

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
DECEMBER 10, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Roger Chase called the City Council
ROLL CALL Study Session to order at 9:01 AM. Council
members present were Roger Bray, Gary Moore,
and Brian Underwood. Council members Ron Frasure and Eva Johnson
Nye arrived at 9:02 AM. Council member Robert Richway arrived at
9:08 AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: David Hunt, Japanese Sister Cities
JAPANESE SISTER Subcommittee Chair Person, discussed the
CITIES SUBCOMMITTEE Subcommittee's goals and projects, as well
UPDATE as Council's policies and expectations. Mr.
Hunt reminded the Council that 2010 will be
the 25th anniversary of the Sister Cities agreement with Iwamizawa
Japan. He mentioned that the Japanese garden at the Airport would
not be as far along without the support of the Pocatello Arts
Council and grants that have been received. Mr. Hunt stated that
the trip to Iwamizawa for 2009 was cancelled. Therefore, the group
that was picked for 2009 will go in 2010.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Frank Hartlieb, Pocatello Arts Council
POCA TELLO ARTS Secretary, and Kim Hirning, Arts Council
COUNCIL UPDATE member, discussed the Arts Council's goals
and projects, as well as Council's policies
and expectations. Mr. Hartlieb mentioned that the Japanese garden
at the Airport is 98% completed. He stated that the Arts Council
has received a grant for a sculpture and fountain for the grizzly
bear exhibit at the Zoo. The Arts Council anticipates starting the
project in the Spring. Mr. Hartlieb stated that the Pocatello Arts
Council would like to have a site specific sculpture at the Center
Street Interchange.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Arts Council could
start the process to see if a sculpture can be placed at the Center
Street Interchange. However, the Council will have to give
permission for the sculpture when the Arts Council has completed
the exploratory stage of the project.

Mrs. Hirning stated that the Arts Council has established a
maintenance fund. She also stated that a Comprehensive Plan on Art
is being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Arts
Council is working to have the Comprehensive Plan on Art included
in City regulations.

Mr. Harlieb informed the Council that over 400 people attended the
Shakespeare in the Park program that the Arts Council assisted
with. He mentioned that the Arts Council is working with the Rocky
Mountain Writers Association to help them increase their outreach.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mary Rasmussen, Property Maintenance Appeal
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Board Staff Liaison, discussed the Board's
APPEAL BOARD UPDATE goals and projects, as well as Council's
policies and expectations. She stated that
the Board has not met in the last year as people are taking care of
the issues with their property through other avenues. Ms.
Rasmussen stated that the Appeal Board is very important and it
needs to continue. She mentioned that the Code Enforcement
Officers have been given greater latitude to assist citizens and
therefore the Board is not needed on a regular basis.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Mary Kauffman, representative from Caribou-
CARIBOU-TARGHEE Targhee National Forest, provided
NATIONAL FOREST information on the Comprehensive
PRESENTATION Environmental Response, Compensation and
Liability Act (CERCLA) as related to the
Smoky Canyon Mine. She overviewed the remedial actions that are
occurring at the Smoky Canyon Mine. Ms. Kauffman stated that the
mine is approximately 5 miles long. She mentioned that the current
CERCLA status at the Smoky Canyon Mine is between the site
discovery and remedial investigation stages. Ms. Kauffman informed
the Council that open houses will be held to inform citizens of the
proposed remediation plans. Information on the treatment methods
that are being tested was provided to the Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Randy Ghezzi, Street-Traffic Superintendent,
STREET EQUIPMENT and Dave Swindell, Chief Financial Officer,
DISCUSSION discussed a proposed purchase of a new
Caterpillar PM200 Cold Planer and low-boy
trailer. Mr. Ghezzi stated that a low-boy trailer is needed to
move equipment. He mentioned that if allowed to purchase the low-
boy trailer the Water Department will provide 50% of the funds.
Currently the City is borrowing a trailer from Bannock County.
However, Bannock County is using their trailer on a more regular
basis. Therefore, equipment has to be driven through town. The
machinery travels at 3 miles per hour which ties up traffic.
Additionally, it increases the number of hours on the equipment.

In response to questions from the Council, Mr. Ghezzi stated the
trailer would increase the efficiency of the department. Employees
will not be waiting for equipment and they can start working on the
project sooner. Additionally, it will keep the number of hours on
the machine down.

In response to questions from the Council, Greg Lanning, Public
Works Director, replied that the Planer will not be shared with
Bannock County as they do not have curb and gutters on their
roadways. He mentioned that the City has let other cities use the
planer when they needed to complete a job in a timely manner.

Mr. Ghezzi stated that the planer is an important piece of equipment. By owning the machine the City can do projects on a timely basis and have streets that are level before they are paved which will increase the life span of the street.

Staff then discussed the advantages of purchasing a PM200 Cold Planer. Mr. Ghezzi mentioned that it would be purchased by using the "Piggy Back" program. The purchase price would be \$569,952.00 and it would replace the 5 year old PM565B Planer. It was stated that the new machine has additional features that can be used to improve City streets.

General discussion was held concerning financial packages for the new planer. Council and staff also discussed the advantages of purchasing a new planer and how it could extend the life of the roads.

It was the consensus of the Council that the request to purchase a trailer and a planer be placed on the Regular City Council agenda for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Hannah Sanger, Environmental Educator, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION DISCUSSION provided information on the Greater Yellowstone Framework for Sustainable Development. The City has enrolled as a pilot city in a project being funded by the Yellowstone Business Partnership. The Framework is based on the Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Design (LEED) rating system used for buildings. Being a pilot city provides the City with an opportunity to give input and does not obligate the City to meeting any of the Framework's standards. Ms. Sanger provided information on the Yellowstone Business Partnership which is a non-profit organization that focuses on supporting local businesses that are dedicated to preserving a healthy environment and shaping a prosperous and sustainable future for communities in the Yellowstone-Teton region.

Ms. Stanger reminded Council that there are three components of sustainable development. The components are healthy environment, social justice, and sustainable society. She mentioned that the Yellowstone Business Partnership surveyed its members in 2004 and the members indicated that growth management and land use issues are top priorities for the region. Therefore, the Greater Yellowstone Framework was created to assist with sustainable developments. By being a pilot city good models of conservation development could be created. Ms. Stanger provided a brief overview of the Framework items that are already being done in the City of Pocatello. If the City obtains 40 points on the Greater Yellowstone Framework rating system the City could receive a certified sustainable city designation.

General discussion was held on the advantages of becoming a certified sustainable city. During the discussion it was reiterated that if the City chooses to become certified the City can choose which points we believe are a good fit for Pocatello.

Ms. Stanger believes that the City can obtain the 40 points that are necessary to become certified. She mentioned that the City has various unwritten policies that would qualify for points if they were written down and passed by the Council.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff should prepare a document that shows how many points the City could currently receive if an application was submitted under the City's current policies.

There being no further business, Mayor Chase adjourned the meeting at 10:57 AM.

APPROVED:

ROGER W. CHASE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RHONDA L. JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK