

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,
 HELD ON MARCH 9th, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M.
 AT MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL CHAMBERS
 MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

- 20773 CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM
- 20773 PRESENTATION OF FY19 AUDIT - Harris & Co.
- 20773 RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE
- 20773 COUNCIL COMMENTS
- 20773 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 OF MINUTES:
 Airport Advisory Committee - February 18, 2020
 City Council - February 24, 2020
- B. BILLS - 2/25/20 to 3/9/20 in the Amount of \$424,673.15
- C. PAY ROLL - 1/22/20 to 2/21/20 in the Amount of \$590,819.73
- D. APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL REQUEST for Grant #2019/20-012 Authorizing the Grant Administrator to apply for an Idaho Waste Systems (IWS) Grant to purchase Concrete Benches for the Downtown Revitalization Project Phase II
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- F. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES with JUB Engineers, Inc. for the Airport Grant Project AIP 3-16-0025-018-2020 and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign
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(Pulled from Consent Agenda and placed under New Business)
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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 March 9th, 2020. A quorum was established with Councilman Stokes, Councilman McCain, Councilman Bundy, Councilman Brennan and Mayor Sykes being present at 6:00 P.M.

Presentation of FY19 Audit - Harris & Co.

Josh Tyree and Kevin Congo with Harris & Co. appeared before Mayor Sykes and the City Council to give a presentation for the City of Mountain Home of the FY19 Audit

RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Brenda Richards, who is running for the District 23 Senate seat was present and spoke about why she is running for Senate.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilman Brennan thanked the Parks staff for the great job they were doing downtown.

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Councilman Brennan asked to have Items G and J pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Items G, and J. Councilman Brennan seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Decision on Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mountain Home and the Mountain Home Air Force Base for the Police Department and Security Forces to provide support for each other when needed and Authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Chief of Police to sign. ACTION ITEM.

Police Chief, Scott Conner came forward to discuss with the Council, the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mountain Home and the Mountain Home Air Force for the Police Department and Security Forces.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mountain Home and the Mountain Home Air Force Base for the Police Department and Security Forces Squadron to provide support for each other when needed and Authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Chief of Police to sign. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

New Business

Items Removed from Consent Agenda Section.

Item G: Pass Resolution #05-20 - Approving the Lease Agreement with the Daniel Dopps Memorial Rodeo Association, Inc. to lease Optimist Park for the Daniel Dopps Rodeo June 21st - June 28th, 2020 and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. ACTION ITEM.

Ramona Dopps was present to discuss the lease for the Daniel Dopps Rodeo. She said the Rodeo has taken on the burden of improvements at Optimist Park.

Councilman Brennan was against the \$10.00 lease fee in the agreement and wanted the lease amount to be \$100.00. The Council discussed the lease amount of Optimist Park for the Rodeo and the value of what is brought to the City with the event, versus how much it costs the City to set up the lease.

Councilman McCain made a motion to Pass Resolution #05-20 Approving the Lease agreement with the Daniel Dopps Memorial Rodeo Association, Inc. to lease Optimist Park for the Daniel Dopps Rodeo June 21st - June 28th, 2020 changing the fee amount for the lease from \$10.00 to \$20.00. and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

Item J: Pass Resolution #08-20 - Approving Lease Agreement with David B. Lewis dba Mountain Home Speedway, LLC to lease the Motocross Track and Mud Bog Pit at Optimist Park for Motocross Racing and Mud Bog Events and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Brennan said he was happy to see Dave and his group would be taking care of all the ground maintenance for the motocross track and mud bog pit but he wasn't happy the City would be paying for water for the events and he wanted the fee to be more than the \$5.00 listed.

Dave Lewis was present and said if he is taking over all of the work out there he doesn't see he should be paying for the water out there. He said it doesn't sit well with him when he has offered to take over the Motocross track and Mud Bogs because he knows the City doesn't have the man power or the time to run all of that.

Councilman Brennan said he would guess every business owner in town would say they provide a service to the City. Although most of those business owners also pay property tax. He said when they have an event they don't allow anything else, such as private parties to be held. So Dave's lease would be for five dollars a year and he would hold the power to decide who can or cannot book a private party that would pay the City \$45.00 a day to be there.

Dave said yes, he would have it at his discretion, however he would be the one putting all the work into the City's ground for the Motocross and Mud Bogs area at Optimist Park.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to deny resolution #08-20 - Approving Lease Agreement with David B. Lewis dba Mountain Home Speedway, LLC to lease the Motocross Track and Mud Bog Pit at Optimist Park for Motocross Racing and Mud Bog Events and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

There was no second to this motion and the motion failed.

