

## BLACKFOOT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 2, 2013

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 Brown, Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen and Councilman Woodfin.

Mayor Virtue presented the consent agenda which consists of the following: minutes from 03/05/13, as well as the payables. Councilman Jensen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Brown seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue presented the first item on the agenda: which is an issue regarding an airport lease agreement. Harold Brown is looking to lease one lot at the airport to place a hanger on. The lot is one of the extra large lots at the airport and is about 2,700 square feet. Mayor Virtue discussed with the council the issue of restricting or saving the larger lots for those who would require a larger hanger due to the size of the aircraft. This may encourage those with larger aircraft to use our airport. Mayor Virtue turned the time over to: Mr. Harold Brown, 2240 Henry, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mr. Brown discussed his desire to lease an airport hangar lot and the reasoning behind choosing the larger lot which already has power. Councilman Brown stated his concern that we need to save the larger lots to give the airport an opportunity to have the larger aircraft come into Blackfoot. Mayor Virtue would like to see if it is possible to have Idaho Power give an estimate of the cost to get power to the north end of the airport to expand it for future growth. He asked the council to consider if it is prudent to save the larger lots for future growth and the possibility of running power to the north end of the airport. Councilman Jensen moved to table this until more information is available from Idaho Power. Councilman Woodfin seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue explained to the council that the much needed repairs on East Airport from Teeples Drive to Highland Dr should begin around April 15, 2013. This portion of East Airport will be paid for with federal funds. He stated he would like the council to consider extending the East Airport project and do a limited reconstruction from Highland Drive past Arbon Street. Mayor Virtue explained the street department has the funds for the added reconstruction, but the money is not in the current fiscal year budget, which means we would have to reopen the budget. Mayor Virtue stated the additional reconstruction of the road would cost approximately \$275,000. Councilman Jensen stated the project to be much more cost effective to have the road completed all at one time, rather than doing it in two parts. Mayor Virtue also stated that it would not affect the right-of-way on anyone's personal property on the construction from Highland Drive to Arbon Street. Mayor Virtue allowed public comment regarding the proposed additional construction.

Bobbie Delquest 1145 E Airport Rd. was concerned about the construction of the road. Mayor Virtue expanded that there will not be curb and gutter along this portion of the road. There will

not be a need to purchase any additional property for now. Mayor Virtue said yet in the future, there could be a request for the property.

Wes Fields 2310 Clover asked when they rebuild the roadway Teeples to Highland if the road will support trucks and heavy equipment. Yes, Mayor Virtue replied it should have a good base, Harper and Leavitt has reassured us that it will support all the heavy trucks. Fields also asked about the extension to Arbon Rd. Mayor Virtue replied that it would be the same, but there would not be a curb and gutter on that portion of the roadway. Councilman Jensen moved to move forward with the Road and Re-open the Budget. Councilman Gardner seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue gave information regarding the research of the underpass-overpass for railroad crossing. The city is gathering all the information to find the best plan. Mr. Fred Davis the City Engineer is researching all revenues. Mr. Davis is looking for a feasible under-over pass. There has also been discussion to consider a secondary fire station, paramedics, and a fire truck.

Mayor Virtue welcomed the Scouts and asked them to introduce themselves.

Mayor Virtue turned the time to Attorney Dan Acevedo concerning the Lead on Line for Pawnshops program. Attorney Acevedo asked Captain Kurt Asmus to explain about the new ordinance. Capt Asmus replied the new ordinance replaces the current section and required pawn shops to submit pawn slips in triplicate and this change would allow the shops to do it on line. Captain stated that we had already talked to all the stores and it would not be a hardship for them to change over to the new system. There is no cost for the service; we (the police department) would pay the cost, about \$1200. The county already has this same ordinance in effect. Capt. Asmus also explained the fact other agencies in the valley also use this system and it allows all agencies signed up to Leads on Line to access all the pawn shops that submit data. Councilman Jensen reconfirmed that the department had talked to the shops already and there were no issues raised. Capt. Asmus confirmed that was true. Councilman Jensen move to change as indicated by the City Attorney, move to approve 2115 and waive all readings. Councilman Brown second. All were in favor. Motion passed on a roll call vote:

Councilman Brown – Yes  
Councilman Jensen – Yes  
Councilman Gardner – Yes  
Councilman Woodfin – Yes

Mayor Virtue shared some items of interest. He stated the City is about ready to let the water in the lake this will happen about April 15, 2013. The Solomon Ski Association is building a nice shelter that will match the other shelters on the beach. This has been a joint project between the Solomon Association and the City. The new driving range is working well with the new ball-dispensing machine. Attorney Acevedo report that the City is the proud owner of 625 feet of the well house property.

Mayor Virtue stated we would be working on Airport Rd. there will be some traffic inconvenience. He is in hopes that the project will move smoothly and is completed by September 2013.

Councilman Brown moved to adjourn. Councilman Woodfin seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

City of Blackfoot

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Mayor Mike Virtue

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City Clerk Suzanne McNeel