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**CITY OF ABERDEEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2007**

Mayor A. Morgan Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. City Clerk-Treasurer Marva Jean Mueller was present to record the following minutes.

Council members present were: Lisa Bench, Hap Fettis, Mary Leisy, Brian Schneider, Derek Tilley and Craig Wampler.

Others present were: Richard Mayer, Ray Dalling, Dan Acevedo, Vicki Gamble, Mark Cowley, Pat Colman, Keith Pendleton, Cruz Serna, Marvin Mour, Chester Lenda, Darrald Bean, Jesse Lewis and Marcus Moser.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilwoman Bench made the motion to approve the April minutes as typed. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Mayor Anderson asked Richard Mayer to introduce our newest city employee. Richard introduced Keith Pendleton to the council. Richard advised the council that Keith was the city's new waste water plant operator and city crew member.

Councilman Schneider stated that he was one of the council who interviewed the applicants for this position. He stated that they had several qualified applicants and that Keith was definitely the top choice and that he was glad Keith accepted the position.

Captain Mark Cowley introduced Marcus Moser to the council who is the president of the Aberdeen chapter of the Blackfoot Bingham County Youth Coalition. He stated the Aberdeen Youth Group has put together a presentation for the council.

Marcus Moser showed a video of their trip to Denver for the National Youth Crime Watch Convention. He advised the council what their goals are for the next year. He stated that they would like to help clean up around town for Aberdeen Daze and also help plant some trees in Aberdeen. He stated that in Denver they played different games that helped them learn the skills of building teams by working together. He stated that is what their goal is this year, to work together on projects as a team for the improvement of our community and also others.

Councilman Tilley stated that the city is considering starting a Mayor's Youth Council and was wondering if the Aberdeen Bingham County Youth Coalition would like to make this a part of their duties or if it would be too much.

Captain Mark Cowley advised the council that the Bingham County Youth Coalition has two major projects in the works, one is the Annual Night Out with Youth fund raiser. He stated that the money they raise with this fund raiser they are able to offer a \$1,000.00 scholarship to each school plus trips like the trip to Denver and it will also go to help fund the summer camps. He said that while they were in Denver he asked the group what they would like to come out of our summer camps with. He said the one thing they wanted to deal with was the issue of self esteem, depression and teen suicide.

He stated one of the Bingham County Youth Coalition groups did a presentation on the 7 ups for self esteem at the Denver Convention and they would like to have the summer camp to concentrate on this same concept, so the summer camps will be developed so that they can come out with a seven week concept on self esteem, depression and teen suicides that every high school can utilize. He stated that they will bring in experts to talk with the kids on the serious issues of teen depression. Captain Cowley stated that they will divide each group up and they will take one of the seven ups topics and then they will develop a plan of educating other students at each school on the topic they have been given.

Captain Cowley stated that Aberdeen has the most active group of the Bingham County Coalition. He said that they are fully involved and he doesn't see why the Aberdeen group couldn't take the leadership roll of the Mayor's Youth Council. He said that when the Bingham County Youth Coalition do service projects they like to have most of the individual groups do their service projects within their own community.

Councilman Tilley asked Marcus if he thinks that the group would like to be a part of the Mayor's Youth Council. Marcus stated that the Aberdeen group would like to be a part of the Mayor's Youth Council.

Jesse Lewis stated that he was here to ask permission to put up a five foot fence around their property on lots 1 to 10 in block 113 and block 140. He stated that he has had a fence there for years and would like to put a better fence up to keep the cows in. He stated that he is grandfathered in for the cattle because they have had cattle there for several years. But he needs permission to put up a five foot fence on the property line instead of a four foot fence.

Councilman Schneider read the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board, stating that they recommend to the council to allow Mr. Lewis to replace the existing fence with a woven 5 ft. fence. He read that the board would not recommend that the fence be barbwire or electric.

MOTION

Councilman Schneider made the motion to approve a five foot woven fence to be put up in block 113, lots 1 through 10 and block 140 allowing for the right of way to the sewer man hole. Also that the fence should not be made with barbwire nor should it be electric. Councilman Wampler seconded the motion.

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

Chester Lenda advised the council that a few of the mail routes outside of Aberdeen would be changed because a couple of the routes were too big.

Mr. Lenda stated there would be an increase in the postage costs. He stated that the first class postage stamp would be increased from 39 to 41 cents, but also they have developed a forever stamp that if purchased while the cost of the stamps was 41 cents that a person could use these stamps even if the cost would go up. Then after they were all gone they would have to purchase them at the increased charge.

Councilman Tilley stated that he was surprised that the cost of a post office box for the city was so high.

Mr. Lenda stated that because the city hall was within a quarter of a mile that they

should not be paying for a box. He stated that he would correct the mistake.

Darrald Bean stated that he was here to advise the council of the increase in Blue Cross Insurance. He stated that the increase will be 17%. He advised the council of different plans that the council could go to that would help with the cost, but it would have the employee paying more. After some discussion the council decided to keep the insurance the same as it was and the city would absorb the cost.

MOTION

Councilwoman Bench made the motion to keep the current insurance plan, with the city absorbing the 17% increase. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion.

Roll call: Bench, yes; Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Schneider, yes; Tilley, yes and Wampler, yes. Voting was unanimous, the motion carried.

