

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
SEPTEMBER 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 Gary Moore, Eva Johnson
Nye, Robert Richway, and Brian Underwood. Council member Roger
Bray arrived at 9:18 AM. Council member Ron Frasure was excused.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Jacquie Alvord, Fort Hall Replica Commission
FORT HALL REPLICA Chair Person, and Margaret Barrett, Fort
COMMISSION UPDATE Hall Replica Commission member, discussed
the Commission's goals and projects, as well
as Council's policies and expectations. Ms. Alvord provided
information on the creation of the Fort Hall Replica Commission.
She stated that the main reason the Replica was built was to give
children a sense of history. Ms. Alvord overviewed the activities
that have taken place at the replica over the years. She believes
that the Replica could be better utilized as a place to have
events. Even though the status of the Commission will change, as
the facility will be managed by the Convention and Visitors Bureau,
it is still important that the facility be maintained. Ms. Alvord
mentioned that it is important for the items at the Replica to be
inventoried and she will make sure that the inventory is completed.
She believes that it is important that the Fort Hall Replica
Commission continue and maintain a positive relationship with the
new managers of the replica.

Mr. Bray joined the Council meeting at this time.

Ms. Barrett mentioned that a relationship has been built between
the Fort Hall Replica Commission and the Bannock County Museum.
She would like the relationship to continue and feels the artifacts
need to be protected.

Mayor Chase stated that the final documents for the management of
the replica have not been completed. He believes the concerns of
the Fort Hall Replica Commission will be addressed when the final
management documents are completed.

General discussion was held on how the upper level of Ross Park
could be developed. Ms. Alvord reminded the Council that the 50th
Anniversary of the Fort Hall Replica Complex will occur in 2013.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Gene Wiggers, Parks and Recreation Advisory
PARKS AND Board member, and Jerry Sepich, Parks and
RECREATION BOARD Recreation Director, discussed the Parks and
UPDATE Recreation Advisory Board's goals and
projects, as well as Council's policies and
expectations. Mr. Wiggers overviewed major items the Board
considered during the past year. He mentioned some of the major
accomplishments of the Parks and Recreation Department which

included various upgrades that have occurred at the Community Recreation Center, and completion of a final design for the Grizzly Bear viewing area at the Zoo. Mr. Wiggers mentioned that the projects could not have been completed without the support of the City Council.

General discussion was held about the ordinances that are in place outlining operations at the cemeteries. It was mentioned that staff will present proposed operational changes to the Council in the future.

Mr. Sepich stated that participant numbers are up in most of the recreation programs. However, with inclement weather in June and August the Ross Park Aquatic Center did not do as well as past years.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mike Irwin, Fire Chief; David Gates, AUTOMATIC AID Assistant Chief of Operations; and Eric AGREEMENT-FIRE King, Chubbuck Fire Chief; discussed a proposed Automatic Aid Agreement, with the City of Chubbuck, relating to automatic responses within specified areas in Pocatello and Chubbuck. Mr. Irwin mentioned that the Automatic Aid Agreement has been discussed for several years. He stated that the National Response Plan relies heavily on automatic aid agreements. Mr. Irwin overviewed how the proposed Agreement would work. A benefit of the Agreement is that a part of the City that cannot be reached by City of Pocatello fire crews in five minutes would be covered by the City of Chubbuck.

General discussion was held on the staffing levels of the Chubbuck Fire Department. During the discussion, Mr. Irwin mentioned that if Chubbuck cannot respond with the same number of individuals as the City of Pocatello, the termination clause of the Agreement could be implemented.

Council expressed concerns that the Automatic Aid Agreement requires automatic response. Council believes that the Automatic Aid Agreement may not be necessary as the Mutual Aid Agreement has worked well in the past.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff should move forward with the steps necessary for the adoption of the Automatic Aid Agreement. The Council informed staff that additional information is needed on the anticipated number of calls each department would respond to and the number of households in each response area.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Mike Irwin, Fire Chief; and David Gates, Assistant Chief of Operations, discussed a proposed Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Medical Services responses in South Bannock County and North Caribou County.

Mayor Chase reminded the Council that an additional ambulance is needed in the Pocatello/Chubbuck area and expressed appreciation for the help Chubbuck has given in trying to get an additional ambulance.

Mr. Irwin stated that the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement came about as a result of construction in South Bannock County. He stated that there is no Mutual Aid Agreement for the South Bannock County area. Therefore, he would like to have a Mutual Aid Agreement with North Caribou County.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff should move forward with the Mutual Aid Agreement.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Jerry Higgins, City Treasurer, briefed the Council on proposed budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Mr. Higgins reminded the Council that there has been one budget amendment and this is the final one for Fiscal Year 2009. He overviewed the proposed amendments to the Budget which total \$1,494,430.00. The amendments are: 1) transfer to Street, resolve legacy negative cash, \$300,000.00; 2) transfer to Recreation, enable payoff softball light loan, \$42,000.00; 3) transfer to Airport, enable payoff hanger loan, \$130,000.00; 4) transfer to Sanitation, pay internal Street debt, \$158,000.00; 5) transfer to Sanitation, pay internal Airport debt, \$101,000.00; 6) thermal rescue/search device, \$10,000.00; 7) payoff softball light loan, \$42,000.00; 8) umpire expenses, \$22,000.00; 9) swim instructor expenses, \$20,000.00; 10) payoff hanger loan, \$130,000.00; 11) franchise audit expenses, \$6,430.00; 12) Animal Control radios and roof repairs, \$20,000.00; 13) energy studies, \$20,000.00; 14) Connector engineering match, \$450,000.00; and 15) items for Police, \$43,000.00.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff should proceed with the steps necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.

Mayor Chase adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.

APPROVED:

ROGER W. CHASE, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

RHONDA L. JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK