



CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 06, 2020, 4:00 PM

480 East Avenue, North, Ketchum, Idaho

Minutes

In recognition of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the public may observe the meeting live on the City's website at ketchumidaho.org/meetings. If you would like to comment on an agenda item, please submit your comment to participate@ketchumidaho.org by noon the day of the meeting. Comments will be provided to the City Council.

- CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Neil Bradshaw
Mayor Neil Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- ROLL CALL
PRESENT
Mayor Neil Bradshaw
Council President Amanda Breen
Councilor Michael David – present via video conference
Councilor Courtney Hamilton
Councilor Jim Slanetz

ALSO PRESENT

City Administrator Suzanne Frick
Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager
City Attorney Matt Johnson – present via video conference

- COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

Council President Amanda Breen voiced her concerns regarding not seeing the 20/21 budget and would like more time to review and does not want to be rushed. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that this has been pushed back from normal schedule and been previously discussed with council and will be coming to council in July and August.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that item 10 on the agenda will be tabled.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw thanked all of staff for making it a calm and safe 4th of July. As we go into the summer season, he wishes everyone to be safe.

- CONSENT AGENDA: Note: **(ALL ACTION ITEMS)** The Council is asked to approve the following listed items by a single vote, except for any items that a Councilmember asks to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately

Councilor Jim Slanetz pulled items 8 and 9 and Councilor Courtney Hamilton pulled item 4.

1. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting June 15, 2020
2. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting June 26, 2020

3. Authorization and approval of the payroll register
4. Authorization and approval of the disbursement of funds from the City's treasury for the payment of bills in the total sum of \$429,913.90 as presented by the Treasurer.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton questioned the banner charge. Mayor Neil Bradshaw explained there were 2 banners. She questioned if those expenses will be reimbursed because of COVID and Mayor Bradshaw advised that they would.

Motion to approve the bills.

Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Council President Breen.

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

5. Recommendation to approve Annual Beer, Wine & Liquor Licenses - Director of Finance & Internal Services
6. Recommendation to award contract 20488 to Atlas MTI for fire station testing and inspection services
7. Recommendation to Amend Resolution 19-025 to change the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting time and day.

Motion to approve items 1-3 and 5-7.

Motion made by Councilor Slanetz, Seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

8. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to approve Encroachment Agreement 20482 for 711 Washington and Agreement 20485 for 811 Warm Springs with Century Link Communications.
9. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to approve Encroachment Agreement 20481 for 120 2nd Ave and 20484 for 811 Warm Springs Rd. with Cox Communications.

Councilor Jim Slanetz asked if the encroachments in items 8 & 9 are underground. City Administrator Suzanne Frick explained the placement of the lines and advised that pedestals will be above ground. Jim Slanetz voiced concern about things above ground. Suzanne Frick explained that we will have encroachment agreements for these types of services going forward.

Motion to approve 8 & 9

Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Councilor Slanetz.

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

- NEW BUSINESS (no public comment required)
10. Discussion regarding policing protocol - Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised this was asked to be put on the agenda by Council President Amanda Breen. Amanda Breen advised the public of her disappointment that the Sheriff's department would not be present at the council meeting. A private meeting will be set up with 2 council members and the Sheriff. Councilor Courtney Hamilton agreed that she is disappointed as well saying that this is an important topic and she

would like to be part of that conversation. Council President Breen and Councilor Hamilton will present back to the Council after their meeting.

11. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to adopt Resolution 20-016 or Public Health Emergency Order 20-03 enacting face protective measures

Mayor Neil Bradshaw introduced this topic and asked council for approval of a Resolution or a Public Health Order. Mayor Bradshaw thanked the public for their input on this topic saying there has been a broad spectrum of views and all opinions are part of the public record. He showed the posters that have been placed around town and talked about the education process that has been done. This is a time to come together as a community. He does not want to require a situation that is difficult to enforce and suggested a resolution. He worries that a mandate could lead to frustration on both sides. He talked about the common goal for the community and about the calls and emails he has received. Mayor Neil Bradshaw talked about the process saying it has been a good process. The council will decide, and he will support their decision and he is confident we will come to the right decision.

