

CITY OF CROUCH

Meeting of the City Council

July 9th, 2025

6:30 p.m.

City Hall

Garden Valley, ID 83622

Regular Council Meeting

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
Mike Hefner-President

Shawna Martin
Tom Wentz

Staff

Treasurer-Steve Raddigan
Water Master- Terry Tucker-absent
City Clerk- Bonnie Horsewood
City Attorney-Geoff Schroader

Open Regular Council Meeting 6:43PM

Pledge of Allegiance

• **Consent Agenda**

- Review of Minutes of Public Hearing/Regular Meeting of May14th, 2025
- Review of Payables & Financials
- (*) Approve Consent Agenda- Member MH made the Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda, Member TW Second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion Passed.

• **Municipal Water System**

- (*) Well property update-Power pole and fencing are installed. Mayor said he will go by & check it out. He was concerned about the power pole specifically due to the close proximity of the powerlines to Chris Holt's roof. Member TW said Chris was happy with it. Member MH said that there was some left-over fencing that he has returned. He does not have the amount of what we will be refunded yet. When he gets that, he will get a check back to the City.
- (*) Watermaster report-Terry Tucker was not in attendance. Terry is going to come by City Hall tomorrow to pick up the wellhouse keys. Mayor asked Bonnie to get a report from Terry by the end of the month.

• **New Business**

- (*) Insurance coverage amount on the Tucker Building- Council said to keep the Tucker Building coverage, the same as it has been. The Mayor referred to Kim if she thought the insured amount would be sufficient. She said yes. No Motion needed.
- (*) Set Public Hearing Date for Budget FY2025/2026- We need to set a date for the upcoming budget and a date for the Amended FY2024/2025 Budget. Mayor asked for a Motion to set the Public Hearing date for both for August 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Member SM made the Motion to set the Public Hearing date for the Budgets for August 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Member MH Second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion Passed.

- (*) Chamber of Commerce-There was an indication that some members of the Chamber may have some comments for the Council. Mayor inquired if there were any members here with comments. There were none.
- (*) City Limits Tim Fritzly Annexation-Mr. Fritzly has requested that his annexation be completed, according to his letter we received. Apparently when the Annexation Ordinance was passed, it was never recorded with the County or submitted to the Tax Commission. We still have another step and some errors in the legal description that need to be corrected before this can be completed. It may be the case that we may need to readopt that Ordinance. More to follow on this. Pertaining to the City Limits boundary, Steve Raddigan spoke with the gentleman at the Tax Commission today. They are aware of the problem with the City boundary and have been since 1985. We need to submit the survey which we have conducted from 1951. They just need to read it. The Northern boundary needs to be moved back to the high-water mark. Mayor asked if this is still on their desk to interpret. Steve said it is now on the Council's desk, if Council decides they want to put the boundary back to where it was on paper, in 1962. Geoff found on the wall a de-annexation letter for Section 15, from 1988. The one-foot strip from Garden Valley to Banks, would be Geoff's guess. Mayor asked for A Motion for Steve and Geoff get with the Tax Commission and correct the City boundary. Member MH made the Motion for Steve and Geoff to get with the Tax Commission and get this all straightened out. Member TW Second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion Passed. Steve Raddigan said they will get to work on this.

- **Old Business**

- (*) Lumens/Amendments for Sign Ordinance- The Mayor can not get the Lumens reader to register at the edge of the property, (Dirty Shame). The meter works but it just won't register at the edge of their property. There have been no complaints. Member MH said they blacked it. The Mayor said in his opinion, we don't need to put a Lumens stipulation in our Sign Ordinance unless we start looking like Las Vegas,(laughter)! Geoff said then we can put the Ordinance as is with the edits he hopefully squeezed off other than the Lumens, omit them. Geoff said we can out that on our August Agenda.