Councilwoman Bench stated that the city would be getting sod for Posse Park Thursday and the crew will be putting it down. She said that she has purchased three new picnic tables for the city park. She asked Richard if he would have the crew pick up the three worst tables and haul them away.

Councilwoman Bench stated that the City would be having a 5K run and 2.5K walk again for Aberdeen Daze. She stated that Councilman Schneider is going to help her set this up.

Councilman Schneider stated that Don at the golf course wanted to purchase two new lawn mowers and he advised him that the budget would only allow one at this time. Councilman Schneider stated that they would like to purchase a new greens mower. He stated that they would like to keep the old one to use as a back-up.

MOTION

Councilman Schneider made the motion that the City purchase a new Green Master for the golf course, with the City paying \$9,455.00 to Turf Equipment & Irrigation Inc. now and the remainder of \$10,350.00 in October. Councilman Tilley seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Schneider stated that Mayor has two names that he would like for the council to consider for the P&Z Board. Clint Krehbiel and Armando Torres.

Councilman Fettis stated that he was still trying to get a hold of the railroad to talk with them about the railroad tracks.

Councilman Fettis stated that he attended the AIC Spring workshop with the Mayor, Councilman Tilley and Marva Jean. He stated the he really enjoyed the training.

Councilman Tilley stated that he is working on the Mayor's Youth Council and also with Gem Group on the trail.

Councilman Fettis asked Dan if the speed limit ordinance was ready. Dan stated that

he has it with him tonight.

Dan Acevedo passed a copy of the speed limit ordinance around to the council members. The council reviewed the ordinance for the speed limit change on Main Street.

Dan Acevedo read Ordinance 274 to the council for approval.

MOTION

Councilman Wampler made the motion to wave the second and third reading of Ordinance 274 changing the speed limit on Main Street from 35mph to 25 mph from Custer Street on the south to Bingham Street on the North. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

MOTION

Councilman Fettis made the motion to accept Ordinance 274. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion.

Roll call: Bench, yes; Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Schneider, yes; Tilley, yes and Wampler, yes. The voting was unanimous, the motion carried.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that they did have Arbor Day, and they planted two trees. She stated that she thinks it would be a good idea to have the Youth Coalition plant some trees and help with clean up around town.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that if anyone has any idea about where they would like to see the pathway please write on one of the maps that is placed around town. She stated that during Aberdeen Daze they hope to have a couple of choices that people would choose from.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that on Arbor Day they didn't have the Mayor read the Arbor Day Proclamation so he will read it tonight.

Mayor Anderson read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Councilwoman Leisy asked if the water had been turned on at the Kiosk. Richard stated that it had been turned on and everything is working fine.

Councilman Wampler stated that he is still working on the web site.

Councilman Wampler stated that he would like to get together with Keith, our waste water treatment operator, to discuss the sewer camera system information possibly on Thursday. He asked Richard if the sheds had been wired for electricity yet. Richard said yes, but they are still working on the samplers. Councilman Wampler stated that he had noticed that the flows were high coming in from the warehouses. He asked Richard to speak with Jerry Giesbrecht and get some preliminary figures from him so that they can start working out the pay schedule for warehouses. He stated that maybe Jim from the Engineering Company could help with the flow problem out at the treatment plant caused by the warehouses.

Mayor Anderson stated that he has been working with the Chief and he has been

sending out letters to property owners asking them to clean up their property. He stated that the Chief has sent out 29 letters already. After the letters have been sent out they have 30 days to take care of the problem and if they don't they will be cited.

Mayor Anderson stated that he would like to see the city put in a couple basketball hoops down at the west end of Posse Park. He said that he has talked with Lisa and he thinks they can take it out of the building fund to help her out with the cost. He stated that the kids do not have any place where they can go play basketball in the summer.

Dan Acevedo stated that he brought the Jake Brake Ordinance for the council to review. Mayor Anderson asked the council to look this ordinance over and then they will discuss it at our meeting next month.

Richard Mayer gave his monthly report. He stated that Troy and Dean started reading the meters, but they found some that are broke and will have to get the parts to fix them. He stated that they have had some electrical problems inside # 1 well house and it is causing problems with the internet providers. Richard stated that Bill Mueller will be doing the parks this year.

Richard stated that the county wants to do the seal coating the first part of June.

Mayor Anderson asked Dan if he had heard anymore from the ones that have their antennas on the water tower. Dan stated that he is still working on a lease agreement.

Marva Jean stated that Linda and she had attended a meeting put on by PRIMA and ICRMP . She stated that the training was very informative.

Marva Jean advised the council that she has had a couple of software companies send her some information on their products. She stated that she was very impressed with Black Mountain Software, but it is very expensive.

Mayor Anderson asked the council to look at the bills presented for payment. He stated that we will not have to pay the post office box bill. Councilwoman Leisy said that she would like to look into the HDR bill before we pay it. She asked Marva Jean not to send the bill until she gets back to her.

Mayor Anderson stated that we will approved HDR's bill, but we won't send the payment until Mary gets back with us.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to approve the bills presented for payment. Councilwoman Bench seconded the motion.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council Wampler made the motion to adjourn until June 12, 2007. Councilman Fettis seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34p.m.

