

**CITY OF CROUCH**  
**Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council**  
**October 12, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall**  
**Garden Valley, ID 83622**

The public has the right to attend meetings, with the exception of lawful executive sessions.

\*\*Changes on agenda are for emergencies only.\*\*

**Council Members**

**Mayor- Trevor Schiefelbein**  
**Steve McAninch-President**  
**Clayton Smith**  
**Lara Alexander**  
**Alexandra Shepherd**

**Staff**

**Treasurer-Steve Raddigan**  
**Water Master- George Simpson-Absent**  
**City Clerk- Bonnie Horsewood**  
**City Attorney-Geoff Schroader**

**Open Regular Council Meeting 6:02PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Geoff explained about a text sent out by a Council member to the Mayor and other Council members with pictures and prices of speed limit signs. There was nothing voted on or agreed upon pertaining to this text. This could have been considered a separate meeting due to a comment made by a council member regarding the text. Council member who sent the text, is new and had no knowledge that this was not allowed.

**Discussion/Interview with prospective City Planner Stephen Miller**

Mr. Miller introduced himself to Council. He is a professor (property law) in Boise and an Attorney, licensed in CA and ID. He shared his experience working with Government and his abilities to work with local governments. He has worked both sides of legal and planning. Question was asked: Do you have experience with filing grants? He does but mainly dealing with schools but it's relatively the same process as a city. Question: What does a City Planner do? Assists the Council with legal and planning issues, easements, pathways, ownership of property etc. (Mayor and Mr. Miller have spoken about easements, walkways, and the LOT). Planner can help with the future of our city, City Codes and what our needs may here and there. Question: Where does he live? He lives in Boise. Has done clinics all over Idaho in small towns. He is aware of the smalltown concerns and the specific issues they may have. He has helped Councils with advice, but the Councils make all the decisions. What may be necessary here will not look like Boise. He is not planning to move away which is good, we need someone who is going to stay. Question: What would he charge for his travel time from Boise to Garden Valley? His charge would be \$100 an hour, which is below what he would normally charge. He is cost conscious. He had not really thought about travel cost or had a set amount. Maybe forgo it for 6 months and see how it goes. Some issue would cost, and some would not. He or Geoff could work on the legal issues. Mr. Miller could attend Council meetings in person or by phone when/if needed.

- **Consent Agenda**

- Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 14,2022

- Review of Payables & Financials
- (\*) Approve Consent Agenda  
Mayor asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member LA made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Member CS second, Motion passed. All Members approved.

- **Water Issues**

- (\*) Water Master Report-Water Master was absent, nothing to report.
- (\*) Review water table fees-We need to get the building inspector and engineer to determine how many EDU's are needed or required per structure or business. Mayor obtained minimum specs for meter installation and will get those to the City Clerk.

- **New Business**

- (\*) Impact Advisory Fee Committee progress- Geoff recommended that the Mayor attend the next GVFD meeting (may be City planner could attend) regarding this issue. Mayor plans to attend the meeting.
- (\*) Discussion on City Planner- Mayor asked for a Motion to hire Mr. Miller as our City Planner. Member LA made the Motion to hire Mr. Miller as our City Planner. Member SM second the Motion. Roll call vote- AS-Y, SM-Y, CS-Y, LA-Y. Motion passed
- (\*) Employee raises-Mayor asked for a Motion to approve a pay raise for office staff. Member SM Made the Motion to approve a pay raise to \$17 an hour. Member AS second the Motion. Roll call AS-Y, SM-Y, CS-Y, LA-Y. Motion passed. Raise will be dated back to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- (\*) Update on Mayor's Walkathon- Mayor has logged in 300,000 steps, he is in second place, out of 70-80 people, so far. He would receive \$500 for 5000 steps a day and \$1000 for 10,000 steps a day. He would like to donate it back to the school for athletic equipment balls, etc. He is trying to make it good for our community.

- **Old Business**

- (\*) Speed Limit Monitoring-Member CS obtained information about solar speed limit signs. There was discussion about just purchasing one sign to start with, and the possibility of moving it around town. The cost would be approximately \$4300-\$5200 each. We have had lots of discussions regarding this issue. Kim Bosse will check the surplus supply for one. Council could give the Mayor the option to purchase the signs. Member SM said police presence works well. Boise Co. does not have enough officers to be here all the time. Mayor thought about getting a Crown Vic and parking it around town for the illusion of police presence. Geoff said that 90% of ticket money goes to the city. Mayor and Geoff will get together with BC Pros. and see what they can come up with, get an officer to write tickets. Community member said there are some qualified people here who could write tickets. Council will wait for Kim to get back with them. If nothing is available, Council will have a Special Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to decide on purchasing a solar speed limit sign/signs. Funds would come out of the LOT account. Mayor and Geoff will go to the meeting in Idaho City and bring up an issue a community member was concerned about, cars passing on Middlefork Rd. Cars running people off the road by passing in blind areas, speeding to pass. Suggested posting 'NO PASSING' signs on Middlefork Rd for the safety of others.

- **Scheduled Delegations**

- (\*) Road Committee Report-Snow removal was brought up. Could all the businesses in the Central Business District get together and pay a share to have the snow removed this winter? Could a Ordinance be made for this? The snow removal could be paid for with the street fund and the businesses be billed for it. Cost to business would have to be calculated.

- (\*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report-Kim will code the rooms to find items in the Museum, Tucker Building. Rotating Museum schedule as a tour guide. Banking has been set up.
- **Unscheduled Delegations**
- (\*) Clerk Report- In file
- (\*) Treasurers Report- In file
- Adjournment- 7:07 PM

**Next Regular Council Meeting is November 9th, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

***ASTERISK (\*) ITEMS ARE ALL SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE CROUCH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.***

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Trevor Schiefelbein-Mayor

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Bonnie M. Horsewood-City Clerk

APPROVED MINUTES