Councilman Bundy said he thought it would be beneficial to set up a Special Meeting where the City Council could work this out with Dave Lewis dba Mountain Home Speedway, LLC.

Councilman Stokes said he also takes issue with raising the water rates for every household in Mountain Home but giving it away for the Mud Bog events.

It was decided the City Clerk would set a Special City Council Meeting about the lease of the Motocross track and Mud Bogs with Dave Lewis dba Mountain Home Speedway, LLC.

Discussion/Decision on Fresh Friday Farmers Market New Vendor Fee and set public hearing. ACTION ITEM.

Paula Szafranski, City Treasurer presented to the Council Fresh Friday, a proposed program for Fresh Friday a Farmer's Market Program with an EBT machine.

Councilman Brennan said he doesn't think it is in the City's purview to host this kind of event.

Paula said ideally, they would have a Farmer's Market Manager, but

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until it was running smoothly, and the City knew how everything ran, City employees would be there running it. A private person could not be responsible for the EBT machine it had to go through the City.

There was a discussion about the requirements of having a City EBT machine for a Farmer's Market.

Councilman Bundy said he agreed that the City shouldn't be running this but it didn't sound like this was something that would get off the ground without the City's involvement at least for the first year. He said he was okay with the City being involved with this for the first year with the understanding they would be giving it over to someone else to run after the first season.

Mayor Sykes said they have had citizens ask about getting fresh produce from local vendors and wanting the EBT machine service.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to approve the Fresh Friday Farmers Market new vendor fee at \$25.00 and set a public hearing date of April 13th, 2020 at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at which time they would decide if they wanted to proceed with this or not. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

Discussion/Decision on amendment to the annexation agreement for Kent Gillespie. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman McCain said it looked like this would be done in four sections and he wanted to know if the City wanted to have four cuts made to the street.

Gene Palmer, Street Superintendent said they always like to keep the cuts in the road to a minimum.

City Clerk, Nina Patterson said she wanted to clarify since Hank is not present that Mr. Gillespie wants to build two fourplexes at a time, for a total of four fourplexes. If that were the case it would only be two cuts to the road.

Councilman McCain said he doesn't think a certificate of occupancy should be issued for any of the fourplexes until he has put all of the curb gutter and sidewalk in for the area. The Council discussed how much of the street Kent Gillespie would be responsible for paving.

Councilman McCain made a motion to approve the amendment to the annexation agreement for Kent Gillespie stating he will put in curb, gutter and sidewalk on the side he is putting the fourplex in on and pave the road complete to the intersection. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

Discussion/Decision on the closure of South 2nd East Street to through traffic. ACTION ITEM.

Rich Urquidi, Public Works Director said the second phase of the Downtown Plan is starting and this has been talked about, to stop thru traffic on South 2nd East and East Jackson which is the easiest and most cost effective way to handle traffic issues in this area. He said he expects it to help keep traffic from backing up because the other sides of the intersection won't have to wait as long for the light to cycle.

It was decided to send this item to the Traffic Safety Committee for review and have their recommendation.

Councilman Stokes made a motion to close South 2nd East Street to through traffic pending Traffic Safety Committee approval at their meeting on March 11th, 2020. Councilman Bundy seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

Discussion/Decision on Annexation of Meadows Trailer Park. ACTION ITEM.

Cody Black, owner of Meadows Trailer Park was present via telephone to discuss the annexation of the park.

The Council discussed the possible annexation of Meadows Trailer Park and what the City would require for the park to be annexed. They talked about what water rights the park owns and if the City would be interested in those as part of an annexation agreement.

Mayor Sykes said Mountain Home is one of the 10 safest Cities in Idaho and if Meadows were to be annexed with the level of calls they get out there it would take Mountain Home out of the top ten. He asked if Cody had a way to combat that.

Cody said he is looking at getting rid of some problem tenants and installing cameras. He said he wants the park to be more family friendly and has looked at installing a playground.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to deny the annexation of Meadows Trailer Park. Councilman McCain seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

Discussion/Decision on county boring project. ACTION ITEM.

Mayor Sykes said Elmore County has gotten all the permits to allow boring from one side of a gravel pit to the other side of frontage road by the Highway District building over to BLM ground. It will help to recharge the aquifer. He said he feels the City also has part in this because they will use the water too. Mayor Sykes asked City Treasurer, Paula Szafranski to come up with how much it would cost to have the City employees bore that. The estimated cost was about \$17,000.00, and the City may want to look at an

in-kind exchange for this boring work, since the County has already invested a lot to this project.

