

**CITY OF ABERDEEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

Mayor A. Morgan Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.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 and Craig Wampler. Derek Tilley was unable to attend.

Others present were: Chief Ray Dalling, Richard Mayer, Vicki Gamble, Ed Bala, Stetson Nielsen, Ty Mack, Jeff Nielsen, Braden Corbridge, Ben Hall, Connor Sorensen, Taylor Simms, Nic Barrus, Brandon Sargent, Wayne Millett, Darrel Moon and Dawn Moon.

Mayor Anderson welcomed the scouts that were at the council meeting.

Dawn Moon stated that they would like the council's permission to have another street dance on Aberdeen Daze. They would like to block off Central Street from the alley to Main Street. She also asked if they could possibly have the band playing earlier in the day. Chief Dalling questioned having Central Street closed that much during the day where they already close Washington during the day. Councilwoman Pankau asked if it would be possible to have the band playing at the park during the day instead of blocking off the street.

Mayor Anderson asked the council if they had any problems with them closing off Central during the evening like they have in the past years. There were no rejections to them having the dance in the evening.

Ed Bala from the Transportation Department stated that the Transportation Department is in a dilemma. He stated that the state has lost a lot of money in the past years and are unable to keep up with the cost of fixing up the highways because of the cost of construction and fuels. He stated that Idaho is the third fastest growing state in the United States which mean that more people are using the highways, but there has been a decline in gallons tax in comparison with the growth. He stated that what this all means is the state is growing very fast and people are buying less fuel. He stated that we are wearing out our highways faster than we have the ability to repair them.

He stated that Idaho is falling behind about \$200,000,000.00 a year in its highway system. He said it does not show now, but it will in the near future.

He stated that what the board has done is passed a resolution to ask the Idaho Legislators to consider seven points:

1. To keep the fuel tax at 25 cents a gallon.

2. To add a 7 percent surcharge to the rack. The rack is where the distributor picks up the fuel.
3. To eliminate the ethanol exemption.
4. To impose a rental car fee.
5. To increase truck permits fees
6. To increase registration fees to almost double of what they are now
7. To increase all other permit fees

Mr. Bala stated that he was here to ask for the council's support. He stated that it has been talked about in the house revenue and taxation committees and both of these committees are going to do a study this summer on the Transportation Department's recommendation.

Mayor Anderson introduced Kristen Jensen, executive director for the Great Rift Business Development Organization. Kristen told the council a little about herself. She stated that she is on the American Falls City Council and she is a certified teacher.

Kristen stated that her goal right now is to meet the different business owners in Aberdeen, American Falls and Rockland and get to know what their needs are. She advised the council that there are a lot of resources available and she will be able to bring those resources to the city when needed. She said that when she is more familiar with the different programs, she will be able to bring that information to the city. She stated that there is a committee which is made up of residents from the Aberdeen, American Falls and Rockland area. She stated that Mary Leisy, and Rose Elguezabal are a part of this committee, along with several others from the Power County area. She stated that she looks forward to working with the community.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to approve the minutes as typed. Councilman Fettis seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 144

Councilman Schneider made the motion to approve Resolution 144 to raise the airport rent fees \$10.00 this year and to charge them equally for the power used out at the airport for 2006. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried. Mayor asked Marva Jean to contact Dan and ask him to write up Resolution 144.

Mayor Anderson asked the council what they thought of closing the time to put items on the agenda on the Thursday before the council meeting and then putting the agenda up at different places around town, so that the

residents would be more informed about the council meetings and what is going to be discussed.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that they are moving ahead with the airport project. She stated they are getting an appraisal on the ground that the city wants to purchase.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that there will be an invitation sent out from the Gem Group inviting people to a planning meeting on the pathway. She stated that they want people's input on the pathway. The meeting will be February 22 at 7:00p.m. in the council room.

Councilman Wampler stated that he gave Richard some material to look over pertaining to a camera for the sewer system. He stated that this camera would make it possible to look into the sewer system so we would be able to spot the problem areas. He stated that he would like Richard to look this material over and then make some calls to get some estimates of the cost. He stated that we still need to get the things into the sheds at the treatment plant.

Councilman Wampler stated that he is working on a web site for the City of Aberdeen. He said he would like to make it possible for people to look into the site and see what is going on with the city. He stated that the minutes, ordinances, resolutions, agendas, job application are some of the things that could be put on the site where people could get information. The council stated they are glad that Councilman Wampler is working on a web site for the city.

Councilwoman Pankau stated that they will be spraying the parks in the next month or so. She stated that Posse Park has a thistle problem and so they will need to spray for them. She stated that she is going to be replacing some of the tables at the park. She said she hopes to be able to replace two a year. She advised the council that she had several comments on how good the parks looked last year. Richard said that the city crew would be able to do the spraying of the parks.

