

BLACKFOOT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Virtue welcomed those in attendance and invited everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and those in attendance were: Councilman Hulse, Councilman Jensen, and Councilman Woodfin.

Mayor Virtue expressed his deep condolences to the Cammack family after the passing of Councilman Farrell Cammack, and expressed his appreciation to Councilman Cammack and stressed how much he would be missed on the council. He proposed putting together some kind of memorial for him.

Mayor Virtue asked to amend the consent agenda to include the Airport Lease agreement with NezGro. Councilman Jensen moved to amend the consent agenda to include the Airport Lease Agreement. Councilman Hulse seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue presented the consent agenda which consists of the following: minutes from the Council Meeting on 5/1/12, the payables, fireworks permits, and the Airport Lease Agreement with NezGro Aerial Applicators for fuel, which Mayor Virtue explained the lease agreement to the council. Councilman Woodfin moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Jensen seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue stated the first item on the agenda was the proposed one year extension of the Firefighter Contract. He stated with the discussion between the Firefighters, the Fire Chief, and the City Attorney, we have found there is no benefit to either party to renegotiating the contract at this particular time. With the Council's approval, we'll extend the current contract for one year. Councilman Jensen moved to approve the one year extension of the firefighter contract as presented. Councilman Woodfin seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue turned the time over to Councilman Jensen. He explained he had talked to the Grove City Ditch people regarding the ditches that run under the city streets. He stated the city is responsible to maintain ditches that are under city streets, but the rest of the ditches are to be maintained by the ditch companies. There was some discussion regarding trees and who they belong to and the damage they can cause. Councilman Jensen said he will work with the street department and the ditch companies and will then set up a meeting with the Mayor with suggestions.

Mayor Virtue stated the next item was the proposed chicken ordinance. He suggested the Council delay the discussion on the proposed ordinance until the next council meeting so the City Attorney will be there. He stated there are some issues that need to be dealt with before it is presented. The Council agreed to postpone the discussion until the next council meeting.

Mayor Virtue then went over some of the upcoming events. He informed the Council they will begin reviewing budgets with the department managers starting next week, and then a time will be set to have a budget work meeting with the Council. Mayor Virtue stated they are in the process of refinancing the Wastewater Treatment Plant bonds which should save the City money. The Association of Idaho Cities Annual Meeting will be in Boise on June 20th-22nd. Pride Days will be July 5th-7<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting more sprint boats, a ping pong ball drop, free airplane rides at the airport and lots of other entertainment.

Mayor Virtue explained we have three Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) districts and the Parkway TIF district expires this November. So any funds left will go back to the taxing districts. BURA has approved a bid to redo the road, water line, curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Cedar Street. They have begun working on that project. BURA also approved the construction of new restrooms at Jensens Grove. They are currently being built now and we are hoping to have it done before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Mayor Virtue stated this weekend is the Good Sam RV Club's 40<sup>th</sup> State Samboree. It will be held at the Eastern Idaho State Fair Grounds and there should be a lot of good entertainment and activities.

Councilman Jensen moved to adjourn. Councilman Woodfin seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

City of Blackfoot

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Mayor Mike Virtue

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City Clerk Suzanne McNeel