

BLACKFOOT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 01, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Paul Loomis welcomed those in attendance and invited a visiting scout to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and those in attendance were: Councilman Brown, Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen and Councilwoman Simpson. Mayor Loomis then welcomed all the visiting Scouts and asked them to introduce themselves.

Mayor Loomis proposed an amendment to the agenda regarding an agreement to run a flight school out of the airport terminal. Councilman Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add the consideration of an airport agreement. Councilman Brown seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Loomis presented the consent agenda which includes the following: Minutes from the 02/25/14 and 03/04/14 council meetings and payables. Councilman Jensen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Simpson seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Loomis nominated Kenneth Ashcraft to the Blackfoot Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) as a board member. Councilman Brown moved to approve Kenneth Ashcraft as a member of Blackfoot Urban Renewal Agency Board. Councilman Jensen seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Loomis proceeded with giving the council information about introducing a flight school at the airport. Mike Marquette has been running a flight school in Pocatello and would like to start a school in Blackfoot. The Mayor explained there are instructors at the airport but there is not a formal flight school. Attorney Dan Acevedo has been working on an agreement with him. Mayor Loomis proposed that Mr. Marquette could house two aircrafts at the airport, have use of the terminal building for his classes, and have the right to use two tie down locations at no cost for a 2 year period as an incentive to bring the flight school to Blackfoot. At the conclusion of the two year period we would negotiate the costs for use of the terminal and either hangar space or tie down fees. This will give him an idea of what it will cost and a chance to give him time to develop his business model. Mayor Loomis felt the council should be aware of the proposed agreement before moving forward. He instructed Mr. Acevedo to write up the agreement and send it out for the council to review. There was a brief discussion regarding the proposal. Councilman Jensen moved to approve the Mayor signing the agreement and waive the fees for two years and then renegotiate after those two years. They would also be required to have the appropriate insurance coverage that is required by our insurance carrier. Councilman Gardner seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Loomis proposed forming a temporary swimming pool committee. Councilman Jensen shared his concerns about only allowing them a six month period. He felt it might not be a long enough period to accomplish all that was needed to be done. The Mayor felt it was important to put a time period on it. Mr. Acevedo assured them it would be drafted so they could extend the time period if necessary. Mayor Loomis encouraged a member of the council to be an ex officio member of the committee. Councilman Jensen moved to approve Resolution No. 328 establishing the Blackfoot Swimming Pool Committee and waive any required readings and have the Mayor come up with names and a council member to be on the committee. Councilman

Brown seconded. Councilman Gardner nominated Councilman Jensen to be on the committee as the ex officio member. The other council members agreed that with his knowledge he would be the best person for that position. Councilman Jensen amended his motion to include accepting the nomination for him to serve on the committee. Councilman Gardner seconded the amended motion. Councilwoman Simpson amended Councilman Jensen's motion to include stating that the six month time period will not begin until the 5th member of the committee is appointed. Councilman Brown seconded the amendments. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 328

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT, IDAHO, CREATING A BLACKFOOT SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE.

THIS RESOLUTION, is made on the date hereinafter set forth by the City Council of the City of Blackfoot, Idaho.

RECITALS

1. WHEREAS, the City of Blackfoot owns a swimming pool that was built approximately 40 years ago and has served an important recreation and diversion function for the citizens of the city and Bingham County for that period of time; and
2. WHEREAS, the swimming pool is not financially self-sustaining, and is in need of substantial renovation, repair, or replacement in order to function more efficiently and be more attractive for use; and
3. WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council have determined that in order to deal with issues relating to renovation, repair, or replacement and operation of the pool, the City of Blackfoot should create a temporary committee to review, research, and advise the city on such matters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **NAME OF THE COMMITTEE:** The name of the committee shall be, The Swimming Pool Advisory Committee (SPAC).
2. **FUNCTION OF COMMITTEE:** The committee's functional shall be in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council upon issues involving the renovation, repair or replacement, and operation of the swimming pool. The committee will explore options and ideas to repair, renovate or replace the pool and maintain the pool with the goal that the pool should become more attractive to the public for increased use, and that it would become financially self-sustaining.
3. **MEMBERS:** A minimum of five members to a maximum of seven members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. All members shall be qualified

electors of the City of Blackfoot.

4. **TERM:** The Committee shall automatically disband six months after the fifth member of the committee is appointed unless the Mayor and City Council extend the term.

