

# CITY OF CROUCH

## Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council

July 10th, 2024

6:30 p.m.

## City Hall

Garden Valley, ID 83622

## Agenda

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-Absent  
Mike Hefner

### Staff

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

### Open Regular Council Meeting 6:31PM

Pledge of Allegiance

#### • **Consent Agenda**

- Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 12th, 2024
- Review of Payables & Financials
- (\*) Approve Consent Agenda- Mayor asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda-Member CS Made the Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda, Member SM second the Motion. Passed.

#### • **Water Issues**

- (\*) Water Master Report – No report from George.
- (\*) Direction of City Water System-Mayor received a text from Chris Holt. He wants to do the fencing around the well property himself. He was hoping we would not be holding anything over him for this. Mayor said it was nice of him to want to do it and Chris would like to weed eat the weeds as well. Personally, the Mayor thinks that we should do this, not Chris. We should be responsible for the fence at least since we have the funds to do it. Geoff said it's our property, our well and it's our responsibility to take care of the fence. It's generous of him to offer. We have to do it for the standards of the City. Member CS asked if we're sure we have the correct property lines now. We do have a survey of the property lines. Council went over the estimates for fencing with and without installation. They are quite expensive. The Mayor and Council looked over the other needs for the well property. We need to see how much to put into the fencing and what would be left over for other needs...meters. We do need the meters and possibly have one person install them all at once. The price for putting them in was roughly \$2000. Maybe we could get a better deal by doing it that way. Member MH asked if the Council would be interested in getting a wholesale bid on materials for the fence. Mayor said yes and we should have guys up here that are licensed that we could get an

estimate to install it. Mayor asked Bonnie to find out the requirements for fence height and let Member MH know, also to reach out to contractors up here to see if they install fencing. We need to get a power pole as well. Member SM asked why we need an electrician to put in the power pole. Idaho Power had told Bonnie that needed to be done by an electrician. Mayor wondered if a General Construction Contractor could install it. Member SM said any general contract with a mini excavator could install the pole. Kim Bosse said that the pole could be installed but we would need an electrician to move the power box to the pole and then Idaho Power will move the lines. She had to do this at her property. Mayor asked about securing the well head with a cement box. Bonnie told him that Severance has cement blocks for \$120 each. We would probably need three of them. Mayor said we also need meters possibly 10 or so. The store already has a meter, depending on if it's the right kind. Member SM said we know most of the contractors around town, we could get bids from them to install the power pole, maybe around \$200 or so. We need to get a power pole and Idaho Power said they were around \$350. Bonnie will check. Member SM said Jeff Crow does a lot of work around Crouch and we will ask him what he would contract out by the hr. Mayor asked if Council would like to set a number tonight so that we wouldn't have to have another meeting. Council said we could go ahead and get the blocks from Severance but we would need someone to move them. Would need someone with a skid steer. Maybe Elijah could. Member CS asked about the power pole, where do we get one. There are quite a few sitting on Highway 17, joking we could just use one of them laughter! Mayor said it would be good to get the pole and blocks, that's two things off our list. Then we can look at fencing and meters. Member MH said we will probably need a ground rod with the pole too. Mayor asked for a Motion to approve 3 cement blocks from Severance for \$120 each. Member CS made the Motion to purchase 3 cement blocks from Severance for \$120 each. Member MH second the Motion, all Yes. Motion passed. No Motion made for the power pole.

- (\*) ARPA funds for security of City well property

- **New Business**

- (\*) Impact Meeting set for July 24, 2024 6:30PM- Member CS asked if we all need to be there for this meeting. Per Mayor, yes, we all need to be there.
- (\*) Budget Hearing set for August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Mayor set the meeting time for our Budget Hearing at 6:00PM. Mr. & Mrs. Ford did submit a letter regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Their opinion was we did ok but could do better next year. Mayor agreed. Between the Mayor's house and the Ford's, the ground was pretty good, not many balloons but the property between Calvary Chapel and Wild Bill's, it was covered with balloons. Next year lets try to notify people earlier that there are to be no balloons. Mayor conveyed that since the celebration does benefit the city, he would be ok with using some LOT tax money to contract it out to any interested party to clean up the mess. We, as the city should and could pony up for some of that. It our current society people just seem to want to party and leave the mess for somebody else That's just how it is. If money is involved, then maybe people would show up to help. Member MH said that the biggest contributors to this had already bought the balloons before they were aware of the no balloons request and said they wouldn't do it next year. Mayor said that we may be ok then. It appears that the only place that got hammered was in that area and the rest of the town was pretty good. We can discuss this if the Chamber shows up, possibly in January or February next year. We can put notices out next year too. Overall, it was a fun time! We did contribute for the port a potties and dumpsters. Next year we need to add port a potties between The Shame and the Mayor's

