

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO  
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON  
/WORK SESSION CLARIFICATION  
JANUARY 17, 2019

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison/Work Session  
ROLL CALL Clarification meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Council members present  
were Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston, Linda Leeuwrik and  
Beena Mannan. Council member Heidi Adamson was excused. Also in attendance was Ruth  
Whitworth, City Clerk; Jared Johnson, City Attorney; and Anne Nichols, Administrative Services  
Manager.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Discussion to clarify agenda items presented at the January 10, 2019  
WORK SESSION Work Session was held at this time.  
CLARIFICATION  
/DISCUSSION

Council reviewed the draft minutes for the January 10, 2019 Work Session. Mr. Cheatum asked for a  
correction on the roll call for the Monarch Building agenda item. The correction was made and  
minutes will be prepared for Council's consideration on February 7, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE-COUNCIL

City Council members did not have an update at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: CITY ACTIVITIES UPATE-MAYOR:

General Business Licenses - Mayor Blad asked if Council is interested in developing General Business  
Licenses for the City. He noted the topic has been discussed in the past and staff has researched the  
pros and cons of licenses. Council felt it would be advantageous to hear on this topic at a future  
Council meeting. Ms. Nichols will ask City staff to give a General Business License update.

City Hall Facility/Security – Mayor Blad gave an update on different concepts to make City Hall more  
secure. Estimated costs for each option were discussed. Council felt moving forward with the cyber  
security portion of the plan would be the most cost effective at this time. The actual costs and  
software/hardware will be considered at a later date.

Quarterly Union Meetings with City Council – Mayor Blad mentioned that City employees have  
contacted him regarding the quarterly meeting held with Fire and Police Union members. The  
employees who contacted him feel the meetings are not fair to general employees who do not have a  
face-to-face audience with Council.

Discussion regarding the meetings followed and it was decided that a Work Session would be more  
appropriate for the Union quarterly updates. As a result, the Quarterly Union updates will be held bi-  
annually at a Work Session.

REDI Update – Mayor Blad gave an update on REDI activities/meetings.

Proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for Northgate – Mayor Blad reported Pocatello  
Development Authority (PDA) will not pay for a City impact study of the proposed Northgate TIF  
District. Mayor Blad noted that other TIF Districts are scheduled to be closed by the time the proposed  
district is functioning. General discussion was held regarding the proposed district.

Mayor Blad announced a Town Hall meeting to discuss a Ross Park Master Plan will be held at City Hall on January 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: City Council Liaison Reports were given at this time.  
CITY COUNCIL REPORTS  
REGARDING CITY BOARDS  
/COMMISSIONS:

Cheatum: Airport Commission – no meeting was held. Senior Activity Center – new Board is in place. Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) – housing development possibilities update was given. Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG) - no meeting was held.

Johnston: Bannock Transportation Planning Organization (BTPO) – the professional organization and good projects by BTPO were acknowledged. Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships – two 4-plexes on Jefferson and land purchased on McKinley were outlined. Pocatello Development Authority – requests for assistance were reviewed. Mr. Johnston would like a general policy developed that will encourage individuals and businesses to apply for assistance.

Leeuwrik: Pocatello Arts Council – elected a new Chair for the Council. His name is Mark Cooper. Historic Preservation Commission – plans for a conference to be held in April 2019 were reviewed. This year's theme will be about Pocatello's history. Increasing overall attendance at HPC events was discussed.

Mayor Blad was excused at 4:50 p.m.

Human Relations Advisory Committee – Annual award presentation will be held January 20, 2019. Award has changed – it will be given to an individual and an organization this year. Library Board – numbers utilizing the library are still good. The Board is looking at possible benefits of eliminating the overdue fine policy. Friends of the Library purchased artwork for display at the library from a local artist.

Bray: Golf Advisory Committee – No meeting was held. However, Mr. Bray reminded the Council of discussions held in 2018 regarding a new clubhouse at Riverside Golf Course.

Mannan: African Sister Cities Committee – met with Mayor Blad to discuss the possibility of changing their affiliation to a different organization instead of the City. It may be 6 to 12 months before a decision is made. Japanese Sister Cities Committee – plans are being made for the upcoming delegation going to Japan. Child Care Advisory Committee – a psychologist is scheduled to give training to Child Care Providers as part of their training requirements for certification. Idaho Stars has developed a new website. CDBG Advisory Committee – 2018 funding is still available.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Council President Johnston adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.  
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BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

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RUTH E. WHITWORTH, CITY CLERK