

BLACKFOOT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 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 excused Attorney Dan Acevedo. He asked the Council to modify the agenda to include Lorna Moffat regarding access to a park for the Cub Scouts. Councilman Jensen moved to approve amending the agenda. Councilman Gardner seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue presented the consent agenda which consists of the following: minutes from the Council Meeting on 10/1/2013 and 10/15/2013. Councilman Brown moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Woodfin seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue presented the first item on the agenda which is the request from the Boy Scouts of America to use Airport Park for a Cub Scouts activity day.

Lorna Moffat, 911 Seefried Lane Blackfoot, ID, is one of the activities chairperson from the Boy Scouts of America. She asked the council for permission to use the Airport Park's shelter and the grassy area to E. Airport Rd on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The Cub Scouts will be having an activity day at the park which will provide a variety of booths for the cubs (arts, wildlife, belt loops and fitness). She said there will be about 25 to 80 scouts attending. Mayor Virtue complemented them for working with the Cub Scouts and on what a great program it is.

Councilman Brown moved to approve the Scouts use of Airport Park on April 26, 2014. Councilman Gardner seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue introduced Brandon and Tracen Mangum. They are here representing "Save a Pet", a summertime project they were responsible for at the Blackfoot animal shelter. Chief Kurt Asmus complemented the young men on helping to make the shelter a much better place. He stated they have had a huge impact at the shelter. Chief Asmus presented the City of Blackfoot with a \$1,000 scholarship check to be used for improvements at the Blackfoot Animal Shelter. Chief Asmus informed the council the boys were awarded this scholarship through ABC's Good Morning America for their efforts. The money will go toward improvements at the shelter. The young men informed the council they are making an effort to raise enough money to remodel or build a new animal shelter. They shared one idea to initiate an annual fundraiser every October which is National Adopt a Pet. They said it would be held at Jensen Grove, it would be called Paws in the Park. They would need approval from the City Council to move forward with their ideas. The Mangum brothers are also helping with a food drive for cat and dog food that will be held at Ridley's grocery store in December and January. The council informed them that the City Treasurer may be able to help them in finding a grant that could help with their project.

Mayor Virtue moved to the next item on the agenda which is to allow the Blackfoot Summer Tennis program to use the tennis courts in 2014.

Brint Jefferis asked for the use of the tennis courts for the summer tennis program. He informed the council that it is the 23rd year of summer tennis, Blackfoot's community has greatly benefited from this program; they were also able to re-surface the courts. There were over 200 people participating in the tennis program as well as being the most competitive sport at the high school level in Southeast Idaho. Councilman Woodfin moved to allow Brint Jefferis to continue the summer tennis program for 2014. Councilman Brown seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue presented the next item on the agenda, a public hearing concerning the trees on Bergener Blvd.

Marc Carroll, 145 Benton Dr. Blackfoot, Idaho stated he has been a resident for over 37 years. He is in favor of keeping the trees, they are an asset to the community. The businesses knew when they placed their signs that eventually the trees would possibly grow and cover them.

Councilman Jensen stated he had researched information about the trees and if they were present before or after the signs were placed. He came to the conclusion that most of them were there before the businesses were built and signs placed. Councilman Woodfin suggested there are possibly two separate issues. The first is west of Parkway and second is east to 20th Century. There was discussion regarding the trees and ideas on how to proceed. Mayor Virtue suggested there might be a possibility of re-contacting Papa Murphy's to see if they would be willing to help with the cost of the removal and replacement of the existing tree. The council suggested working with Kelly Kesler to determine the best type of trees to replace those that are in need of being replaced. Councilman Gardner stated that Mr. Kesler suggested planting Flowering Chanticleer Pear trees. These would be the best for growth, heartiness and appeal. Some of the options presented were to involve the Rotary Club or possibly the Chamber of Commerce to spearhead the tree replacement. The costs range from \$75.00 to \$100.00 for a 12' tree. Councilman Woodfin volunteered to meet with Parks and Recreation Superintendent Scott Hays and Mr. Kesler to develop a plan that would be suitable.

Mayor Virtue presented to the Council the renewal of the Golf Pro's Contract. He explained the Golf Pro, Mike Dayley manages the Golf Course and operates the pro shop, snack bar/concessions and owns and rents the golf carts to the public. Mr. Dayley's contract expires in May of 2014. Councilman Woodfin proposed to the council that the contract be renewed effective January 1, 2014 and extend for a 4-year period (currently a 3-year agreement) through December 31, 2017. Additionally, Woodfin proposed that Mr. Dayley provide an annual inventory summary of his property to ensure no confusion exists between what belongs to him (pro shop merchandise, equipment, etc.) and what is the property of the City of Blackfoot. Mr. Dayley will update his inventory listing annually for review and acceptance by the Council. The December time frame is typically the period when the inventory is at a minimum making the reconciliation less complicated. Councilman Brown moved to approve the golf contract as presented. Councilman Gardner seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue moved to the Ratification of the November 5, 2013 City Election results. City Clerk Suzanne McNeel presented the results of the City of Blackfoot election received from the Bingham County Election Department and they have determined they are accurate.

BINGHAM COUNTY
November 5, 2013 ELECTION

RESULTS												
City of Blackfoot												
Precinct	MAYOR						COUNCIL MEMBERS					
	Bigler	Cravens	Hoobler	Loomis	Martinez	Mercado	Seat 1			Seat 2	Seat 3	Seat 4
							Ashcraft	Hasselbring	Jensen	Gardner	Brown	Simpson
Blackfoot 1	36	83	2	124	14	14	24	115	132	246	252	253
Blackfoot 2	11	35	5	42	5	17	11	41	62	104	102	105
Blackfoot 3	22	63	17	102	11	23	14	92	128	225	223	219
Blackfoot 4	63	48	11	33	10	23	52	66	68	169	167	169
Blackfoot 5	36	48	13	115	13	26	32	106	108	215	214	210
Blackfoot 6	43	73	8	116	12	32	10	166	108	268	253	255
Absentee 31	40	102	9	135	25	36	37	140	162	303	296	302
TOTAL	251	452	65	667	90	171	180	726	768	1,530	1,507	1,513
%	14.7%	26.5%	3.8%	39.1%	5.3%	10.0%	10.5%	42.5%	45.0%	89.6%	88.2%	88.6%

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the election results for the November 5, 2013 elections.
 Councilman Woodfin seconded. On a roll call vote.

Councilman Brown-	Yes
Councilman Gardner-	Yes
Councilman Jensen -	Yes
Councilman Woodfin-	Yes

Councilman Jensen moved to adjourn. Councilman Brown seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

City of Blackfoot

Mayor Mike Virtue

Attest:

City Clerk Suzanne McNeel