Councilman Fettis stated that he had spoken with Clay Shackelford about the magnesium chloride for the roads and he suggested we get a hold of Dust Buster to do the spraying for the city. Councilman Fettis stated he wouldn't be able to get the cost of the magnesium chloride until in March. He stated that they would like to get started as soon as they can so they can use the spring moisture when they apply it on the roads.

Councilman Fettis stated Richard and he had discussed paving some of the streets and which ones are in the most need of being paved. He stated that he will get with the Mayor and Marva Jean and find out just how much money is in the budget for paving this year. He stated that one thing that will need to be done is seal coating the streets that were paved last year. He stated that using last year's cost we can seal coat one city block for \$700.00

where in comparison with paving it would cost \$9,000.00 to do one city

block. He advised the council that there is one alley that he would like to see get paved and that is the one behind Wallace Drug and Country Health Store. He stated that alley is used as much as some of the streets in town. He stated the streets they are looking at paving is Second East between Elmore and Bingham. He stated that street needs to be three inches thick because of all the truck traffic and the other street is South Second East between Boise and Beach Road. Councilman Schneider asked if the streets that he is considering paving are going to connect to other paved roads. Councilman Fettis stated that they will connect them to streets that are already paved. Councilman Wampler asked if the city could possibly contact the fresh packs and ask them if they would be interested in putting some money in with the city's money and get the street by their business paved sooner. Councilman Fettis stated that he would talk with them.

Councilman Wampler stated that he had spoken with someone that said that it would be an inconvenience for the trucks to have to slow down to 25 mph earlier than they do now. Councilman Schneider stated that they have to slow down anyway; the issue is that they would just have to slow down sooner. Councilman Fettis stated that he always tells people to take their kids down to those streets and try to cross, and then they would see that 35 mph is just too fast.

Councilman Schneider stated that he would like to thank Craig for working on the Aberdeen web site. He said he thinks it will be an asset for our community.

Councilman Schneider stated that they have several new board members on the Planning and Zoning Board. He stated that he was hoping that there would be some workshops coming up for them to attend. Mayor Anderson said it would be nice, where we have so many new members, if we could get someone from AIC to come and put a class on about Planning and Zoning here in Aberdeen and possibly invite American Falls P&Z to come also.

Councilman Schneider stated that the water usage for the past year increased 7 percent from 2005, but that is a 31 percent decrease from our peak year of 2000 before our water project. He stated that he is really encouraged on how we have improved on our conservation of water and it should only get better when we start reading the meters.

Mayor Anderson stated that he thinks that the netting at the golf course should be taken down. Councilman Schneider stated that he would talk with Don and have him take it down.

Mayor Anderson said that they have received seven applications for the Public Works Dept. He stated that they will start interviewing applicants in the next few weeks.

Mayor Anderson stated that he is waiting for a call from Keller Associates about the water project on the West side of town.

Mayor Anderson stated that the way he figured it the registration fees will go up about 75% if the transportation dept. gets what they want.

Mayor Anderson stated that if the State agrees about the 25 mph speed limit the city will have to approve an ordinance for the change.

Richard Mayer gave his monthly report.

1. The crew is hauling the scrap metal to Pocatello.
2. They repaired a water line.
3. They repaired two signs.
4. Working on equipment.
5. Working at the treatment plant.
6. Richard attended a water workshop.

Richard stated that for this month there is still a lot of work to do at the treatment plant. He said that he would like to get Main Street swept and they will be hauling more gravel.

Councilman Wampler asked Richard when they would be able to get the sheds done at the treatment plant. Richard said that when the weather permits they will get on it.

Marva Jean stated that she was happy to report that the computer is up and working. She stated that she has ordered another computer for the main office and also an external hard drive for Marva Jean's computer. She stated that they are no longer using floppy disks to back up on, that they are using zip drives, which is working much better and faster. Marva Jean stated that she has received a lot of information about different software programs that the city could change to.

Marva Jean stated that she would like permission for Linda and herself to go to a meeting in Boise in March for City Clerks. She stated that it is put on by Boise State and the AIC. Mayor Anderson asked the council if they had any problems with the clerks attending the meeting. The council had no problems with the clerks attending the meeting in Boise.

MOTION TO PAY JANUARY 2007 BILLS

Councilman Fettis made the motion to pay the bills presented for payment. Councilwoman Pankau seconded the motion.

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

Check or Warrants # 16562-- #16602 for a total of \$ 41,477.78 was presented for payment. Of this amount \$ 29,223.01 was from the General Fund, \$ 4,977.12 was from the Water Fund, and \$ 7,277.65 was from the Waste Water Fund.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman Wampler made the motion to adjourn until March 13, 2007.
Councilman Schneider seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

A Morgan Anderson
Mayor

Attest: _____
Marva Jean Mueller
Clerk/Treasurer