

**CITY OF CROUCH**  
**Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council**  
**August 14th, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall**  
Garden Valley, ID 83622  
**Agenda/Budget Hearing**

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-By Phone**  
**Shawna Martin**  
**Mike Hefner**

**Staff**

**Treasurer-Steve Raddigan**  
**Water Master- George Simpson-absent**  
**City Clerk- Bonnie Horsewood**  
**City Attorney-Geoff Schroader-By phone if needed**

**Open Regular Council Meeting 6:15PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Hearing on Proposed Budget**

**Open Public Hearing**

**Hear Testimony-** No community input. Mayor asked Steve R. if there were any changes from the original tentative budget shared with Council in July. He added the insurance for Community Hall & City Hall, but the Council has not made a decision on that yet. He increased the amount for the attorney due to the possibility of litigation on the streets. Other than that, it is the same. Member SM asked if we budget for landscaping. Yes, it is under City Hall. Steve R. said he needs to have a discussion with Council regarding the previous company that did our landscaping. Mayor said they could discuss it now. Steve R. said we received a bill in June, 2024 for services done as of October 2023, eight months later and there were no dates on the bill to confirm what work was done, and when. Steve R. had asked for dates of service and Kenny replied that he did not have those dates. His bill only had turning on sprinklers, mowing, blowing, trimming and sprinkler blow out. Steve R. said he would pay it under the Mayor's signature. The bill was \$510. This was for work done from October 2022 to November 2023. We received that invoice June 2024, Steve R. gave Council a copy of the invoice. Mayor added this issue to unscheduled delegations for discussion. Mayor asked for any public comment on our budget. There was none. Our previous budget for landscaping was \$255 so this did exceed that portion allotted. Council will discuss this later in the meeting.

**Close Public Hearing-6:21PM**

- **Consent Agenda**
  - Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 10th, 2024
  - Review of Payables & Financials
  - (\*) Approve Consent Agenda- Member SM Made the Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member MH Second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion Passed
- **Water Issues**

- (\*) Water Master Report- Mayor had spoken to George Simpson. He said everything is good. Nothing new to report. George asked about meters, so the Mayor said we need to figure out power pole and fencing first. On the topic of fencing, Mayor had spoken to Geoff about changing the perimeter of the fencing. We only own so much of that property, maybe 20-25% of it. Chris Holt has an L shaped part that is his. Could we shrink the fencing down to just encompass just the wellhead and well house and the edges that go to the road. This would leave Chris more access to use his property. We could do a gate for him as well. We could possibly save money on the cost of fencing. Geoff said legally we could do that; it would be ok. There would still be conditions that no contaminates would be on the well property. We would definitely want to get with Chris and see what he thinks. Since we still don't have solid figures on who would do the fencing, no decision has to be made yet. The power pole has been delivered and Mayor asked Member SM if he had gotten with Jeff Crow about putting it in. Member SM still needs to go over some details and he needs to speak to Chris on placement of the pole. The pole needs to be on the easement, so the placement does have restrictions. Since the pole is considerably taller than the existing pole the lines should not be as low as they are currently and be safer. Mayor asked Member SM if he would mention the issue of the fencing placement and see what Chris thinks. We want to do right by Chris and he is comfortable with our decisions as far as fencing and placement of gates. Steve R. had spoken with Chris today and he had mentioned gates. He wants to use his gates. Steve said he does not know what his gates are, but we will find out. As long as they are wide enough to let vehicles/trucks in that's good. Chris had said that they are good quality gates and will last. Mayor did not see an issue with that. Steve R. said to keep in mind that a pump truck will have to be able to access the property. Member MH said they can go over the fence.

