

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FIRE UNION QUARTERLY UPDATE
AUGUST 2, 2018

1: ROLL CALL The Special City Council meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Brian Blad. Council members present were Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston, Linda Leeuwrik and Beena Mannan. Council member Heidi Adamson arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Also in attendance were Jared Johnson, City Attorney; Ruth Whitworth, City Clerk; Adam Davis, Andy Moldenhauer; and Scott Lockhart, Fire Union Representatives; Ashley Linton-Welsh, Interim Chief Financial Officer; and Heather Buchanan, Human Resource Director.

Mayor Blad announced that the meeting was called to receive a quarterly update of activities from Fire Union representatives.

2: QUARTERLY Mr. Moldenhauer gave an update of Union activities. He reviewed
ACTIVITIES UPDATE outreach activities and fund raising events within the community.
–FIRE UNION Other fund raising events held by Fire Union representatives were
discussed. Union members have been working with the Pocatello
Police Union to raise donations for the local Dare Program. Mr. Moldenhauer reported that multiple small fires have been reported in the community. He explained each fire was taken care of quickly.

Mr. Moldenhauer noted that the next session of negotiation meetings will be held for wages only. Union members would like to meet early in 2019 to have information available for the City's 2020 Fiscal Budget. It was mentioned that Cultural Assessments of Fire staff are complete and Mr. Moldenhauer encouraged the City Council to review the results.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Moldenhauer explained Pocatello firefighters are not leaving to help battle fires in other areas at this time. The fire danger in our area is high and they do not want to short-staff our community. The decision to stay local will not have a negative effect on seeking help for our area if the need arises.

In closing, Mr. Moldenhauer explained staff is looking at changing their work schedule. Different working shifts are being researched and tested at this time. Once the research is complete and a consensus from the fire union members is taken, they will bring their results to the City Council. Fire Union members feel the schedule change will help decrease over-time costs, etc.

3. QUARTERLY Council thanked the Fire Union for their fundraising efforts within
ACTIVITIES-COUNCIL the community looking at ways to decrease costs.

4. ADJOURN Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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APPROVED BY:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

RUTH E. WHITWORTH, CITY CLERK