

Bellevue Common Council
Monday, January 22, 2018
Minutes

6:00 pm Call to Order:

Mayor Koch called the meeting to order. Council members present were Bob Leahy, Craig Wolfrom, Kathryn Goldman, Shaun Mahoney, Ned Burns. Greg Cappel was absent. Staff present were Diane Shay, Community Development Director; Kelly West, Public Works, Greg Beaver, Fire Chief; Ross Scaggs, Marshal, Frank Suwanrit, Public Works Director.

Notice and Hearing Compliance:

The posting of this agenda complied with Idaho Code 67-2343. The agenda was posted at the Bellevue Post Office, the bulletin board outside City Hall and on the website on January 17, 2018. Goldman moved that the notice was in compliance with Idaho Code, Leahy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2. Call for Conflict: With the school board levy presentation, Koch stated he does work for the school district, Wolfrom's wife is a teacher, Goldman also works as a contractor, but as no decision is being made, no conflict was found.

3. Public Comment: Koch stated that Wolfrom wanted clarification of the criteria. Criteria listed is per AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) recommendation. Wolfrom stated most people come to talk about an agenda item. Koch stated he is okay with any kind of comment, but they have to follow the A. – F. criteria. Wolfrom asked if the public could comment on any item, Shay stated that wasn't a question she'd asked. Koch opened the meeting for public comment. Tom Blanchard, 33 Lower Broadford Road, Bellevue – This will be a confusion of the issue. I am concerned about an item on the agenda but there is no mention of public comment, but I merely ask that you take public comment particularly on the river restoration one. If not, I'd love to make a comment now when you are taking public comment, but I'd rather wait until we hear the proposal. There's quite a few people here who are impacted by that. Shay stated that it's the Mayor's discretion to take comment. There was a brief discussion regarding public comment and it was determined by Council and Mayor that public comment would be allowed after the presentations.

4. Presentation: Firefighter of the Year

Chief Beaver stated that about 8 years ago the Fire Department started giving out the Firefighter of the year award, voted on by all members of the Department. This year the award was presented to Scott Beaver. The length of service awards were awarded to Jason Calhoun has 15 years, Trent Shoemaker with 25, and Chief Beaver has 30 years.

5. Presentation: School Board Levy

Dr. GwenCarol Holmes introduced herself as the Superintendent of Blaine County School District. Revenues have been flat for 10 years, like adjustments in inflation or enrollment growth. District has dealt with the flat revenues with reduced spending at 2.5 million, reserves have been spent close to the bottom. Blaine County has three choices: Keep spending until the reserves are down to nothing; to

continue to make cuts; or to ask the community for money. District will need a million to just keep up with teacher's salaries. If cuts continue the district will have to start cutting services. Citizens will be asked to support a new supplemental levy in the amount of 2.99 million a year for 2 years. The levy will allow District to maintain class sizes and services, programs and staff. There is a current levy will not increase the current amount paid as the current plant and facilities levy will be reduced by the 2.99 million. The vote will take place on March 13. Koch asked Council if they had any questions, they had none.

6. Presentation: Biota Proposal for River Restoration, Ryan Colyer, Principal, Certified Fluvial Morphologist/Fisheries Biologist for BIOTA. The firm is in western Wyoming. BIOTA was approached to provide a proposal for Riverside Estates Homeowners Association. The proposal is to provide a holistic solution to the instability of the Big Wood River in the Riverside area. They would look at the whole reach, provide fix from Broadford road to Riverside estates. The proposal would provide a conceptual design to stabilize the one mile stretch of river instead of individuals fixing their portion of river front. The concept is to make sure that the work being done doesn't adversely affect other land owners while fixing individual properties. Koch asked for questions from Council.

Mahoney stated that this is a community issue and is concerned that this is only looking at a two mile stretch. Changes up north could make changes downstream to Bellevue. Colyer stated they were looking at doing bite sized pieces with each section being 2 or 3 miles coordinating hard structure repairs. Koch asked if other cities were implementing changes. Koch stated that he and Wolfrom had been questioned about the old concrete dam crossing the Big Wood and if that were affecting things. Colyer stated that was part of what the design work would look at. He continued with other issues that would be studied and would be part of the proposal. Wolfrom mentioned the proposal from Jim Zarubica and whether this would negate Zarubica's work. He also asked if the City was being asked to participate monetarily in the study. Colyer stated it was not in conjunction with Galena's work. He wasn't sure about the implementation of the proposal. Wolfrom was also concerned about the bigger impact. Jim Zarubica, Galena Engineering, representing the Riverside Estates homeowners, stated his study was for the immediate response from last year's flooding and was not part of the BIOTA study. His work is about protecting Lots 4 – 7. BIOTA was hired to study the entire reach of the river that will take some time. Wolfrom clarified this would be guidelines for how the river could be restored. Goldman requested Colyer address the issues for those downstream from Riverside. Colyer discussed the how the proposed work would help downstream as well. Goldman also asked whether BIOTA has approached other stakeholders regarding permissions to make changes. Colyer gave a brief description of how that would work. Wolfrom asked again about the buy in for the City. Shay stated that it just depends on how many people participate in the study. Leahy asked if this was being discussed with the Canal District, the County and all the other entities that are a part of this. Stephanie Eisenbarth, Environmental Consulting, stated that there was a meeting last spring with all municipal stakeholders to discuss the need for a study. There was no discussion regarding how the costs would be divided, that would be the hardest part, getting everybody to agree and then getting everyone to agree on the way it would be split. There is no specific amount right now, just want to know if the City is willing to get on board and share the costs. Wood River Land Trust has also been asked to be involved. Goldman asked Colyer what kind of participation he was looking for. BIOTA is also looking at proposal with above the Broadford Bridge. Eisenbarth also stated there were grants available to help with funding but realized they were time

consuming to apply for. Shay stated that if we signed up it doesn't obligate us to pay. Archie Bouttier offered to provide Colyer with history of that section of the river.

