

CITY OF CROUCH
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 23rd, 2023
6:00 PM

The Council meeting will be held in City Hall at 342 Village Circle. Anyone needing special accommodations for disabilities should contact the City Clerk at (208)462-4687 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Council Members

Mayor- Trevor Schiefelbein-Absent
Steve McAninch-President
Clayton Smith
Louis Archer

Staff

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

Open Special Council Meeting 6:01PM

Pledge of Allegiance

1.(Action item) Street Survey discussion/vote for Old Crouch Rd from Middlefork to the bridge in Crouch Business District.

Council President Steve McAninch conducted the meeting due to the absence of the Mayor. He explained the reason for this special meeting. He had spoken to Clay Tucker and said that Clay would try to attend the meeting. The City would need to have a survey for us to work with Boise County for road maintenance. The City of Crouch Does Not want to take possession of the road. Boise County may not want to take care of it either. We get some funds for the roads which would be given to Boise County if they choose to maintain the road. Question asked: How much do we get for the streets? Around \$8700 a year. Council President Steve McAnich asked for input from the people and business owners in attendance. He explained that snow removal and potholes are the main concern. The Council is neutral on the issue. Tim Fritzley suggested we get ahold of Doug Bergey. This was met with strong opposition to using Doug. Tim Fritzley suggested we get all the business owners together to see what they would agree on and have a plan before the City has a survey done. Rob Harold from Two Rivers was very vocal about getting all the business owners together. He doesn't want sidewalks or a walking path here. He said we don't want Crouch to turn in to another McCall! No hanging plants etc! Geoff explained that was in the original Comp. Plan. Per Geoff there is a new Comp. Plan in the works for Crouch. Rob thinks it's a part of a bigger plan for Crouch. Geoff had a letter from 9-15-2011 from Kim Bosse regarding painting the lines in Crouch. We just need to identify the property owners lines, which will be very helpful. Market Street needs to be included in the survey as

well to establish if it's a county road or city. We need to know the scope of Market Street. Steve Fitz questioned the property from the bridge to Old Crouch Merc.

Council President Steve McAninch said that the monies the City would use for the survey would come from LOT fund. Steve said the idea of getting the business owners all together to work out a plan is a good idea. Rob Harold said we need the survey done by someone not associated with Crouch, fresh eyes, that hasn't worked up here before. Member Archer said that the County was surveying Middlefork Rd., maybe we should look up who was surveying that. A survey would not mean that the City would be liable for snow removal or maintenance. The survey would have to include easements. Rob said the survey would determine snowlines, center of the road etc. Steve McAninch said the main concern is to determine the center of the road and go from there. The 30' width of the roadway was Steve McAninch's fault. He had walked the road and painted a center line and was just trying to make sure there was parking room. Mike Hefner said there needs to be room for parking for businesses. The original bridge plans would have taken a lot of their property. Those plans were changed so they didn't lose any of their property. Geoff presented our roads and property lines to other attorneys. They couldn't believe the mess ours was. After the survey there will be partial public and some private areas, but the edges will be fuzzy. The business owners agree that we need to have a plan and then get the survey. If the cost of a survey were \$25,000, that would not be a go. Geoff said that the legal fees to get the prescriptive easement shouldn't be too much, could be \$1000-\$3000 but don't quote him on that. Steve McAninch said that we do not have a decision right now. We will need to find a surveyor first, get bids and see where we are at. If we change surveyor's, then we are changing dollars as well. Geoff said Council can set a dollar amount for a survey, not to be exceeded. The Mayor and City Clerk can make the decision on one. We can use a portion of the street fund monies (\$4500) and the LOT as well towards this survey. Member Archer said we need to keep some money in the street fund in case we should need it. Member Smith asked what the money in the street fund was used for? Snow removal, street lighting and port-a-potties. Council President McAninch said maybe \$15,000 plus legal fees might be a place to start. Steve Fitz said he would like to see the road go around and out away from the gas pumps at the Old Crouch Merc. Rob Harold suggested cement barriers, they work. Steve Fitz was also concerned about parking. He would like to have a nice outside eating area. Once we get to the scope of the road then business owners can see where the easement is and what property they can use. Market Street needs a center line as well. The road width which is basically what the survey is all about, not necessarily property lines. Steve Fitz said the prescriptive easement, right of passage and center of the road may not conform with the survey. Council President McAninch said he will be there with the surveyor. Surveyors and business owners could discuss side boundaries of the road. The City will have to contract with outside contractors. Council President McAninch said that the LOT money comes from the businesses, so we want to make it work for our town. A Motion was made by Member LA: Motion to allow \$17,000, not to exceed this amount, for a survey of Old Crouch Rd and Market

Street. Member CS second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion passed. The Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer will decide on who will do the survey.

Close Special Council Meeting-7:02PM

Next Regular Council Meeting is June 14th, 2023 at 6:30PM