Councilman McCain said Commissioner Corbus has said the County pulled all the permits and since the City will also be using the water gained from this they are looking for some help from the City to get this project done.

The Council discussed the idea of providing the boring work for the project at no cost to the County and splitting the cost of the pipe required.

Mayor Sykes said he's asking the Council if they would like to go ahead and work with Elmore County on this project and if so would they agree to provide the work as in-kind, and would the City work with the Commissioners to see what they need to get the project done.

Councilman Brennan said this water is everyone's water and the County has put everything in so far so he has no problem splitting the cost of this portion of the project with the County.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to provide the boring machine, any fuel or supplies needed and employee time as in kind work for the Elmore County boring project and the City will purchase the 8 inch boring drill bit required and help the County pay for the pipe in a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Future Water Project line in the water budget, the County will obtain the required permits and pay all the permitting fees. Councilman McCain Seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinance - Correction Ordinance Annexing balance of Weitz property.
ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to suspend the three reading rule and read the Ordinance by title only for its one and only reading tonight. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

The City Clerk read the Ordinance for its first and final reading by Title Only.

Mayor Sykes asked, "Does the Council wish this Ordinance to pass."

The following vote was recorded:

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

The vote being unanimous, the motion was so ordered and given #1689.

Ordinance - Correction Ordinance Zoning balance of Weitz property.
ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to suspend the three reading rule and read the Ordinance by title only for its one and only reading tonight. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

The City Clerk read the Ordinance for its first and final reading by Title Only.

Mayor Sykes asked, "Does the Council wish this Ordinance to pass."

The following vote was recorded:

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

The vote being unanimous, the motion was so ordered and given #1690.

Ordinance - Amending Chapter 2, Title 6. ACTION ITEM.

Councilman Brennan asked if the ordinance had been amended to state that discharging a gun in City limits was a misdemeanor not an infraction.

Nina said she believed it had been updated and read parts of the ordinance for Councilman Brennan.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to suspend the three reading rule and read the Ordinance by title only for its one and only reading tonight. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

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

The City Clerk read the Ordinance for its first and final reading by Title Only.

Mayor Sykes asked, "Does the Council wish this Ordinance to pass."

The following vote was recorded:

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

The vote being unanimous, the motion was so ordered and given #1691.

FINAL COMMENTS

• Police Chief, Scott Conner said things are going well they have one opening.

• Gene Palmer, Street Superintendent said the Street Department has been working on road patching.

• Dave Sonnentag, Water Superintendent said they are doing general maintenance.

• Miguel Pedroza, Parks Superintendent said they have been working in the Downtown flower beds.

• Shirley Batchelor, Wastewater Superintendent said they are working on getting everything ready for spring.

• Tiffany Belt, Recreation Superintendent said soccer would be starting soon and they were getting everything prepared for the summer season.

• Jake Olsen, Golf Course Superintendent said he is working on the irrigation system.

• William Lamb, Library Director said the Library hosted a Murder Mystery Event on Friday and 96 people came.

• Fire Chief, Mark Moore said there was a gas leak and all the City Departments worked together to get traffic detoured. He said there was a brush fire behind La Flor Bakery this morning and one person was burned in the fire.

• Courtney Lewis, Economic Development Director said they are working on scheduling more small business classes as well as another housing tour.

• Rich Urquidi, Director of Public Works said they had a company come out and take care of the ponds the City maintains.

• Paula Szafranski, City Treasurer said the budget worksheets are out for the Department Heads to start working on and getting them back to her.

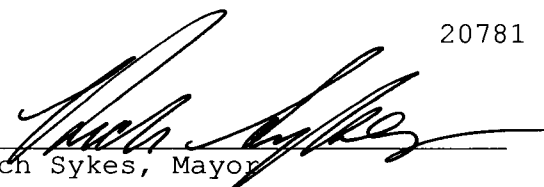
• Nina Patterson, City Clerk said she just wanted to clarify that the person burned in the fire this morning was not a City employee.

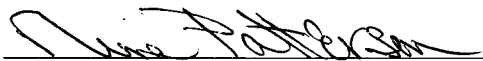
• Mike Freeman, Communications Assistant said there was a press release on Facebook about the fire this morning.

• Councilman Brennan said he had a citizen reach out to him that is physically not capable of making to the meetings but who wanted to make sure his voice was heard and so for that reason he felt he should read what they had to say. He said the citizen is unhappy with the City fiber project and felt the project should be contracted out to an outside company.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M. by orders from the Mayor.


Rich Sykes, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nina Patterson, City Clerk

