

CITY OF CROUCH

Re-Scheduled Meeting of the City Council

October 16, 2024

6:30 p.m.

City Hall

Garden Valley, ID 83622

Minutes

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
Paul Cleveland
Shawna Martin
Mike Hefner

Staff

Treasurer-Steve Raddigan-Absent on fires
Water Master- George Simpson-absent
City Clerk- Bonnie Horsewood
City Attorney-Geoff Schroader-by phone if needed

Open Regular Council Meeting 6:31

Pledge of Allegiance

• **Consent Agenda**

- Review of Minutes of Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting of September 11th, 2024
- Review of Payables & Financials
- (*) Approve Consent Agenda- Member SWM made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Member SM second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion passed

• **Water Issues**

- (*) Water Master Report- George did not tell the Mayor about the Water Survey. George may have been thinking ahead about water expansion.

• **New Business**

- (*) Oath of office for new Council Member- The Mayor had met with Paul Cleaveland and had a good discussion about city issues and concerns both past and present. Mayor would like to appoint Paul Cleaveland as a City Council Member. Member SWM made a Motion to approve Mayor Schiefelbein's appoint of Paul Cleaveland as new Council Member. Member SM second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion passed. Mayor Schiefelbein swore in Paul Cleaveland and he took his seat on Council.
- (*) Discussion regarding Community Hall-There has been discussion in the past about the condition that Community Hall has been left. Mayor has spoken with the person who rents the hall the most. After this weekend's Fall Festival, everything will be out of there except for the artwork which Council had approved, however we may want to put a limit on how many pieces of art should be in there. Currently there is A Lot! The Mayor was thinking maybe a dozen would be ok. There are little holes in the walls where the art has been hanging. Clerk suggested that the little picture holders that leave no holes, where you just pull the tab and it removes the attachment that holds the art. Mayor said that is an idea. Member SWM said that he rents it to people who sell art. That is fine,

just can't hang them up. The conversation the Mayor had with him was very clear that everything will be moved out, backrooms, stage and main hall, all his tables out of there. There are things he has in there such as flag disposal holder, old glasses for donation, bikes out front, flyers up front, signs outside etc. From speaking with those in the community, the consensus is that the hall would be rented out more if it looked more attractive and we cleaned it up. Maybe Payette Forward could work with him regarding the bike thing. The bikes in front take away from the outside appearance. After it is cleaned out, we will see what all needs to be done on the inside of the hall. The Museum board has money and they would like to spruce it up as well. The Mayor asked Council if they had any ideas on how to make the Hall more inviting. Council members were encouraged to take a walk in the Hall and see how things are and what may be needed. It was conveyed to the person renting the Hall that everything would be out after the Fall Festival. We still have the free library out front which is running fine but we do not want to see it get overgrown either. Maybe as a Senior project someone could offer to maintain this. Member SM agreed that we need to get rid of all that stuff. He also said that we may just get rid of the art and start fresh. Another idea is to clean up the back office and rent it out. It would be a great little office space; we could figure out a reasonable amount to rent it. Member MH said Council did approve the art but didn't put a number on them. It started out at five or six and it now has grown. Council can think about ideas and the Mayor will check out the Hall after the weekend. Council looked over the agreement for renting the Hall. We have bent the rules for people to be nice. If someone was holding an event, say on a Saturday, if the hall is opened, they could come in the day before and set up or if it's an evening thing they could come in the morning and set up. They would have to take it down that evening, especially if it is rented the next day. We will give a little grace period. If we fix it up, then we will be able to rent it out more often. The feeling of people in Crouch is that it does need to be more appealing.

- (*) Property Line Adjustment for Garden Valley Smiles- Mayor and Council had no concerns regarding the Property Line Adjustment for Garden Valley Smiles. Member SM made the Motion to approve the Property Line Adjustment for Garden Valley Smiles. Member SWM Second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion passed.

- **Old Business**

- (*) Community Emergency Preparedness update- Dawna Booth is in the process of trying to get a grant. A lady at the Library is helping Dawna write up that grant. Dawna would like to purchase a few things, radios and other things. They would also like to archive the things in the Museum in such a way that we would not lose that information in case of a wildfire. The Mayor noticed that Kim had purchased a video camera system for the Museum.
- (*) Update on Well Property- Fencing area/material update- We can adjust the area for the well property for fence line as long as we're in compliance with the State Statue per height and material used. Per Geoff we can shrink it down. We can remeasure and that way Chris Holt could access more of his property. Per Member MH, if we can come up with some dimensions and the issue with the gate. Mayor said he will speak to Chris.
- (*) Snow removal-Geoff is looking into whether we can do a three-year contract or if every year we have to put an ad in the paper. Member MH said that the dump does a five-year contract.

- **Scheduled Delegations**

- (*) Road Committee Report- Member MH said he's done filling potholes. Jennifer from Old Crouch Merc said they raised \$200 dollars from the donation jar toward the potholes.
- (*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report- Kim was not present but not much to report.
- (*) Member of Council to join Museum Board-Mayor reminded Council that a member needs to join the Museum Board (side look at Paul Cleaveland-laughter). Member SWM said he had talked to Kim Bosse and she said she would be willing to be on the board.
- **Unscheduled Delegations**
- (*) Discussion the Proclamation Recognizing Idaho's Military Caregivers- The Mayor has contacted them to understand more of what is involved with this. To see if we want to get involved. The Mayor has done care giving. It is really nice. If the people doing the caregiving are taken care of, they will give more to those they are taking care of. He will obtain more information: do we need to be on a committee etc.
- (*) **Clerk Report-** The cement blocks have been ordered and placed by Paul Shepherd. Cari Shuman has scheduled her first Crouch Business get together for 12/6/2024 at 6:00. Vendor permits last year was 67, this year we're at 88. Clerk's hours are more than usual due to two Council Meetings and just being really busy. Clerk has offered to clean the hall for the same amount as Trish. She will also make a list of what is still in the Hall and let Council know, take pictures if need. Tim Fritzley asked for verification of the Property Line Adjustment. Bonnie will get a letter written up tomorrow, Mayor will sign it and she will email it to Tim.
- (*) **Treasurers Report-** Submitted
- **Adjournment-** 6:53PM

Next Regular Council Meeting is November 13th, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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