

**CITY OF ABERDEEN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2006**

**Mayor Morgan Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. City Clerk-Treasurer Marva Jean Mueller was present to record the following minutes.

Council members present were: Hap Fettis, Mary Leisy, Lisa Pankau, Brian Schneider, Darrin Simpson and Craig Wampler.

Others present were: Ray Dalling, Richard Mayer, Dan Acevedo, Bobbie Anderson, Tena Driscoll, Misty Wallace, Garrett Nelson, DeDe Nelson, Cass Fannesbeck, Kathleen Lewis, Vicki Gamble, Dawn Moon, Brent Hickman, Stephanie Hickman and Tyler Hickman.

**MOTION**

**Mayor Anderson** stated that in the minutes from last month's meeting it stated that a motion was made to approve the increase of the golf fees. He stated that it has been determined since then that the increase is more than 5 percent, so a hearing will have to be held. Councilman Schneider stated that the hearing will be held at the council meeting held in May.

**Councilman Schneider** made the motion to approve the February minutes as typed. Councilwoman Pankau seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

**Mayor Anderson** stated that Kathleen Lewis and Cass Fannesbeck were here representing SEICOG. He stated that they need to have some policies approved by the council in order to finalize the closing of the water project grant.

**Kathleen Lewis** approached the council and stated they need to pass a policy for the provision of effective communications. She read the policy to the council.

**MOTION**

**Councilman Schneider** made the motion to approve policy stating that the City of Aberdeen will ensure that applicants, participants, and members of the general public who have disabilities are provided communication access that is equally effective as that provided to people without disabilities. Councilman Pankau seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

**Kathleen Lewis** read the Fair Housing Outreach Plan to the council.

## MOTION

**Councilman Schneider** made the motion to approve the Fair Housing Outreach Plan, Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

**Kathleen Lewis** read the Section 504/ADA Transition Plan to the council.

## MOTION

**Councilman Schneider** made the motion to accept the Section 504/ADA Transition Plan for the City of Aberdeen. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

## DEPARTMENTS

**Councilman Simpson** stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor for all the hard work and time he put in to build the new city hall building. He stated that we would not have this new city hall if it weren't for Mayor Anderson.

**Councilman Simpson** stated that Richard and he had talked before the council meeting about the streets and what they would like to get done this coming year. He said that as soon as weather permits the crew will put gravel down on the roads that need it. He said they will put magnesium chloride on the graveled roads again this year, because it seemed to help a lot last year. He stated that it takes a few years to get the full benefit of the magnesium chloride. He stated that he hopes that the State will come in again and clean Highway 39 going through Aberdeen because it was really nice last year when they did it. Also he said that they would start cleaning the streets again as soon as the weather permits. He stated that last year they were able to pave three blocks and hopes to do that much or more, if possible this year.

**Councilman Simpson** stated that Chief Dalling, School Resource Officer Padgett and he had met about 4<sup>th</sup> St. West and West Washington in front of the schools and decided they would like to approach the council and ask them to make Washington a one way street from South 3<sup>rd</sup> west, then South onto South 4<sup>th</sup> West to Fremont.

**Officer Padgett** advised the council of the problems that he has seen with traffic around the schools. He stated that he believed that making these streets a one way would help solve some of the problems. He also stated that they were considering putting no parking signs on the east side of Washington down to Fremont.

**Misty Anderson** stated that she saw a problem with the no parking signs because there is a lot of activity at the middle and elementary schools that would require having that parking area available to those coming to the activities. Mayor Anderson stated that he was concerned about the no parking signs also because the Mennonite church uses that area also for parking. The council decided that they would wait awhile before they make a decision on the no parking signs.

## MOTION

**Councilman Wampler** made the motion accept Resolution 138 changing Washington into a one way street from South 3<sup>rd</sup> west, then south onto 4<sup>th</sup> Street west to Fremont. Councilman Fettis seconded the motion.

Roll call: Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Pankau, yes; Schneider, yes; Simpson, yes and Wampler, yes. Voting was unanimous, the motion passed.

**Councilwoman Pankau** asked if the city has the equipment to do the spraying of weeds at the parks and if they would have time to do them this summer. Richard Mayer stated that they do have the equipment to spray for weeds and would have the time, but they do not have the equipment to fertilize the parks. He stated they would usually hire Simplot to fertilize the parks.