- **Scheduled Delegations**

- (*) Road report- The Mayor had given the Artisan Market permission to set up in the City around City Hall & Community. They used to set up across from the Market. The problem was they were required to have certain insurance. Then they over went to Starlight. It was dusty and hot there and they lost success with that. They then came to Him and Bonnie about setting up in the City. We got with ICRMP and Geoff. We do have liability insurance to cover any incidents, the Mayor gave them temporary permission to use the City. A Motion to let them continue is a good idea. Member SM made the Motion to allow the Artisan Market to continue setting up in the City on Saturday's from 9:00-1:00. Member MH Second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion Passed. Mayor asked Bonnie to call and let them know they can continue to set up in the City.
- (*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report- The security cameras are working except in the Tucker Building so Kim will get some help to fix that. They are waiting for the cherry picker to put the sign up. They have had some issues with people messing with the area where the little truck and farm equipment is behind City Hall. Someone took the dummy out of the truck and had unwired the truck handles. They are planning on putting up a fence of some kind. Maybe some posts with a rope or a chain running from post to post. This would prevent anyone getting hurt on the metal and keep them away from our property inside. They are planning on moving the truck closer to the City Hall building as well. Shepherds are going to help with

that.

The Mayor said he would like to keep the walkway there clear so people can walk through there but also have a safety net in place too. They may place Keep Out signs too. Dawna Booth wanted to have volunteers come in and give tours of the Museum.

These are people we do not know. They would need access to City Hall and the Museum board did not feel comfortable with this. Currently only the Museum board members can give tours. These are people we know. The Mayor asked what hours they give tours. They do not have regular hours. People just call Kim if they would like to go through the Museum. If Kim is not available then she will contact other members. This has not been a problem and has worked out well. There is a sign posted at the Tucker Building and on the front door of City Hall with the numbers to call for a tour. Per Geoff, with all the City business and personal records we have here, we should only have Museum board members or City staff during city hours. This has been working well the way it is so we will leave it that way. They have received \$75 in donations, which is better than last year. Kim said that their survey asks how they heard of our Museum. So far no one has heard about it from the Chamber. The Mayor asked if there is any internet presence, like Google Maps. He said he has guests that come up here and ask about places to see and things to do here. They find places to eat and such. If there were a web site with the Museum that would be helpful. The Mayor has been pushing the Chamber to do a cartoon like map-pamphlet type thing so you could see where places are, what they are, and what they do, hours etc. Kim and Dawna are trying to work on a pamphlet type thing.

- (*) Kathy Vaughan from GV Properties-Easements- Kathy had provided Geoff with information regarding the easement by Valley Wide. She said that at that location it jogs in 30 feet. She had called the County and they said that it's in the City limits of Crouch. She advised that most of the properties along that short section are inside the easement or inside the setback from the road. The road easement has not been enforced. On the Valley Wide lot we have that jog that goes in there. So if she were to put a value on that lot and someone wanted to build on it, if she were to come to the City and ask for a building permit, and she is inside that set back, would she be able to obtain one? The Mayor referred this to Geoff. With the legal description of this property and a building permit, you would have to maintain the setback. What Kathy would need to do is to petition the County to vacate that portion of the road. It is a street in the City but it is not a City road but a County road. The County plows it and maintains it. The lot itself is inside a subdivision. It appears to not be an easement but a property line. Geoff said that most cities have plated streets. Geoff is thinking about how to do a street vacation that isn't a city street but a County road and how it actually came into existence. Geoff will get with the County guy. Kathy will give him her card.
- **Unscheduled Delegations-** Thor was here regarding his plans. He, Geoff and Bonnie will have a discussion after the meeting to see if we can get his plans on the August Agenda.
- (*) **Clerk Report-** Steve Raddigan had called Verizon to see if we could get them for our internet service and save the City some money. They were no help at all. When you tell them you are a City with one phone; they want nothing to do with you. A lady had come into City Hall to get a Vendor Permit. She had asked the cost; I told her \$20. She said that it is too low, that we should be charging \$40-\$50 for it. Steve Raddigan said

we

have had a discussion about Vendor Permits & Business licenses and we're working on that. The Mayor said to put it on our October/November Agenda so we could implement it for next year. We do need to do something different with those licenses.

The Mayor would like to look at a 501C3 or a nonprofit, someone raising funds for a Project/event etc. and they would not have to pay for the permit. So, this needs to be cleaned up as well as temporary Vendor permits vs full year Business License. They are both the same fee so of course they would get the full year. We will work on that. Mayor said to add that to the September/October Agenda.

- (*) **Treasurers Report-** Submitted
- **Adjournment 7:25PM** with a reminder our Regular Council Meeting will be at 6:30 but we will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00PM.

Next Regular Council Meeting is August 13th, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

Trevor Schiefelbein-Mayor

Bonnie M. Horsewood-Clerk