- **New Business**

- (\*) Lot Line Adjustment 209 Middlefork Rd- Mayor read over the paperwork for this issue. Mayor asked if the Council had any information about this. Member SM said he did know that they wanted to move the line from south to north on the property. Dave Crawford, the surveyor, was in attendance, so the Mayor asked for details. He said that the original access to the property in question was on the north side. They are simply moving the property line from south to north so access to all the property is the south access road solely on Nancy Thomas's property. Council had no objections to the Property Line Adjustment. Mayor asked for a Motion to approve. Member SWM Made a Motion to Approve the Property Line Adjustment. Member SM Second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion Passed.
- (\*) Impact Meeting update- There was no update. The Fire Dept has been very busy with fires.
- (\*) Budget Hearing discussion for FY2024/2025- Mayor asked if there were any questions about the Budget Ordinance for FY24-25. The clerk brought up a separate issue of employee raises for \$1.50 an hour increase per staff member. Mayor asked the inflation rate, around 6%. This will be put on the agenda for September.
- (\*) Adopt Budget Ordinance #2024-02- Mayor asked for a Motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2024-02. Member SM Made the Motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance #2024-02. Member MH Second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion Passed.
- (\*) Impact Fee Ordinance #2024-01, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Copy was in the Council's folders. This is the second reading. We have one more reading next meeting.

- **Old Business**

- (\*) Community Emergency Preparedness update- Member SM got the copies of flyers done. He had asked if we could print 100 copies each for two pages. Mayor asked the Council how they felt about us taking on some of that cost. Member MH said Geoff had said he would take on some of that. Member SWM said Geoff had said he had someone to print the flyer. They wanted to have them to handout at certain places to give people information in case of an Emergency. Mayor said we can go ahead and print the flyers, and he will also speak to Geoff and let Bonnie know.
- (\*) Update on Well Property-Power Pole-Fence material
- **Scheduled Delegations**
  - (\*) Road Committee Report- Member MH said it has been too hot, so he has not done anymore filling of the potholes. He does have more holes he is going to fill. This is on his dime.
  - (\*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report- Kim was not here. Nothing to report.
- **Unscheduled Delegations-** Paying Payette Landscapes (Mayor added this earlier in the meeting). Mayor asked for Councils thoughts. This was for a year's work. Kenny had quit because he had texted Bonnie and said he is not going to work for free. He had sent us a bill for October 2022 to September 2023. We received the bill in June of 2024, eight months later. The bill was stamped October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No dates of services on the billing. Steve R. said the previous year he had gotten the invoices the same way with no dates. He had asked Kenny for dates of service. Kenny gave him the dates over the phone and Steve made a record of it. This year no dates. Steve said he does not mind paying the bill, but he will not put his signature on it with no dates of service. Mayor said he will put his name on it. Just pay it and move on. Member SWM said we do know he did the work, and he did a good job. Mayor signed the bill and Steve will pay it. Looks like Kenny does his own billing and does not date things. The Mayor does not want any bad feelings with him. Member SM did get Gary VanDyke with Yard Monkey's to trim around Community Hall, around City Hall and trim the tree by the Tucker building and haul off some tables that are falling apart as well. We will just use them as our yard crew. Everything was looking bad and was a fire hazard. Member MH asked about the roofing because it looks bad. They will be coming out to look at it. Ricky will speak to the adjuster when I know he is coming out here. He is doing a lot of business and homes up here from the hail damage.
- (\*) **Clerk Report-** Steve Fitz had came in and said people have been asking to use his bathroom facilities. He asked if the City could/would put another port a potty in town, using LOT monies. I told him there is one behind Community Hall. Steve said that you can't see it. The Mayor said there is one at the park too. Council said to have the his employees there tell people there is one behind Community Hall. Unless the one we have is being used too much or is too full then we don't really need another one. Bill Kibble had suggested that the City put more notices at Highway 55 and 17, that alerts people that Crouch is just up the road. He said it would bring more business to us. I told him that this is a Boise County issue. He suggested that we could put a bug in their ear. A Handicap sign was purchased, and Member SM said we can put it by the Tucker Building after we get the tree trimmed back. Member MH reminded Council of the sign we purchased last year that is where the power poles are laying this year on 17, is now gone. It was back up this Spring. Council said we do have signs on the side of the road notating where Crouch is. Member SWM said do we really need more people coming here? If you are traveling out of town, you probably know where you are headed if you are paying attention. Another issue was the solar panel for our security system had fallen down from it position on Community Hall and needs to be put back up. The Mayor and Bob Powel had installed all of them. We also have one on the back door of City Hall that the Mayor will tweak.

- (\*) Treasurers Report- Submitted
- Adjournment-6:46PM

**Next Regular Council Meeting is September 11th, 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