

CITY OF CROUCH
Meeting of the City Council
April 17th
6:30 P.M.
City Hall
Garden Valley, ID 83622

SPECIAL MEETING

The public has the right to attend meetings, with the exception of lawful executive sessions.
Changes on agenda are for emergencies only.

Open Special Council Meeting 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

- **Executive Session**-Interest in Acquisition of Real Property-Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c)
Council went into Executive Session

- **Resume Regular Meeting 6:47PM**

(*) Actions following Executive Session-Acquire interest in real property. Mayor opened the regular meeting. Council had discussed purchasing the property at 64 Village Circle. Mayor asked for a Motion to approve purchasing the property at said address. Member SM made the Motion to approve the purchase the property at 64 Village Circle for the amount of \$8050, that is described as in the description as ingress, aggress and utility maintenance agreement after a survey is completed to verify that this description is consistent with the 50' clearance required by DEQ with funds for the land purchase, survey, title, research and recording be funded by the Idaho Rebounds account. Mayor asked for a Second. Member CS Second the Motion. Roll call vote SWM-Y, SM-Y, CS-Y, MH-Y all yes. Motion passed. That being said Mayor had spoken with our attorney Geoff, there is a little last bit that they need Chris Holt too do that Council will help him do if needed. Geoff said he needs to do a quick Lot Line adjustment severing this off of his property at which point we will do the same. We will get a survey at that point to get a Quit Claim deed and go from there. Chris asked how quickly this can be done. Member MH said usually if he can get somebody who can read the description Council had of the property, they can say that I am going to take this off of yours. I am going to issue a Quit Claim Deed to the City and Chris is signing it off to us. Chris asked if he needed to go through his Title company or who? Member MH said that anyone who is qualified to do a Quit Claim could accomplish this. Mayor called Geoff. He said we will do the Lot Line adjustment and waive the fee and any Title Company can do the Quit Claim Deed. We will hold a Special Meeting for the Lot Line Adjustment once we have the legal description and the Quit Claim Deed. As soon as Chris can get this done, which Chris said he will have it done tomorrow. The Special Meeting will be the officializing of the Lot Line Adjustment with legal descriptions. Pending Chris getting all of this done we will set up a Special Meeting when Council members will be available. Chris will take exhibit B for the description he has for the property to the Title Company. Member MH asked Chris when he was doing his refinancing? Chris said the 6th of May is when they were going to run his credit etc. Member SWM said that since Chris does not have a mortgage company it should go quickly. Council set a Special Meeting for Wednesday April 24th at 6:30 for approval of a Lot Line Adjustment with legal description. This will be finalizing the details of how many feet etc. The lady at the Title

Company pulled up everything we should need. They will be sniping it into two and we will be taking a piece of his old current property. Chris said Council had spoken about a fence down the road. Mayor had spoken to Tim Fritzley, and it sounded like he and his brother-in-law, Scott Leslie, may do it, if and when they form a public water district, and we are able to hand this thing over to them. Chris asked about the power pole. Mayor inquired that Chris had called Idaho Power previously about it. Chris said they had come out and tightened up the line one year because it was getting a little low. Mayor said he gets that it is not Idaho Powers pole, but it is their power lines. The pole is ours, but it is just a temporary pole. Member MH said we may just have to put out a pole closer to the wellhead and let Idaho Power come up and restring it. When the guy came out to tighten the lines, he told Chris to speak to the city about it and let them know it will be cheaper to run it underground than to go with a pole. Chris said he would have no problem with them running it under his ground. Mayor asked Bonnie to call Idaho Power about this. Chris said Idaho Power keeps all the calls for 5 years so they may be familiar with this. Member MH asked where the pole was. Chris said about 4' from his house and leaning. If they were to put a fence in it would be better to get the power issue done before a fence. Tom Wentz asked about the Public Water Committee, are they going to be in charge of this? Mayor asked if they had notified him of the water system? Tom said no. Mayor said he will have Tim Fritzley contact him. Tom said he does not want to speak with Tim. Mayor advised Tim is helping put a committee together, he may be on the board later. Member SWM told Tom he will need to attend the meetings since it involves him as a water user. Tom asked how Tim became involved with the water. Member SWM said because Tim attends our meetings, but he is not in charge of the water but just helping to form a committee that could potentially turn into a board. He will just be one person on the board. Tom advised that he has a few letters regarding Tim's honesty and integrity that maybe we should bring out into the community because he does not trust him one bit. Tom said he would not trust Tim to appoint people to a water board. Mayor said that they would be voted on not appointed. Tom said he will come to more meetings. Mayor said at past meetings we have discussed the future of this water system, it is barely out of the wash even upside down and if there is any maintenance needed done, it is toast. Tom said he is charged \$80 a month and he only has one toilet and has no idea why it is that high. Member MH said the income from the water system is just over \$400 and it is not keeping up with just the people who are using it. So basically, the city is subsidizing a private system and footing the bill for it. Tom said, "but it is already in place so how could it be a private system?" Chris said because they are going to add a second well. That would not happen unless we were to expand. Member SM said the only way we would drill a second well would be for requirements form DEQ for redundancy if we wanted to have more hookups than we have now. Right now, that is not in the cards. It would not make sense to do this unless we had more people who would want to get on it. Mayor said we do not even have enough for running our hydrants, they are basically useless. The water system's board would be like a Council, everything would be voted on, it is a public district. It is not necessarily like Tim would be making any of the decisions. It is not even formed yet. Mayor said he does respect what Tom is saying about Tim. Mayor will text Tim to make sure he has contacted each of the people that are hooked up. Tim may come to speak with Tom just to let him know. Tim would just let Tom know what he is trying to do. So far, Tim has just shown interest in seeing what we have and whether it would be financially frugal or worth it to put this together with all of the users and take this out of the city books and off our hands. We did not set out to be in the water business, it just fell into the city's lap before any of us were really here, maybe with the exception of member MH. MH said back then that it was a private bill of goods. He did not agree because it was Larry Leisure selling a bunch of crap to the city. Mayor said we are just trying to do right with what we inherited. With that being said, Tom asked if we were behind on the cistern or what? Mayor said it is still under maintenance, monthly testing, and all

that. Example if something shook a pipe loose where does that funding come from? It is just barely out of the wash economically currently. Tom appreciated all the information, and he will come to more meetings. Mayor told Tom he will try to keep him informed if he cannot make the meetings. We are trying to be as transparent as possible. He have inherited this thing that was never designed to be owned by the city the way it was set up with only 10-11 users. Member MH said we are sitting here with a project that we have a lot of questions about and do not know what the best answers are right now. Anytime we get input from anybody it is appreciated because we do not want to make a mistake. We want to make the right decision. Mayor said we do not want to hurt anybody. Chris verbalized cleaned it up and do it right. Member MH said I do not want something and some of the others do not want something to be turned loose and then all of a sudden you have to hook up. Well, he is not voting for that! Council agreed. Tom and Chris were talking about the same thing. Mayor said unfortunately that may be at some point possible. Chris said he has a hook up, but he is down below the river, so he will not hook up. Mayor said he would not want to hook up unless his well just goes and it is just right there, he might but he wants the option, he does not want to be forced to hook up. Chris said he does not want to be forced to pay for water. That is understood. Mayor adjourned the meeting. The people attending could still talk about their personal opinions after the meeting, which has no bearing on this meeting. Special Meeting set for April 24, at 6:30PM.

Adjournment 7:06PM

Next regular Council Meeting is May 9th 2024 at 6:30 PM

Trevor Schiefelbein- Mayor

Bonnie M. Horsewood- City Clerk