Council President Amanda Breen thanked Mayor Bradshaw for his comments, but she feels that a resolution is a waste of time and would like an emergency order. She talked about the recommendations behind the masks and stated that we are not the first city to consider this. She talked about all the states, counties and cities that have discussed it and about the business owners who have contacted her stating they all request an emergency order. They are frustrated with customers and are experiencing verbal abuse. Other cities have had good compliance. Amanda Breen went onto talk about enforcement, saying It is an educational approach. Warnings need to be given and tickets written after the 2nd offense. She understands that police are in jeopardy if they must enforce but so are all business owners and their employees. She talked about her public health concerns saying a temporary mask mandate order is the least obtrusive. The last thing she wants to do in a month is to issue an order to close businesses again. She believes that an order is necessary and urged council to agree.

Councilor Jim Slanetz agrees with Council President Amanda Breen to a certain point. He questioned how much protection the mask gives. He thinks the resolution is great and does not want a mandate. Jim Slanetz stated this is not enforceable in a good way. He thinks masks are a good idea, but not as a mandate.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton agrees with Council President Breen. A resolution is status quo. There are a lot of people in our community who feel unsafe because of the lack of mask wearing. She agrees that business owners would like their backing. If things get shut down again, we will lose a lot. The interesting line with this is you are protecting other people by wearing a mask. People are not embracing this. The CDC is recommending you require face coverings. A lot of people are at risk. She talked about people inside buildings breathing in recycled air. She wants to get the message out to the visitors that we care, and this is bigger and very important to our community. Courtney Hamilton stated that this will help the economy because people will feel safe to go out and spend. She talked about the importance of hospital beds in Twin Falls and Boise if we needed them. This is a public health issue and it is an easy thing to put on a mask when going to the grocery store. It is a much better alternative than closing the town.

Councilor Michael David thanked all of council for their remarks. He thinks the efforts taken by the city up to this point have been very effective. He talked about the compliance of those wearing masks and agrees with Councilor Jim Slanetz. The numbers were discussed. It is good to take this measure, and it is better to be safe than sorry. Michael David talked about 6 ft distancing being the most effective. He is going to side on

the side of the mandate. He talked about anxiety of masks as well as the strong message the Health Order will send as well as practicing cleanliness in putting the mask on and off. He would like to calm the public.

Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin advised that mask wearing is effective in our community and that wearing a mask is important. We are watching the increases around the state. Statewide it is 300 cases a day and 1.4 a day locally. It is not affecting our healthcare workers or our hospitals, and there is no significance spread in the community. We are just not seeing the 2nd surge happening in our community. Councilor Jim Slanetz questioned how many people we are testing. Bill McLaughlin explained they are low. Not many people are getting tested unless they have symptoms. He advised that it was a very quiet 4th of July weekend for the Fire Dept.

Council President Amanda Breen questioned, when the out of town guests are tested, where that gets reported? Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin advised that they get recorded in their hometown.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw asked Councilor Amanda Breen about the wording in the Health Order. Amanda Breen stated on Page 2, 2nd Whereas, there is a typo. City of Hailey's Health order was discussed as well as Indoor socially distanced and outdoor wording. Councilor Michael David believes that the 6' distancing is important. He said the mask should not be required if you can keep 6 feet apart. Mayor Bradshaw talked about being consistent with all the jurisdictions to avoid complications. Councilor Courtney Hamilton supports the order as written with Amanda Breen's correction. Restaurant etiquette was discussed. Councilor Jim Slanetz reiterated his disapproval of the mandate. Michael David said being consistent is the most important thing. Amanda Advised the State should be taking leadership. She talked about construction places not being a public place and encouraged mask wearing in the construction industry.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton appreciates all the education the city has done. She hopes they continue the education process even with the mandate and encouraged everybody to be kind and welcoming in our community. Councilor Jim Slanetz thinks this will have a pulverizing effect and that is why he is against this mandate. Council President Amanda Breen said she understands Councilor Slanetz's point of view but feels a lot of business owners will sleep better tonight with this mandate.

