

BLACKFOOT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2014
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 (via telephone).

Mayor Virtue presented the consent agenda which consists of the following: minutes from the Council Meeting on 12/11/2013 and the payables. Councilman Jensen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Brown seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue presented Joan Thompson with an award for serving on the Transportation Commission Board. Ms. Thompson has served with dedication for over twenty years. Mayor Virtue confirmed that Marc Carroll will succeed Ms. Thompson as the chairperson on the Transportation Commission Board. Mr. Carroll presented Mayor Virtue with an award of appreciation for his service to the Board.

Mayor Virtue honored Brian Bates for 12 years of dedicated, hard work at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Bates was awarded Southeast Idaho Operators Section Collections Operator of the Year for 2013. He stated when it comes to city employees; he is one of the best.

Mayor Virtue turned the time over to Fire Chief Kevin Gray. The Fire Department presented the Mayor with a fireman's ax and made him an honorary member of the Fire Department. Chief Gray expressed his appreciation to Mayor Virtue for all his support.

Mayor Virtue addressed the next item on the agenda, the Idaho Airport Aid Program Resolutions. Resolutions No. 322 and No. 323 accept the grant offer of the State of Idaho through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics for the maximum amount of \$22,542 and \$6,020 respectfully. Both are to be used for development of the McCarley Field Airport. Councilman Jensen moved to proceed with accepting City Resolutions No. 322 and No. 323 for the airport grants. Councilman Gardner seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Virtue discussed with the council the Personal Leave Usage Extension Request. He explained there are five employees as of December 2013 that has personal leave left. He requested an extension for these city employees until December 2014 to use the remainder of their personal leave overage. Mayor Virtue encouraged the employees to use their time wisely.

Mayor Virtue then turned the time over to City Clerk Suzanne McNeel to swear in the newly elected City Officials. Ms. McNeel then officially swore in Paul M Loomis as the new Mayor for the City of Blackfoot. She then swore in the newly elected Councilmembers: Councilman Chris Jensen, Councilman Layne Gardner, Councilman Bart Brown and Councilwoman Jan Simpson.

Mayor Paul Loomis presented Mrs. Mike Virtue with a bouquet of red roses for the great sacrifice and support she has given over the past eight years to her spouse and the city. Mayor Loomis then presented his wife with some white roses representing the anticipated service yet to come.

Mayor Loomis turned the time over to the Council to express their thoughts about Councilman Woodfin and Mayor Virtue. They all were thankful for the opportunity to serve with these great men and appreciated them for caring about the community, for sharing knowledge and working together over the years. The Council felt these men helped in making our community a better place. Mr. Woodfin expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community. Councilwoman Jan Simpson expressed her desire to serve on the City Council and is eager to get to work.

Mayor Loomis thanked everyone for their support and encouraged everyone to become involved in the community.

Councilman Brown moved to adjourn. Councilman Jensen seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

City of Blackfoot

Mayor Paul Loomis

Attest:

City Clerk Suzanne McNeel