



Rathdrum

City Council Minutes

December 09, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Location: City Council Chamber
8047 W. Main Street
Rathdrum, ID 83858
(208) 687-0261

WELCOME-PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES- Thank You.

1) CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilor Holmes, Councilor Laws, Councilor Meckel, Mayor Holmes and Councilor Worthen

ABSENT: City Planner Armes, Parks & Recreation Director Bridge and Police Chief Fuhr

STAFF: City Administrator Boyer, City Engineer/Public Works Director Jump, City Clerk/Treasurer Taylor and City Attorney Cafferty.

4) AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5) CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL

- A) Special Council Minutes of November 12, 2015
- B) Special Council Minutes of November 24, 2015
- C) Regular and Special Bills as presented
- D) Acceptance of Public Infrastructure for North Ranch at Corbin Crossing, 3rd Addition
- E) Acceptance of Public Infrastructure for North Ranch at Corbin Crossing, 4th Addition
- F) Approval of Purchase of New Police Vehicles
- G) Approval of Surplus of Admin & Parks & Recreation Equipment

Councilor Meckel made a MOTION to accept the consent calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Worthen.

AYES: Councilor Holmes
Councilor Laws
Councilor Meckel
Councilor Worthen

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed by majority.

6) CEREMONIES AND REPORTS

- A) Presentation of Plaques to Parks and Recreation Commission Members Sandy Wessling and Andy Olson.

Mayor Holmes presented Sandy Wessling a plaque for her long dedicated years of service to the City of Rathdrum Parks & Recreation Commission.

Andy Olson was not in attendance.

- 7) **VISITORS COMMENTS – An opportunity to address concerns not on the agenda (No formal action allowed – 3 minute time limit per issue) issues may be placed on subsequent agenda. Comments regarding performance by city employees are inappropriate at this time and should be directed to the Mayor, either by subsequent appointment or after tonight’s meeting, if time permitting. Repeated comments of the same or similar topic will be considered out of order and not allowed.**

Richard Tevis
8598 W. 4th Street
Rathdrum, ID 83858

Sheila Holdon
2065 W. Judy K Drive
Rathdrum, ID 83858

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A) Prairie Sky Phase 2, 3, 4 & 5 Preliminary Plat- The plat is a 191 lot subdivision located East of Meyer Road and North of Lancaster road on approximately 43.3 acres.

City Attorney Cafferty noted that the description on the agenda is wrong but it was noticed correctly and the proper posting took place.

Mayor Holmes went over the Public Hearing Process.

Mayor Holmes opened the public hearing.

Applicant Presentation

The Applicant is Prairie Sky Investments, LLC, 1000 Northwest Blvd. #200, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814. Representing the Applicant is Merle Van Houten of Verdis, P.O. Box 580, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816. He stated that that Prairie Sky phases 2, 3 4 and 5 are located on the Northwest corner of Meyer Rd and Lancaster Rd. which is zoned R-2. The development is a continuation of the Prairie Sky Subdivision which started with Phase I, directly to the west. The Applicant stated that water and sewer is already stubbed out and that a development agreement is already in place from the original development phase 1. He thought after talking to City staff that it might be easier just to amend it to keep the same terms and conditions excluding the improvements to Meyer Road and Lancaster that have already been performed and keep in place the ones that need to be done. Those will be completed with the first phase of construction hopefully in 2016. The major ticket items that are in the development agreement are widening the western side of Meyer Rd. to 20' from centerline to edge of paving. They would also install a 10' pedestrian corridor along that side of Meyer Rd. that would interconnect with existing pathways. There would also be center turn lanes constructed, two of them would be at the intersection of Meyer and Lancaster and the other would be where our subdivision meets Meyer Rd. That is the broad sense of the project, I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Councilor Worthen asked if the lots were the same size as in the existing phase? Mr. Van Houten stated yes they are the same size as phase 1. Mr. Worthen then asked if changing the style of roadways would increase the number of lots or decrease them? Mr. Van Houten stated that it increased from 94 to 98 lots.

Public Testimony

In Support:

Sandy Young wrote a comment in favor of the proposed development.

Neutral:

Brad Murray
2104 N. Circle Road
Rathdrum, ID 83858

Opposing:

Mayor Holmes closed the Public Hearing.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilor Holmes made a MOTION that the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission be approved as presented, finding that it is in accord with State and City Code for the City of Rathdrum as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilor Laws.

AYES: Councilor Laws
Councilor Holmes
Councilor Meckel
Councilor Worthen
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Passed by majority.

9) OLD BUSINESS

10) NEW BUSINESS

- A) Request to Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) for Change of Speed Limit on SH 53 at the east entrance to the City Resolution.

Brett Boyer stated that the Council and staff have been discussing this issue for quite a while now. It was decided that we need to submit a formal resolution to ITD requesting that the speed limit be reduced 35 mph in both directions a half a mile east of town on SH 53. People are speeding through that area and for health and safety purposed we are making a formal request to ITD with the resolution before you.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilor Holmes made a MOTION to approve the Resolution requesting the lowering of the speed limit on SH 53 to extend the 35 mph zone coming into and leaving the City of Rathdrum to ½ mile east of the intersection of SH53 and Meyer Rd. and present it to (ITD) Motion seconded by Councilor Meckel.

AYES: Councilor Laws
Councilor Holmes
Councilor Meckel
Councilor Worthen
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Passed by majority.

11) CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/CALENDARING

- December D'Lights went really well, Great job to the Mayor, Parks & Rec, the Chamber of Commerce, the Gem Committee and the Grinch
- A reminder that the 2015 Annual Holiday Party, December 12th @ 5:30 pm
- Sewer Cap Fee Collection Issue- Brett gave an overview of the and stated that we have been under collecting, we are working on the issue with the City of Post Falls and will follow up with Council when more information is obtained.

12) MAYOR'S REPORT/APPOINTMENTS

A) Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Rathdrum

Mayor Holmes proclaimed December 20-26 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Rathdrum.

13) COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilor Holmes- Concerned about snow plowing and emergency in Deerfield.
- Councilor Laws- Crossing lights are awesome!
- Councilor Meckel- Loves the new microphones, Great Job Brett. What is going on with the Crossing lights? The Veterans Day Ceremony went really well! Fred will be the Grinch for December D'Lights. Streets and trailers, what are we doing?
- Councilor Worthen- Crossing lights are awesome!

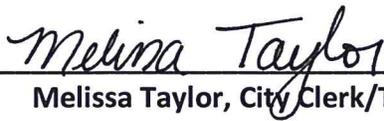
14) ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Vic Holmes, Mayor

Attest:



Melissa Taylor, City Clerk/Treasurer

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