

**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2020**



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were: Councilman Brown, Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen and Councilwoman Simpson.

CITY TREASURER – HOLLY POWELL

Proposed Agreement with Steadman Construction – Minor’s Ditch Pumphouse

Councilman Brown motioned to approve Mayor Carroll sign the contract to enter into agreement with Steadman Construction for the minor’s ditch pumphouse project, Councilman Gardner seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR MARC CARROLL

Appointment of new Parks & Recreation Director

Mayor Carroll nominated Wade Gardner for appointment as the Parks & Recreation Superintendent. Councilwoman Simpson motioned to accept the nomination for appointment, Councilman Jensen seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

WORKING SESSION – CITY OF BLACKFOOT GROWTH PLAN

Attorney Sandow reviewed the two types of annexation that are available via Idaho State Statute. Category A annexation is typically for consensual or residential. Category B, which typically are not consensual, involve commercial, residential, but less than five acres in area and/or a mix of uses and require the Council to complete fact finding to include information on the impact to infrastructure and enterprise funds. Attorney Sandow also explained that parcels must be contiguous to city boundaries in both categories to be annexed.

Ms. Powell then discussed financials, and explained that studies must be completed on the potential population density and subsequent financial impact, with the majority expected to be in sewer, water, transportation and snow removal and a marginal increase to administrative costs. There are currently grants in place to study each of these items in the near future and this information will be available to coincide with implementation. In terms of first responders, there will be an increased cost for the Police Department with not as much impact to Fire, as the areas are already in the Fire District. In the long term, once complete, the planned growth should allow City residents to see an approximate 40% decrease in property costs if all areas are annexed and the total amount was used for property tax reduction.

Mr. Kurt Hibbert, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the growth plan to Councilmembers, explaining there are 18 to 20 separate areas that are included in the total plan, each of which will be handled individually. Mr. Hibbert also explained the growth plan areas must be supported by the Comprehensive Plan. To ensure this happens, the growth plan will be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration and adoption, after which each of the separate areas will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. GIS maps were shared with Council that show the growth plan areas as well as estimated projected density and raw parcel data showing parcels that are

subdivided in the impact area. Mr. Hibbert also shared that the City is working with County Commissioners towards a new impact area agreement. In this agreement, the City is proposing the City Comprehensive Plan is adopted by the County for the impact area, which would be a great benefit to the City.

Mr. Hibbert then shared the map showing the recent expansion of Groveland Water and Sewer District (GWSD) along Highway 39 to the Snake River High School. The map portrays a visual representation of a 'shoestring annexation.' Mr. Hibbert shared that the number one indicator for future growth is to see where it is happening now. Mayor Carroll stated the County is now concerned about County growth that has happened outside of the city, resulting in urban sprawl, as they are not equipped to maintain the current level of growth. Also shared was a map showing Moreland Water and Sewer District, who are not currently on City services but have them available.

After a lengthy discussion regarding potential implementation, effects on infrastructure, the deficit of affordable housing in the area, and upcoming studies that will provide Council with additional information, attendees discussed next steps. Mayor Carroll shared that City leadership needs to determine the initial direction of implementation.

Councilman Gardner motioned to move forward with the City Growth Plan as discussed, with emphasis on heading west of I-15 with priority given to the enclave areas, Councilman Brown seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Simpson then motioned to authorize Mayor Carroll to negotiate for consent with owners of specific parcels that may be roadblocks to the growth plan, Councilman Jensen seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Jensen motioned to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, subsection 1 (f), To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Councilwoman Simpson seconded, on a roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting moved into Executive Session at 5:01 PM.

Councilman Jensen motioned to move into the Regular Meeting, Councilwoman Simpson seconded; all were in favor and the Regular meeting commenced at 5:09 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

City of Blackfoot

Mayor Marc Carroll

Attest:

City Clerk Suzanne McNeel

Prepared by:

Lisa J Tornabene