

CITY OF CROUCH

Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council

June 12th, 2024

6:30 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
Shawna Martin
Mike Hefner

Staff

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

Open Regular Council Meeting 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

• **Consent Agenda**

- Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 8th, 2024
- Review of Payables & Financials
- Approval of new Building Inspection Record form- Member SM made the Motion to approve the new Building Inspection Form, Member MH second the Motion, All- Yes, Passed.
- (*) Approve Consent Agenda-Member CS made the Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Member SWM second the Motion, All-Yes, Passed.

• **Water Issues**

- (*) Water Master Report-No update. Steve has collected information for Ms Nuwang. George has not had the meeting with her yet. Steve said this is moving forward.
- (*) Update on Water Committee- Tim Fritzley said this will be his last meeting. He is selling his property and getting out. He no longer is working on putting together a Water District. He said to do a rate study we need an OEM and Capital budget but we cannot do a rate study without that. He said he would put one together if Council wants. Tim said he did not know what Ms Nuwang is doing. Steve said she asked for our rate study and information like that. Tim said to do a rate study we need to know what our minimum is. He said we need to be concerned with what the replacement budget would be. When you look at rates you need to look at what it costs of OEM and have a reserve fund for capital replacement. Tim said he did a back of the envelope study and our rates should be about \$50-\$60 per connection. If we put together how many businesses we have, the rates and meters, then we could expand 10 or so more connections but we will never be able to get to 125 connections. Steve R. said that Ms Nuwang has all of that she is putting together. How the businesses with multiple tenants would bill each

one would be up to the owner of the building due to you cannot meter each individual tenant. Tim advised Council that the grocery store does have a meter there. Our water Ordinance does address multiple tenants. Steve R. said Council has already had a meeting on rates and at some point they will have to revisit this issue. Geoff said what IRWA is doing is exactly what Tim mentioned. They are working on calculating what we will need to set our rates. If we should set the rate to \$50-\$60 a month, we will have information to support that rate. Since at our Water Rate meeting Council had estimated \$140, we now could have documentation to support a lower rate. We would not necessarily need to have another Water Rate meeting, per Geoff, but it probably would not hurt to do so. We would then be able to justify a new rate. That would require two publications in the paper before such meeting.

- (*) Power pole replacement/fencing on wellhouse property-Member SM made a Motion to approve up to \$2000 to replace the power pole, Member MH second the Motion, Passed. Need to get estimates on replacing the fence. ARPA (approximately \$37,000 left) funds will be used for these. Bonnie will put on the Agenda a list of things that need to be done to secure the well head and upgrade the lot, with the ARPA funds.
- (*) Water rate structure discussion
- **New Business**
 - (*) Updated property values for Community Hall & City Hall/insurance increase. Council was given what our Community Hall and City Hall is valued at currently. We are under insured. If we should increase our coverage, it will raise our insurance premium to \$1500 a year. Member MH asked if ICRIMP has replacement cost insurance. Bonnie will find out. Put on the Agenda for next month.
 - (*) Preliminary Budget Discussion-Steve Raddigan went over the proposed budget.
- **Old Business**
 - (*) Community Emergency Preparedness update-Discussion on Emergency Management website. Dawna Booth came to the meeting. She had a pamphlet that she would like to distribute but need someone to print it up. She asked if the City would be willing to do that. Geoff took the pamphlet and said he has a person who will be able to print them for her. She would like to set up at The Artesian Saturday Market and Community Hall when they are opened to just hand them out. She wanted to add the Emergency Preparedness to our city website. It was suggested that they do their own webpage, and we can access it. Mayor said that would be good then it is not tied to the City but on its own. They will be able to make changes when they needed to.
 - (*) Update on Impact Fee-Mayor needs to have a meeting with the Impact Advisory Committee. Geoff said that the Impact Advisory Committee needs to meet before the 10th of July. They then vote and say they love it so much that they want to marry it. They say that the City should adopt this and out it in our Comp Plan. We need to set a Public Hearing to Amend the Comp Plan to add that CIP. We will amend the Comp Plan through Resolution by adding the CIP and adopt an Ordinance. We did have a draft Ordinance but an error was found that was an amendment to the City zoning code allowing for collection of funds. We need to have a Public Hearing so will need to set a date. If we get this published in the paper two weeks before the meeting, we have time to do this at our July 10 Council meeting. We need to make available here at City Hall copy of the CIP and copies of the Ordinance. We will set the meeting for July 10th at 6:00. Notice to be put in the paper two weeks prior to the meeting.

