



**CITY OF BLACKFOOT  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 09, 2021**

**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 Gardner, Councilman Jensen, and Councilwoman Simpson.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Jensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from 7/6/2021, 7/20/2021, Payables, and East Idaho State Fair Itinerant Licenses. Councilman Brown seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

**CITY TREASURER – GRAHM ANDERSON**

**Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation Ordinance**

Mr. Anderson gave a review of the public hearing on the 2022 FY budget that took place on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Since that hearing, there have been no comments regarding the proposed budget. The budget presented has no changes, and he would like to move forward with approving the FY 2022 Budget as proposed. Mayor Carroll asked Mr. Anderson to discuss the levy rate numbers. Mr. Anderson explained the different factors that go into determining the levy rate and the biggest factor is the valuations. Mayor Carroll added the levy rate is lower this fiscal year than in the previous fiscal year and has decreased every year for the past three years. Councilman Brown Motioned to approve the 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 2210 and waive any further required readings, Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion; on a roll call vote, those in favor were Councilman Brown, Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen and Councilwoman Simpson, those opposed were none, motion carried.

**CITY OF BLACKFOOT  
BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO  
ORDINANCE # 2210**

**ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OF 2021-2022**

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$23,811,638 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 \$23,811,638 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, 2021.



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

<b>General Fund</b>		
	Administration	\$2,117,941
	Police	\$3,853,095
	Fire	\$1,927,122
	Planning & Zoning	\$373,132
	<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$8,271,288</b>
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	Ambulance	\$1,564,347
	Streets	\$1,276,518
	Airport	\$125,451
	Cemetery	\$313,423
	Library	\$506,421
	<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	
	Parks & Recreation	\$496,924
	Golf	\$774,294
	Pool	\$10,000
	<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation Fund</b>	<b>\$1,281,218</b>
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	Capital Improvement	\$103,000
	Water	\$2,597,079
	Sewer	\$5,970,780
	Sanitation	\$1,662,114
	Healthcare Reserve	\$140,000
	<b>Total Appropriations All Funds</b>	<b>\$23,811,638</b>

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, 2021.

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 9th day of August, 2021.

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**Marc Carroll, Mayor**  
**City of Blackfoot**

**ATTEST:**

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**Suzanne McNeel, City Clerk**  
**City of Blackfoot**

### **MAYOR MARC CARROLL**

#### **Approval of the Blackfoot transportation Plan Presented by Keller Associates**

Scott Ellsworth, a manager from LHTAC and Nathan Cleaver from Keller Associates joined the meeting via Zoom. Jeff Sorenson and Colter Hollingshead from Keller Associates attended in person; Jeff presented the final Blackfoot Urban Area Transportation Plan from Keller Associates to the Council. Presentation topics were Background, Planning Process, Capital Improvements and Next Steps. The City of Blackfoot applied for and received a Surface Transportation Program – Urban Planning Grant through LHTAC which are Federal funds with a 7.34% local cash match required. The city chose Keller Associates and they utilized Harper Leavitt Engineering as a sub consulting company to collect data. This study is not just for Blackfoot City limits, but the entire surrounding urban area which includes Bingham County. The Planning Process required a lot of input from the citizens who use the areas transportation system, so an advisory committee was formed and consisted of the Transportation Commission, City Personnel, LHTAC Staff, the Keller Associates team, Bingham County, ITD, and various stakeholders. A list of all fifteen interviews with stakeholders are listed in the Planning Process section of the transportation plan. Public involvement included online surveys with an online mapping tool. Keller Associates pulled traffic volumes from local roads, did a complete pavement condition assessment, and looked at every piece of pavement within the city limits, looked at five years of crash history, looked at other prior planning efforts, policies and standards and accessibility. The Capital Improvement Plan list presented represents highest priorities for the Blackfoot urbanized area. For plans and studies, the ADA transition plan for public rights-of-way would be priority. Second priority being a railroad bypass feasibility Study, third priority is a downtown parking study for the possibility of a parking garage. For roadway projects, there are various roadway projects such as the Bridge Street Cul-de-sac project, Pendlebury Lane, Riverton Road, and Shilling Avenue projects which were all identified as priority corridors. Traffic control and intersection projects that are also priority projects are the Jensen Grove/Parkway Drive Study, Parkway Drive pavement markings, and Alice/Shilling intersection safety improvements. Multi-Jurisdictional Projects would include Parkway-Bergener improvements, US-91/Rich Lane/Highland Drive intersection study, and Meridian Street to Couplet corridor study. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements include a pathways plan, an airport road sidewalk connectivity plan, and city-wide sidewalk and curb ramps. Asset Management includes ongoing pavement maintenance and traffic sign maintenance and replacement. Bridge projects include Shilling Ave. bridge deck repairs. As per Jeff, this plan is intended to be a living document that the city can rely on for making policy decisions or prioritizing projects and for



budgeting that can easily be updated. The next steps are to adopt the plan, procedure funding, Implement projects, and update.

