

**CITY OF ABERDEEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2007**

Mayor Morgan Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02p.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 at the council meeting were: Richard Mayer, Chief Ray Dalling, Harold and Joan Klassen, Shannon Cook and Lillian Bowan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilwoman Bench made the motion to approve the June 2007 minutes as typed. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

MOTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion that the council go into an executive session according to Idaho Code 67-2345-1-(c). Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bench, yes; Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Schneider, yes; Tilley, yes and Wampler, yes. Voting was unanimous, the motion passed.

The council entered into an executive session at 7:08p.m.

The council entered back into the regular council meeting at 7:21p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR LAND PURCHASE

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to accept the offer and approve the contract with OK Inc. and Kevin Klassen to purchase the land for the airport expansion with the Attorney's approval. Councilman Fettis seconded the motion.

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

Harold Klassen stated that he had attended a hearing that the Planning and Zoning had held about changing 5th West from Boise to the canal from 80ft. to 60ft wide. He stated that the P&Z Commission had made a recommendation that the Council approve this change. So they were attending the council meeting to hear the council's feelings on this recommendation. Mr. Klassen explained that the house was built several years ago and it now does not fit the present setbacks, making the house close to 5th St. He stated that he would like to plant grass on the west side of the house by 5th West. He stated that he realized that this would be making a precedence for in the future. He stated that whatever decision the council makes would be alright with him.

Mayor Anderson stated that he would like to table this recommendation until the council has had a chance to review the matter before they make a decision. Mr. Klassen stated he had no problem with that.

Mr. Klassen asked if a drain could be put in the alley behind his business where the city is going to pave. He stated that he has a problem with water and if the City would possibly help with Mr. Klassen's problem. Richard stated that the city will need to find a way for the water to drain off of the paved alley or there will be a lot of problems. Councilman Fettis stated that he would take a look at it.

RESOLUTION 145

Councilwoman Leisy made a motion to approve Resolution 145 to allow Mayor Anderson to sign the FAA grant papers. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Councilwoman Bench asked the Mayor if he would advise the council about the basketball court that the city is putting in at Posse Park. Mayor Anderson stated that the crew is going to take the sod out and get ready for the concrete. Pat McCulloch will be hired to do the concrete. He stated that the crew will also put in the posts and basketball hoops .

Councilwoman Bench stated that the park tables were delivered the week before Aberdeen Daze.

Councilman Schneider advised the council that the Attorney Dan Acevedo had attended the Planning & Zoning meeting that was held just before the council meeting. He stated that they were working on the impact area. The Planning & Zoning Board has already mapped out the area of impact. He stated that Dan will talk with the Bingham County Planning & Zoning and then later show them the map that Aberdeen P&Z has prepared and then some of Aberdeen's P&Z Board will meet with Bingham County P&Z to talk over the impact area proposal. Marva Jean stated that the Aberdeen Planning & Zoning has put a ½ mile impact area on all sides of the town. She stated that Dan said that the process will take several months.

Councilman Fettis stated that he had met with the new superintendent of the school and they discussed the one-way street on 4th west. He said that he would like to mark a one lane going down Washington and Tiger Lane, because as it is right now people do not know where they are supposed to drive. We have people pulling out in front of each other all the time. Councilman Fettis stated that they discussed the drop off areas and the parking problem. He stated that there are 5 handicapped parking spots in front of the middle school, he suggested that they make two of them into regular parking spots and leave the other three as handicapped. The council discussed the parking problems at the high school and the middle school.

Councilman Fettis stated that he would like to see the city repair the asphalt on the side of Washington East of the Mennonite Church, by Monte Ledford's house. He said there is gravel there now and he would like to asphalt that area so the teachers can park there. Councilwoman Bench stated it would be nice to have it paved so people can park there when there is activities at the elementary school. Councilman Fettis stated that he believes that the new superintendent will work with the city to help get the parking problem solved. He is going to try to get the students to park in the parking lot that is provided for them. He said that he would like to work with the school and the Mennonite Church on the parking issue. The council discussed the problem with the snow being piled in the middle of Washington and Tiger Lane.