5. ORGANIZATION AND QUORUM:

- a. Upon appointment of the committee members, the committee shall meet at an organizational meeting and elect a chairperson, assistant chairperson, and secretary.
- b. A majority of appointed members shall constitute a quorum. All members of the committee shall vote on issues including the chairman.
- c. The committee shall decide the frequency of meetings.
- d. A committee member who wishes to resign a position as a member or officer shall submit any such request to the chairperson who shall provide it to the Mayor for City Council action.
- e. Vacancies due to resignation or other cause shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor and approval by Council.
- f. In addition to the appointed members of the committee, one elected official from the City Council or the Mayor shall be appointed as an ex officio, non-voting, member of the committee. No other elected official of the city shall be a member of the committee.
- g. Minutes of all meetings shall be maintained and committee approved minutes shall be submitted to the city clerk for appropriate record keeping.
- h. All meetings shall comply with noticing requirements and shall be subject to the Idaho Open Meeting Law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 1st day of April, 2014.

Mayor Paul Loomis

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Loomis asked Parks & Recreation Supervisor Scott Hays to address the proposal for the removal of trees on Bergener Blvd. Mr. Hays explained late last summer some of the businesses expressed concern that the spruce trees on the highway were blocking the view of their business signs. Basically there are eight trees that are in question; three of them are located by the Stinker Station & 20th Century Ford, two are by Papa Murphy's, two by the Chevron Station and one across the road next to the Plaza. Mr. Hays explained that he has been working closely with the

city forester and have presented a recommendation to the council. He feels the three trees in front of the Stinker Station can be transplanted along the green belt in Jensen Grove. The others will cost approximately \$300 a tree to remove and grind the stumps for a cost of \$1500. The cost for the transplant will be approximately \$985 to move the three trees. The other five trees are too big to move. As an alternative, Arborcare Resources is coming to give a price to bare root and transplant the other five trees. Mr. Hays stated the forester would give us an updated list of all the trees that would fit the area and stay beneath the power lines. It will cost approximately \$250 per replacement tree. There may be some additional costs to rerun power lines to the trees for Christmas lights and possibly some sprinkler pipe. There was some discussion regarding the different options and types of trees. Some of the businesses (Papa Murphy, Stinker Station & Auto Shop) have offered to help with the cost of replacing the trees. Mr. Hays said he is still waiting for the other businesses to communicate back with him. Mayor Loomis opened the meeting to public comments:

William Smith, 735 Lansing, Blackfoot. He stated he has lived in Blackfoot since he was five years old and is now 87-years old. He told the council that even with his 87 year old eyes he could see the business signs just fine. He feels there is no reason to remove the beautiful trees along Bergner Blvd. It has improved over the years and was just a swamp when he was young. A lot of time and money has been spent to beautify the entrance into Blackfoot and he sees no reason why the trees should be removed.

Harvy Coffman, lives about two miles out of town on Riverton Rd. He suggested that a sign be put up in a high visible area with the names of the businesses, rather than removal of these beautiful trees.

Lorna Moffat, 911 Seefried Lane, share the same concern. She feels it would be cost effective to put up a sign with all the business names on it instead of removing the trees. She shared how much the children love the lights on the trees at Christmas time. They are the entry way into our city. She doesn't see why anyone would want to destroy the trees.

Councilman Gardner clarified the city is not going to do anything with the trees on the west side of Parkway when you come off the freeway. The eight trees to the east of Parkway are the ones we are talking about. Councilman Gardner stated the three trees in front of 20th Century Ford will need to come out. There is a chance these trees could blow over and cause damage the city would be liable for. These sporadic trees will be removed and replaced with a nice tree that can be lit up during the holiday season. Councilman Jensen moved to relocate the three trees by the Stinker Station, remove the two trees by Papa Murphy's and the one tree across the street; however the City deems the most feasible way. Then leave the ones by the Chevron station until we get clarification from the business owners as to how they will help. Then replant trees that will not create an issue down the road and attempt to save as many of our trees as possible. Councilman Gardner seconded. Councilman Jensen gave some history on the sign located at Papa Murphy's. Councilwoman Simpson moved to amend the motion and strike the words "feasible way", to say "cost effective". Councilman Jensen seconded the amendment. All were in favor.

Mayor Loomis called the City Treasurer Heather Schild to report on the budget and other issues. Ms. Schild reviewed February's financial report. She stated the department heads are doing an amazing job keeping their expenses in control. She informed the council that we have received the following grants: P3 Grant, Brochure Grant, Shilling Street Grant (has a 7.34% matching funds), Arbor Day Grant, Bridge Grant and the IFFT Grant. We are currently applying for the EMS Grant and the Tiger Grant. Ms. Schild informed the council that a utility rate increase is going to be proposed at the May council meeting. She gave the council the proposed fee increases for them to review and ask questions before the next meeting. She stated the City will be holding an auction for surplus equipment at Simmons Auctions on the 26th of April.

Mayor Loomis gave a quick update of events. Mr. Acevedo informed the council that the sewer draft ordinance can be viewed online on the City of Blackfoot's website. The public hearing for the sewer use ordinance will be held on May 6, 2014.

Councilman Brown moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Simpson seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

City of Blackfoot

Mayor Paul Loomis

Attest:

City Clerk Suzanne McNeel