**Councilwoman Pankau** asked about the restroom at the city park, if they could be repaired and if that was something that the crew could do or would the city have to hire someone to do it. Richard stated that they had asked Larry Barrett to give them an estimate of the cost to have the roof repaired, but that he had not gotten back to him yet, but he thought that the city crew could do most of the repairs.

**Councilman Simpson** asked Richard if he would figure the cost of the city doing the repairs and the cost of hiring someone else to do it and get back with them.

**Councilwoman Pankau** stated that she noticed that the crew has been removing some trees from the parks. Richard stated that the trees were dead so the crew cut them down.

**Councilman Schneider** stated that because the raise in golf fees would be over 5 % the city will have to hold a public hearing at the next council meeting concerning the increase. He asked Marva Jean to put a notice in the paper.

**Councilman Schneider** stated that the P&Z Board talked about the council giving them the power to act on certain matters that come before the board, and they said that they felt that it could be a good idea.

**Dan Acevedo** stated that the city would need to amend the P&Z code giving the P&Z board power to act on variances and special use permits. He also stated that he felt very strongly that the council should not have anyone from the council there at the meetings. The council decided that they would wait until May's council meeting to hold a hearing amending the P&Z code.

**Councilman Wampler** stated that Councilman Simpson and he had not met to work on the personnel manual, but hoped they could get together soon.

**Councilman Wampler** stated that he had been meeting with Jim Muller and Jerry Giesbrecht and they have been helping update the information that will be needed to apply for a grant to upgrade the waste water treatment plant. He stated that they are still doing a lot of work at the treatment plant. He stated that Jerry Giesbrecht has been working with Richard and Scott and they are looking into doing some of their own testing.

**Councilman Fettis** stated that Dee Van Patten had spoken to him about the condition of the alley behind her property. He stated that he advised her that it was in bad condition and she and others used it a lot to get to their property. Richard said that he would look at it, but with the weather being as it has been it might be awhile before they can actually do something about it, because it is too muddy.

**Councilwoman Leisy** stated that the airport project has been completed except for the weed control and it will be done in the spring.

**Councilwoman Leisy** advised the council that Arbor Day will be May 9<sup>th</sup> this year. She stated that the Gem Community Group would like to meet with the council at their next council meeting to talk with them about the walking path. She was wondering if they could meet at 6:30p.m. on the next council meeting.

**Mayor Anderson** said that his grandson would like to make the cabinets for the main office. He would like to do this for his Eagle Scout project, but will have to get approved by the scout board first.

**Attorney Dan Acevedo** stated that he had completed the finding of facts for the public hearing that was held at the last meeting for the special use permit requested by Direct Communications. Dan read the finding of facts that he had prepared.

## MOTION

**Councilman Schneider** made the motion to accept the finding of facts prepared by Dan Acevedo with the one amendment. Councilman Schneider stated that the fence would only be required on the North and West side of the property. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

**Dan Acevedo** stated that a copy of the finding of facts should be sent to Direct Communications after they have been signed by the Mayor.

**Dan Acevedo** stated that he is still working with the Simplot Co. on the water shares.

**Chief Ray Dalling** stated that Officer Sisson has resigned as the city's part time officer.

**Chief Dalling** stated that he would be attending a rural law enforcement meeting in California this month. He stated that he would be representing the State of Idaho.

**Richard Mayer** gave his monthly report. He stated that Troy and Dean have been flushing fire hydrants and had taken down some trees at the city park. Kelvin has been hauling sludge to Burley and hauling gravel. He stated that they have also been working on the equipment.

**Marva Jean Mueller** advised the council that Darrald Bean will probably be here next month to talk with them about the health insurance.

### **MOTION**

**Councilman Fettis** made the motion to pay the February 2006 bills and to include the \$9,000.00 from Southeast Idaho Council of Governments. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion.

Roll call: Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Pankau, yes; Schneider, yes; Simpson, yes and Wampler, yes. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Checks or Warrents #15952- # 16019 & # 16022- # 16023 for a total of \$ 76,243.56 was presented for payment. Of this amount \$ 36, 863.16 was from the General Fund, \$ 21,829.53 was from the Water Fund, and \$ 17,550.87 was from the Waste Water Fund.

**Mayor Anderson** informed the council that Steve Morris from J.R.Simplot Co. is making the name plaques for the offices and for the council room.

### **MOTION**

**Councilman Fettis** made the motion to adjourn until April 11, 2006. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

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**A. Morgan Anderson**  
Mayor

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**Marva Jean Mueller**  
City Clerk-Treasurer