



**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2022**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were: Councilman Brown, Councilman Jensen, and Councilwoman Simpson. Councilman Gardner was not in attendance.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY GREEN

Anthony Green was officially sworn in as new police officer of the Blackfoot Police Department by City Clerk, Suzanne McNeel.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIRE CHIEF

Mayor Carroll said that with the recent retirement of Chief Gray, he is honored to nominate Bryon Howell as the new Fire Chief of the Fire Department. Mr. Bryon Howell is a paramedic and has held the position of Captain for the Fire Department for ten years. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Bryon Howell as the next Fire Chief. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion; on a roll call, all were in favor, motion carried. Mayor Carroll administered the oath of office and Bryon Howell was officially sworn in as the new Fire Chief.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Jensen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented including the minutes from 06/07/2022 and payables. Councilman Brown seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

CITY TREASURER - GRAHM ANDERSON

Treasurers Report

Mr. Anderson gave a brief overview of the monthly treasure's report and went over the monthly expense to budget for each department. Mr. Anderson provided the bank and investment account balances for each of Moreton Investments, the LGIP and DBF accounts, Zions checking and the Zion's Sweep account. Mr. Anderson went over items and dates that are on the Calendar coming up soon and gave a brief update on the status of the ARPA projects.

Presentation and Approval of the FY 2023 Tentative Budget

Mr. Anderson worked with each department superintendent for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Councilman Brown said he hopes everyone understands that instead of increasing the budget to cover actual costs, there has instead been cuts to the budget. Mr. Anderson provided a prepared document with the proposed expenditures and proposed revenues for each department for the 2022-2023 FY. This will be published in the local news paper on 07/08/2022 and 07/15/2022. Councilman Jensen made a motion to approve the tentative FY 2023 budget as presented. Councilman Brown seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR MARC CARROLL

Proposed Recommendation Updated the ATV/UTV Ordinance



Mayor Carroll asked Kreigh Perkes to speak to the council regarding this subject. Mr. Perkes explained that he was recently stopped by a police officer as he rode his UTV in the City and was informed there was a City Ordinance with a restriction. Mr. Perkes explained that ATV's and UTV's are different types of vehicles and expressed that his main concern is on UTV's as they can be licensed and you can make them street legal just as you would a regular vehicle. The Transportation Commission's proposal was to request that UTV's and ATVs be allowed legally on the public streets of Blackfoot if they can be registered and legally insured. Police Chief, Gordon Croft expressed concern on ATVs on the highways and asked that if the Council decides to eliminate the ordinance that CFR regulations be followed. Councilman Jensen mentioned that he sees people riding around on scooters and feels that a big UTV and ATV can be more visible on the road than a scooter. Councilman Brown made a motion to have the City Attorney amend the ordinance to align with State law and be presented at the next council meeting. Councilman Jensen seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Appointment of BURA Board Member

The BURA Board member that Mayor Carroll has nominated has asked to be given a couple more days to think about it and will respond to the nomination within the next few days.

Discussion on Establishing New BURA District – Jason Moulton

Jason Moulton presented himself to the Council as the current Chairman of the Blackfoot Urban Renewal Agency and proposed establishing a new BURA board district. He explained that BURA essentially can pool money in a way that allows them to help with economic projects within the community. Mr. Moulton said that at the end of September of 2022, there will no longer be a Downtown District, and the city will then be able to see the increment increase and receive those tax dollars that can be used for city projects and mentioned that creating another district would be beneficial to the city. Attorney Sandow explained that this subject is not on the agenda as an action item, however, the purpose of bringing this to the council is to gather information, thoughts, opinions and ideas to bring back to the Council within the next two to three months to make a decision on the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

City of Blackfoot

Mayor Marc Carroll

Attest:

City Clerk Suzanne McNeel

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