neighbors. They had game cameras, and they got some pretty good shots of people relieving themselves in the creek bed and surrounding area. Maybe Ernest would let us put one at the church. We will address this next year. Member CS said that the church was roped off this year. That was different. People could post 'No Balloons' next year. Mayor's neighbors did but they did get some balloons anyway. The Sheriff's truck people were throwing the balloons! Laughter! Tom Wentz said it overall was good. We try to get people up here to celebrate and then say no balloons. People were all getting along and yes there was some mess but really, it was great. We just need a group of people to help clean up. The Chamber didn't have anyone this year. We don't want to kill the fun, but we need a good balance. If we start around March with all of this and try to get Project Patch involved and anyone else that interested in funding. The City is willing to chip in if the Council is as well just to get people willing to help with the clean-up. Possibly Community Service could be of some help.

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Update
- **Old Business**
  - (\*) Community Emergency Preparedness update
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- **Scheduled Delegations**
  - (\*) Road Committee Report- No report. Member CS said he would like to thank Mike Hefner and his crew for fixing the potholes. Mike said he is not done yet. Mike is not asking for any monetary support from anyone. Geoff said the Boise County Prosecutor and himself did a walk around to see what we are working with as far as Old Crouch Rd goes. They are going to prepare a memo on a legal basis, which is a first step. The memo will have the survey on it.
  - (\*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report- They had a quorum, so they did have a meeting. The guy who was going to do the ramp for the Grainery they no longer have. Sandra is going to check with local contractors for some quotes. She is also going to talk to the radio station about free advertising, which they probably will. They are going to get cameras for the Grainery and for the back part of the Museum in City Hall for security reasons. They are working on getting some signs that will point to the Museum, so visitors know where it is. The board decided to sell the Pepsi cooler that is sitting on the front deck at City Hall. Bonnie has a person interested in it, but they need to get a value on it first. They will be moving the washing machine over to the Grainery. They plan on putting the three seated bench from Community Hall on the deck at City Hall for people to use. Dawna Booth is starting a Historical Society and would like to merge with the Museum. Kim would like to speak with Geoff about how this would work out. She will speak to him over the phone. Kim can see benefits from doing this. The new secretary is going to work on getting some grants. Also, they were wondering on being City/Garden Valley Museum but Geoff and Kimm will talk about this.
- **Unscheduled Delegations-** Jeff Stoddard- He is looking to purchase some property at 209 S. Middlefork Rd and he was inquiring about where the main was to hook up. Member SM knows where the property is, and the thing is to get an easement from the property owners whose property he will have to go through to have the water run to his property. since it's a county road they would have to get an easement from the County to bury the line. So, they can go through the County or work with the property owners to go through their property. They asked if we have any hooks up available. Bonnie wasn't sure, but thinks we do. Steve R. wasn't present, but he would know for sure. Mr. just wants to build a home there. He only needs a one-inch (1") line. Mr. Stoddard advised that he could give us a bid on installing the fence at the wellhouse lot. Sandra

who is on the Museum board asked of she could borrow 20 chairs from Com. Hall for her Husband's Marine buddies reunion. Yes, she can. Mayor told her that the store does sell kegs.

- **(\*) Clerk Report-** Bonnie advised that the car show is next month, and we need a new Knob for the back door of the Museum in City Hall. Her son was bumped at the of Middlefork and Old Crouch Rd. Her other son was almost hit and a friend had a very close call there as well. The County Commissioner's Mother-in-law had an issue with that intersection as well. The road is in the City limits but it's a county road. Trucks come down Middlefork Rd and blow through the intersection and haul down Old Crouch Rd through town since the bridge is there now. They do not yield to the through traffic. We are just waiting for a wreck and someone goes after the county. They have been advised numerous times about this intersection.
- **(\*) Treasurers Report –** In file.
- **Adjournment 7:13PM**

**Next Regular Council Meeting is August 14th, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

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

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Trevor Schiefelbein- Mayor

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Bonnie M. Horsewood- City Clerk