

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
WORKING LUNCH
MARCH 1, 2018

1: ROLL CALL: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison Working Lunch to order at 11:00 a.m. Council members present were Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum and Linda Leeuwrik. Also in attendance was Ruth Whitworth, City Clerk. Council member Jim Johnston was excused.

2: CITY COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

Bray: Animal Shelter Advisory Board, Construction Board of Appeals & Review, and Golf Advisory Committee

Mr. Bray shared his concerns regarding the City's current animal licensing processes and tracking methods for licenses that have been purchased by animal owners. He noted that the Animal Shelter Board gave ideas during their meeting regarding possible upgrades to the current licensing system.

Mr. Bray noted that his other Boards did not meet so there was nothing more to report.

As a result of discussion to upgrade the City's animal licensing software system, Ms. Leeuwrik mentioned that she would also like enhancements to the City's Website. She suggested that a person be allowed to create one account that will give them the ability to access and pay for all City recreational programs and shelter rentals, utility bills, etc.

Council discussion regarding the City's Website becoming more integrated for easier use by the public followed.

Adamson: Bannock Transportation Planning Organization, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and NeighborWorks Pocatello

Ms. Adamson reported that NeighborWorks Pocatello is still considering Pay Day Loans as an option for their programs.

Ms. Adamson noted that her other Boards did not meet so there was nothing more to report.

Cheatum: Airport Commission, Senior Activity Center, Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA), and Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG)

Mr. Cheatum reported the Airport Commission reviewed a request for a new tenant at the Airport. The Commission was supportive of the new tenant. He also noted that Idaho State University (ISU) offers a class at the Airport for airplane mechanics and the class is doing well.

Mr. Cheatum reported the Senior Activity Center reported a loss of income in January 2018. The Center is looking to apply for a grant to construct a new facility or do upgrades to the current facility.

Mr. Cheatum noted that his other boards did not meet so there was nothing more to report.

Leeuwrik: Historic Preservation Commission, Human Relations Advisory Committee, and Library Board

Ms. Leeuwrik reported the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has two main projects they are working on at this time. The projects are: 1) HPC is hosting a conference at ISU on April 28; and 2) steps are being taken to clean Civil War monuments at Mountain View Cemetery.

Ms. Leeuwrik reported the Human Relations Advisory Committee is experiencing good participation. The Committee would like the City to consider observance of an "Indigenous People Day" for Columbus Day.

Ms. Leeuwrik reported on the Library Board. She noted that the Library has good community programs and the Library would like to expand their outreach into the community.

Mayor Blad: Old Town Pocatello, Inc., Pocatello Arts Council, and Pocatello/Chubbuck Mayors' Youth Advisory Council

Mayor Blad reported that he could not attend the Old Town Pocatello, Inc. meeting. However he did give an update regarding the Center Street Underpass project and anticipates the project will continue to move forward.

Mayor Blad reported the Youth Advisory Council has adopted a portion of City Creek Trail.

Mayor Blad mentioned the Arts Council did not meet so there was nothing further to report.

3: CITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE - COUNCIL:

Mr. Bray mentioned that he would like staff to make arrangements for Pocatello Officials to meet with City of Chubbuck Officials to discuss various topics. The Council shared other ideas/topics regarding a possible meeting with City of Chubbuck Officials.

4: CITY ACTIVITIES UPATE - MAYOR:

Mayor Blad mentioned that the idea to move City Hall into the downtown area could not feasibly happen for another 10 years or so. He explained relocating City Hall was one of many ideas included in the River Visioning Project and funds are not available for this purpose in the near future.

Selection of a new City Council member to fill Seat No. 2 is still being considered. Mayor Blad reported that he has narrowed down the decision to 5 individuals and hopes to have a name for Council's confirmation on the March 15, 2018 Regular Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Blad gave an update on a request from Valley Pride regarding landscaping along a section of Highway 30.

5: Adjourn.

Mayor Blad adjourned the working lunch at 12:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

RUTH E. WHITWORTH, CMC, CITY CLERK