Councilman Fettis stated that he sent a packet to the Railroad and has called them also and has had no response from them. So if he doesn't hear from them by the middle of

next week he thinks that the city should pave another street. He said that he is thinking about paving Fremont Street in front of Idaho Select. He said they want to pave their parking lot and would like to have Fremont Street paved too. He stated that they said that if the city would pave the block in front of the business they would provide a place for the truckers to park their trucks so they are not parked on Main Street. Richard stated that if they pave their parking lot and we paved the street there might be a problem with water drainage. He said that they might be able to find a way to have it drain toward Main Street. Councilman Fettis stated that is why they need Richard's expertise to help solve the problems. Councilman Fettis stated they will have to go over and look at the situation and decide what needs to be done.

Mayor Anderson stated that the County might be helping the State plow Highway 39 in the winter when needed.

Councilman Fettis stated that he would like to have an article put in the paper that it is illegal to bring household garbage into town and dump them into the park containers. They are for park use only.

Councilman Tilley stated that he is working on getting safety equipment for the city crew for when they are working on the sewer lines and have to go down into confined spaces.

Councilman Tilley stated that he has been invited to go to Island Park and meet with the Bingham County Youth Coalition, so he will be going this coming Friday.

Councilwoman Leisy said that she would like to see the residents support the Aberdeen Daze Run and encouraged runners from other places to come and run also.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that she had the city attorney Dan Acevedo write a letter to the owners of the airport hangars about having things stored in the hangars. She stated that it doesn't matter what they have in their hangars as long as there is a plane in the hangar also. She said that she would like the council to have a copy of the letter so they can see what it says. She or the Mayor will sign the letters.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that Rose Elguezabal and she had attended the open house for the new coal gasification plant that will be going in out past Lamb Weston. She said she feels that even though it is being built in Power County that it will still be beneficial to our area.

Councilman Wampler stated that the web site is up and going. He said that he has a few more things that he wants to do, but he has been busy remodeling his house.

Councilman Wampler advised the council that when the city crew was connecting someone up to their sewer they discovered that the sewer line was in bad condition. So they will have to replace part of the sewer line. He said that a gentleman was supposed to demonstrate a camera for the sewer, but he dropped the camera and it broke. Councilman Wampler advised the council that they had more problems at the city park in the ladies bathroom, so they had to hire someone to come over and camera down the sewer pipe and they found what the problem was. He stated that it would have been nice if the city had a camera then they wouldn't have to hire someone to do it for us.

Mayor Anderson asked the council to please start working on their budgets and get it into Marva Jean so we will be ready at our next council meeting to finalize the budget, so Marva Jean can get it into the paper to advertise for the budget hearing on the 28th of August.

Mayor Anderson advised the council that the election is coming up and those who are running this year should pick up a petition and return it to Marva Jean between the August 27th and September 7th.

Mayor Anderson stated that the State is working on Highway 39, they will be seal coating and chipping but will use something else on the road when they go through Aberdeen.

Mayor Anderson stated that Judy Harman will be retiring from the Transportation Dept. He stated that she will really be missed. The Transportation Coalition meeting will be October 4th in Aberdeen.

Mayor Anderson said that he has had a request for an individual to have permission to paint tiger paws on Tiger Lane. He asked councilman Fettis to look into this matter.

Chief Dalling stated that his department is enforcing the junk ordinance and also they are issuing citations to those who are causing a noise problem.

Richard gave his monthly report:

1. Graded some ground at the airport, worked on the weeds and replaced broken lights.
2. Bingham County helped seal coat three blocks.
3. Volleyball nets are up.
4. Hooked up two new sewers and water lines for Harold Klassen.
5. Will be replacing part of a sewer line that is in poor condition.
6. Parts for the water meters should soon be here so they can repair water meters.

Mayor Anderson advised the council that the speed signs are up at both ends of town.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS

Councilman Schneider made the motion to pay June 2007 bills as presented for payment. Councilwoman Bench seconded the motion.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman Wampler made the motion to adjourn until August 7th, 2007 at 7:00p.m. Councilman Fettis seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Marva Jean will put a notice in the paper of the change of date for the council meeting from our regular scheduled date.

The council meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.