- (*) Update on 4th of July amenities- Kevin Coldani was here and had bids for dumpsters and potties. Council had discussed this at our last meeting. All they need to do is have the businesses bill us and we will pay.
- **Scheduled Delegations**
 - (*) Road Committee Report- Mayor had been approached by Phil Arnold from Payette Forward regarding our 'legendary potholes'. He wondered how they could get involved and put a donation in to help with getting that repaired. Could they donate to the City to help us or what. Gene Toohey attended the meeting. He gave Council his opinion on what needs to be done with this issue. He was told that it is not the City's responsibility it's the County's responsibility to fix it. He said when he hit the holes the other day, that could have caused injury to somebody else. A business owners car was towed by the County from Old Crouch Rd so that could set precedence as a County road. The City does not have a street dept and we can not jump in and fix this because that would set a precedence that we are responsible for the road. We do not have the funds anyway. Sandra said Steve Alley said unless it is repaired the correct way anything done to the surface will not help. Mayor has met with Boise Co. Commissioners, and they are reluctant to do anything. Geoff said if we could sit down with the County Commissioners, but we will need to do or redo, establish an area of City impact, which requires interfacing with the Commissioners. Council needs to at least engage with the County on what kind of cost sharing the City can do. Tim Fritzley said that the County owns the easement, so they are responsible for the road. Steve Raddigan said he has previously did a notice of public nuisance, maybe the Council can review that to see if it's viable in this situation. Mayor asked to go against the County. Steve said no towards the property owner. Tim Fritzley said that the business owners will sue the City. Member Mike H. said that a business owner had someone come out and gave an estimate just to fix that small piece of road, it was \$50,000. The City does not have the money to do that. Member Mike H. said that the traffic through there is terrible! He was trying to figure out where everyone was going. By the County paving Old Crouch Road, they created a nightmare. Council Member Shawna M. said then the County won't maintain it. Mike H. said he was thinking about putting a jar in the store so people could donate to fix the road, see if the people voicing their opinions have any money. The people at Payette Forward were just looking for solutions to help fix this problem. Mayor asked Geoff how that would work could we act as agent to collect money? Steve R. said before we start taking money, that would have to be added to the books as donations. Member Shawna M. said so the business owners would just keep the jars and work together to put it where they need to, which Steve R. said, as they should have been doing years ago. Mayor said eventually someone is going to have to write the big check to the paving company. The Mayor said this doesn't sit right with him. All people use that road constantly. Steve R. said the other option is to have the property owners deed what they call the road to the County. Tim F. said that this has been gone over and over. Nothing has been done or will get done. We need to force the County to do their job! We could get together with the Commissioners, the City and business owners, but that would probably be a waste of time. If anything will get some action it would be a letter from the City Attorney threatening with legal action, if he has the authority to do it. Then he can speak with their attorney, and they can work it out. Mike H. said that they are storing reclaimed asphalt from the highway 55 in Horseshoe Bend. He has heard that it is good to use if you can get the right glue to put it back to use. They actually did one of the Commissioners road to their house in Horseshoe Bend with it. Since they were storing it there that's why they used it. Mayor said we could probably pick some spots here and store some in Crouch (laughter). Mike H. said that he doesn't know what

it takes to get some. Geoff said when he comes back with his pickup he could just stop and fill his truck (laughter). Geoff will do what he can with the County.

(*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report- Kim said the kinder garden children came and took a tour of the Museum. They were really interested in all the things. Kim said they told them this is what people used to use. Kim said they were really good kids and she bought them a book on Museums for kinder garden kids. She told the teacher to tell all the other teachers to bring their kids so that they can learn as well. Teacher said absolutely! Dawna Booth has decided to start The Garden Valley Historical Society. It all started with a barn. She and Kim took a tour around the southern part of Garden Valley and recorded Steve Alley. He had lots of information and history. Kim is going to continue this as well. Dawna said a lady from the library has a bunch of photos to donate, mostly from the Tuckers. Kim said that the board members are back in town so they will be able to have meetings again. Dawna said there is grant money for Museums as well. Kim said Barb Baker has experience with grants and Kim has also. Kim would like to get a grant and make a map where people could drive around and see all these places. The Mayor said it would be nice to get some of the high schoolers to get information and transcribe it, for example pin #25 was a barn and here is what the history is. Mayor suggested Jan Vandyke or Ryan Williams, English teachers for help with this. It gives the kids much more investment in the community! The Mayor would love to see a senior project done that is more historical. Mike said it would be nice if there was a way to get recording of the historical places here telling the history of each place, that they could listen to.

- **Unscheduled Delegations-** Mike Uhl told Council they sold the first piece of artwork in Community Hall. It wasn't a picture we picked. He gave us \$30 from the sale.
- (*) **Clerk Report-** Bonnie updated on vendor permits. She asked if the Council still would the payables & financial printouts in the Council packets since they are emailed out to them days in advance. They said no they don't need the print outs. We are closed July 4th so get an announcement out that we will be closed and adjust our schedule when it's figured out as to what days we will be opened that week. Bonnie said she will tell Holly about not having water balloons at the parade this year. We can legislate things but not enforce them. Ken Coldani said they just bought some water guns to try out and they worked great. They are planning on buying a hundred/couple hundred. Marcia said they could put a barrel of them in her store and sell some. There will be buckets of water too that the fire Dept said they will fill. They are going to try to get 55-gallon barrels and cut them in half, put pool noodles around the top for safety. Marcia is going to be Grand Marshall this year! Kim said she is fed up with the road condition. Council said she missed that discussion. Mayor said to voice her frustration to the County. It's all County. There's no place to park at Marcia's place at the green house. Tom Wentz said maybe he will put up cement blocks to keep people from crossing his property.
- (*) **Treasurers Report-On File**
- **Adjournment 7:45 PM**

Next Regular Council Meeting is July10th, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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

Trevor Schiefelbein- Mayor

Bonnie M. Horsewood- City Clerk

Approved Minutes