Councilor Michael David reiterated what Councilor Courtney Hamilton was talking about. He said he has never experienced the unkindness that this topic has brought out in people. It does not help when people are so unkind. We need to ban together on this. We hope that the people who are this vocal will be here when we talk about affordable housing issues.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw thanked the council and the public for sharing their views. He talked about kindness and respect. He urged everybody to stay healthy. He talked about the passion of this topic and he looks forward to making this a calmer, safer place for all.

Council President Amanda Breen asked to change the sign on the highway to say masks required.

Motion to adopt public health emergency order 20-03 with typo correction on page 2 and with the addition of outdoor public space.

***Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Council President Breen.
Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton
Voting Nay: Councilor Slanetz***

12. ACTION ITEM: Consideration and approval of park reservations and special events –Special Events Manager Julian Tyo

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that several special events are up for approval. He asked for questions and comments. Councilor Courtney Hamilton advised that some wording would need to be changed to say masks are required when social distancing. Councilor Jim Slanetz questioned the approval of these events with the new Health order that was just approved. The challenges for these events were discussed.

Motion to approve special events applications for the Sawtooth Brewery Tuesday Trivia Night, the Community Library Hemmingway Distinguished Lecture, the Tugboat Institute, the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council and the Schubert Baby Shower

Motion made by Council President Breen, Seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

13. ACTION ITEM: Consideration and direction to staff concerning Electric Vehicle Charger Operations - Mayor, Neil Bradshaw

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that in the past we charged for this service and currently it is free. Some members of the public believe it should not be free and others believe it should be. He asked council for direction on how to move forward.

Councilor Jim Slanetz advised in the past he was always in favor of charging for it. Councilor Courtney Hamilton asked why this is coming up now? City Administrator Suzanne Frick advised that the charging station has been closed during COVID for city reasons and Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised we did not want people handling the equipment. Suzanne Frick explained that the public voiced concerns over people from out of town using the free equipment. Courtney Hamilton believes it is a very important public asset and it is great to offer it free if we can, but if others think it would be more of a benefit to charge, she is ok with it. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised of the cost of the equipment. Councilor Jim Slanetz questioned what the rate of return on investment would be. Grant Gager, Director of Finance & Internal Services advised of the trend for the demand at this time. He also advised that the parking is monitored. The council debated locals vs. visitors use.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton is in full support of electric vehicles. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised he is in support of putting in the equipment. Councilor President Amanda Breen is in favor of the \$2,500 charge for equipment. Councilor Jim Slanetz suggested a donation box. Councilor Michael David said the charging station may bring people to Ketchum for just the afternoon. He agrees with the donation box and would like more charging locations installed throughout the city stating that it is an incentive that brings people to our community.

It was agreed among Mayor and council to install a donation box and check back in a few months.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Discussion pursuant to 74-206 (1) (a)

Motion to go into Executive pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (a)

**Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Council President Breen.
Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz**

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:46 p.m.

**Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Council President Breen.
Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz**

15. ACTION ITEM: Consideration and potential approval of Employment Agreement

Motion to approve the City Administrator Employment agreement

**Motion made by Council President Breen, Seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that Jade Riley will be the next City Administrator for the City of Ketchum. A press release will be sent out shortly. Current City Administrator Suzanne Frick was going to retire in August but will be staying on as Planning Director and Executive Director of the KURA. He welcomed Jade Riley to the community and thanked council for the approval of the contract.

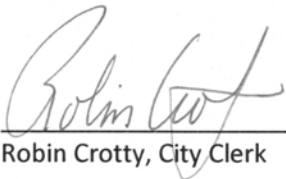
● ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:49 p.m.

**Motion made by Councilor Slanetz, Seconded by Council President Breen.
Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz**



Neil Bradshaw, Mayor



Robin Crotty, City Clerk