Mayor Carroll asked if the ADA transition plan is a federal requirement. Jeff confirmed it is a federal requirement, any jurisdiction that has a number greater than fifteen employees is required to have a formal transition plan. Scott added that if the city is receiving any federal dollars, the city is required to have a plan to bring the city up to ADA requirements. Mayor Carroll asked if the federal requirement needs to be a federally approved transition plan, or can the city just be working toward complying, as the City of Blackfoot currently does not have a transition plan. Scott explained that he believes that there is no approval process for the transition Plan, however, the city just needs to have a transition plan in place.

Councilwoman Simpson asked for clarification regarding the Bridge-Street Cul-De-Sac. Jeff explained that it is the access area that is by Les Schwab Tire store. Councilman Jensen said he does not have a problem with that intersection. Carrie Hasselbring, the chair on the city's Transportation Commission, expressed that the problem with closing off that intersection would push the traffic off into the neighborhoods. Carrie added that the data provided in documents provided by Keller Associates is accurate from 2015 to 2019 as far as the data goes for traffic and crash data. As of 2019 the city has not received updated data on traffic and crash data.

Councilwoman Simpson pointed out that Keller Associates were working off out-of-date Census information. Per Jeff, the 2020 Census on individual cities has still not been released. Mayor Carroll requested an update from Keller Associates on the status of the parking study. Nathan responded that he would provide that information to the mayor by the middle of the following week.

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the transportation plans as presented by Keller Associates. Councilman Gardner seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

### **Discussion on Fireworks**

Mayor Carroll explained that each year he receives several phone calls and complaints particularly about firework noise around the Fourth of July. This year he has received more calls and complaints about fireworks. Mayor Carroll told the complainants that he would do some research and if he felt that it was appropriate, he would bring the topic to the Council. Mayor Carroll explained that in the city ordinance, there is a definition of safe and sane fireworks and dangerous, agricultural or wildlife fireworks, and he went over the different descriptions of these fireworks. The ordinance the city currently has on fireworks emanates that you can only set off safe and sane fireworks within the city limits, however, it does not say this clearly in the ordinance.

Councilman Jensen expressed that he does not agree with the ban of arial or report fireworks. He believes there are too many exemptions already put in by the State. He suggested the possibility of citizens having the option to purchase a permit to light off these types of fireworks. Chief Gray said that it is almost impossible to completely enforce the ordinance on fireworks the day of the Fourth of July. He also said that fireworks this past year caused several fires and expressed these types of fireworks are hard on livestock and hard on animals. Councilwoman Simpson expressed that she is not in favor of dangerous fireworks and does not agree with the point of view that Councilman Jensen provided.



Attorney Garrett Sandow said that another point that needs to be looked at by the Council is that when the State passed the Fireworks Act, they preempted that area which disallows the city from doing various things. He suggested that they would need to be very careful with what the council crafts on this subject.

#### **WWTP SUPERINTENDANT – REX MOFFAT**

##### **Grant Easement near WWTP to David and Denise Stark – Action Item**

Mr. Moffat gave a review of the background on the easement to David and Denise Stark property. The property that was purchased by the city has a canal that crosses into their property. Mr. Moffat spoke to West Side Ditch Company to see if there was some way to get that straightened out so that the ditch runs along the edge of the property instead of through the property. They came with a proposal from Denise Stark, co-owner of the property, saying they would be willing to move the canal over if the city gave them an easement so they won't have to turn around on Riverton Road to back their equipment into their property. Mr. Moffat spoke with Mayor Carroll and City Attorney, Garrett Sandow; both said this was possible. The property has been surveyed and believes that Mr. Sandow has written up a legal for it. This would be not transferable to anyone else, meaning that if David and Denise Stark were to move, the easement would go away.

Mr. Sandow added that the basics of the easement as drafted are that it is personal to the Starks. David and Denise Stark can terminate at any time. It is an exchange in services provided to the city for moving the ditch. If their property is sold, it does not transfer or go any further, and the easement goes away.

Councilman Gardner Motioned to grant the easement request near the WWTP to David and Denise Stark. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

City of Blackfoot

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Mayor Marc Carroll

Attest:

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City Clerk Suzanne McNeel

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