

**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2017**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Loomis lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were: Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen and Councilwoman Simpson. Councilman Brown was excused and unavailable to join via teleconference.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Jensen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Payables as well as Alcohol License Transfers for Cowboy Haven, Stingers and the Snake River C-Store. Councilwoman Simpson seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

HOLLY POWELL, CITY TREASURER

Approval of FY 2018 Budget (Ordinance 2157)

Ms. Powell informed Council that there have been no changes to the budget that was presented and published, with total Operation budget being reduced from FY 2017. Councilman Jensen motioned to approve Ordinance 2157 and waive required readings, Councilman Gardner seconded; roll call was taken and all were in favor, motion carried.

**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO
ORDINANCE # 2157**

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL OF 2017-2018

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,203,848 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT, IDAHO FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blackfoot, Bingham County, Idaho.

Section 1: That the sum of \$30,203,848 be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Blackfoot, Bingham County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017.

Section 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

General Fund		
Administration	\$1,194,055	
Police	\$3,057,869	
Fire	\$1,984,435	
Planning & Public Works	\$357,584	
General Fund Total		\$6,593,943
Ambulance Fund		\$1,556,658
Street Fund		\$1,400,021
Airport Fund		\$171,951
Cemetery Fund		\$224,089
Library Fund		\$519,806
Parks & Recreation Fund		
Parks	\$380,343	
Recreation	\$165,842	
Swimming Pool	\$427,673	
Golf Course	\$779,805	
Parks & Recreation Fund Total		\$1,753,663
Water Fund		\$2,295,241
Sewer Fund		\$14,614,965
Sanitation Fund		\$1,073,511
Total Expenditures		\$30,203,848

Section 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Blackfoot be levied in an amount allowed by law for the general purposes for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017.

Section 4: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take affect and be in full force upon its passage, approval, and publication in one issue of the Morning News, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Blackfoot, and official newspaper of the said City.

PASSES under suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Blackfoot, Bingham County, Idaho at a convened meeting of the City of Blackfoot City Council held on the 15th day of August, 2017.


Paul Loomis, Mayor
City of Blackfoot

ATTEST:


Suzanne McNeel, City Clerk
City of Blackfoot



MAYOR PAUL LOOMIS

Swimming Pool Bond Wording

Councilmembers had no questions regarding the wording for the Swimming Pool Bond.

Keller & Associates - Swimming Pool Conceptual Design

Representatives from Keller & Associates provided a general overview of the proposed concept. This design not only meets the budget requirements but also takes into consideration a broad range of patron interests; design items that are not included costs for City Administration to oversee the project, nor does it include amenities that would go into the finished project, such as benches, computers, etc. Representatives addressed questions from Council.

Water Tower Removal Public Comment

Mayor Loomis begin the discussion by providing some history regarding the proposed removal of the water towers, which began at the public budget planning meeting for FY 2017, more than 18 months ago. As such, all conversations regarding the removal of the towers were held during public meetings. Also, the towers were taken out of service in the early 1990's, and have not been used, inspected or maintained since that time. Since the funds used for the water system are paid for by the utility bills, and since it is the responsibility of the Council and the Mayor to provide water to the citizens of Blackfoot in a safe, efficient and cost effective manner, he feels it would be negligent for City administration to not address this and leave it for a future generation to deal with. As such, we need to take into consideration the safety of the towers as well as the perpetual cost for maintenance and inspection of the towers. Councilman Jensen then addressed the structural condition of the tower foundations, which are deteriorating, as well as the corroding condition of the towers themselves. His opinion is that these towers, in their present condition, present a great safety hazard, and the cost to rehabilitate them could be prohibitive.

Public Comment

Doni Wixom: Mr. Wixom requests that Council exhaust all options to save the water towers because he feels that they are representative of Blackfoot. **Chase VanOrden:** Mr. VanOrden believes we need to save the water towers, which he feels are historic iconic landmarks and crucial to the future of our City. **Julie Doble:** Ms. Doble had some questions regarding the towers, that were addressed by Councilman Jensen. She also addressed new plans for the pool, and hopes that it will include disabled access. **Jennifer Moon:** Ms. Moon feels that all options should be exhausted prior to demolishing the towers, and feels they are significant to our skyline. She also feels that citizens should have a better sense of community and be more involved. **Bill Dixon:** Mr. Dixon grew up in Blackfoot and feels the towers are historical landmarks that should be retained. **Ellen Hughes:** Ms. Hughes agrees the towers should be preserved. Ms. Hughes had questions regarding the swimming pool, and requests that additional lanes be added to the proposed redesign and suggests making the lanes 35 meters. **Mark Baker:** Mr. Baker, representing Bingham Memorial Hospital (BMH), is willing to consider taking responsibility and liability for the towers. **Gina Wixom:** Ms. Wixom requests that citizens be given more time to address the issue of the water towers.

Councilmembers suggest that we take more time to determine the best solution for the water towers, as they feel BMH has a viable alternative. Mr. Baker assured Council that BMH will pursue a structural analysis, determine the viability of rehabilitating the towers and commit to a decision within 90 days. Councilman Gardner motioned to suspend acceptance of any bids for a period of 90 days, Councilman Jensen seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilwoman Simpson seconded; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

City of Blackfoot

Attest

Mayor Paul Loomis

City Clerk, Suzanne McNeel

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