs.

Councilman Brennan said his reason for advocating a blood test is a blood test is far more specific than a simple urine test.

- Bud Adams spoke to the Council concerning the conduit issue with fiber.

- Mark Bryant stood before the Council and said on February 13th, 2023 there was a discussion on how the ARPA funds would be used. He said he felt safe drinking water was a priority.

- Ellie Meyers, a resident at Sunset Manor said the manager at the apartments has scared the tenants living there and the situation is getting worse for the tenants.

FINAL COMMENTS

- Mayor Sykes encouraged everyone to attend the Marc Mero sessions at the schools on the 15th and 16th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The following vote was recorded:

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Councilwoman Garvey	AYE
Councilman Bundy	AYE

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

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M. by orders from Mayor Sykes.


 Rich Sykes, Mayor

ATTEST: 
 Tiffany Belt, City Clerk