Tom Blanchard, 33 Lower Broadford Road: Blanchard is concerned that the small landowners were not invited to any meetings and would recommend that the City gather a list of stakeholders in the interest of full participation. He would like to see the City participate if all stakeholders can participate in a scoping hearing.

Florence Blanchard, 33 Lower Broadford Road: Blanchard, representing the Friends of the Howard Preserve, would like to ensure that the conservation easement as well as the DEQ regulations that were put in place in 2004. She feels that these documents must be reviewed as part of study.

Don Benson, Riverside Estates: He wanted to sure that the City understands that the stakeholders meeting was only for cities and counties, and he'd like to see other stakeholders involved. He also stated that they were not asking the City to subsidize Riverside Estates.

Paul Hopfenbeck, 39 Lower Broadford Road: Hopfenbeck would like to see a group come together with all communities to work together for overall communications.

Chad Stoesz, Wood River Land Trust: Wood River Land Trust supports this project and are anxious to participate.

Koch asked where we go from here. Shay agreed with Blanchard that there needs to be a more comprehensive stakeholder list, but the issue is still how many people will be participating. Mahoney feels that the stakeholders are actually from north of Ketchum down to here. He is concerned that without full participation of the Valley the proposal would not be helpful. Bouttier stated he attended the Army Corps of Engineers meeting and asked Colyer how their proposal would fit in. He was concerned that the City would be paying more. Colyer stated that BIOTA conducted a study several years ago with the Army Corps. What is being proposed now is more of a proposal for implementation rather than just a study. Wolfrom would like to see a stakeholder meeting. He also is concerned about the budget issues regarding participation. Shay asked for clarification on the stakeholder list parameters. She also stated that all municipalities are working together and the study is important. Shay stated she would be happy to work with Eisenbarth and Colyer to develop the list. She also stated there is money in the budget for river restoration, not the full \$10,000, but there are funds. Wolfrom's motion was to direct staff to work with Eisenbarth, Colyer and Zarubica to develop the stakeholder list for the specific reach of river in the proposal, to be brought to Council at a later date for discussion. Mahoney seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for funds: Ross Scaggs first presented a list of surplus items that need to be removed. After a brief discussion, Goldman made a motion that Scaggs remove the surplus items, Mahoney seconded, motion carried unanimously. Scaggs presented a proposal for new units to put on new cars. A discussion ensued regarding the price at \$4,300 per unit. There was more discussion of new cars and it was determined that the cost could go into vehicle lease or specialized equipment. The discussion then moved to the new tasers. The tasers are on a five year program as a lease, where items are returned at

the end of five years and then new ones are sent. By having one per officer the system is officer specific, with tasers and cameras. Wolfrom made a motion for the Marshal begin a lease program with Axon for the tasers and Mahoney seconded. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously. A brief discussion ensued regarding the leasing of new cars. \$27,200 per year for three years regardless of the number of cars. The department would keep the current car and are thinking of refitting the Durango as an animal control vehicle. The discussion moved to the number of cars needed, this will be on the next agenda.

8. Presentation and Discussion of Financial Statements 12/31/17: Clark presented the 12/31/17 financial statements. At 25% of the year, all expenditures are falling well within the budgeted amounts, City has received additional funds through property taxes.

9. Discussion – Municipal Reuse Permit M-112-3, Frank Suwanrit: Frank presented the reuse permit information regarding the compliance schedule. A plan of Operation and a Quality Assurance Project Plan are due 12/18/18. Lagoon seepage testing is due 11/21 & 09/22. Recycled Water Loading Measurement plans and Buffer zone plans are due March 18 and March 13 respectively. Keller will be required for both of these plans, with six months to implement after they are presented. Suwanrit discussed the changes in operations that must be followed with the new permitting process. Suwanrit then discussed other permit limits and conditions that the city has to meet. The costs of meeting the requirements for new wells is in the current budget.

10. Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of 01/08/18
- b. Payables from 1/8/18 – 1/22/18
- c. Department Head Updates
- d. Letter to FAA re: Inbound/Outbound Flight Conflicts

The three letters to Mayor and Council were read into the record, (Exhibit A attached) from Evan Lister Stelma, Donna Serrano, and Bill Rae. A brief discussion ensued regarding the issue of inbound/outbound flight concerns. Goldman asked that the letter be addressed to Administrator and express safety of the community. Wolfrom made several corrections, with a copy to Koch for update and correction. Goldman would also like to ask for a response to the letter and the documents. Koch would like to give the letter to Allington for approval.

Burns would like a correction to the last sentence on page 2 to correct attribution. Goldman asked about the \$620 for the Fire Department dinner. A full receipt was presented. Suwanrit offered the reasons for expenditures from the prior agenda. Wolfrom also asked for clarification regarding the total cost of the truck with the \$5200 repairs. Leahy was concerned that there was not a list of what repairs needed to be made on the truck when it was first brought to council. Suwanrit state he will do a better job of tracking costs. Wolfrom would like to see an amendment to snow policy to correct sidewalk snow removal procedure. Koch praised the department for their efforts.

Burns made a motion that the letter be corrected and brought back to the Council at the next meeting and to accept the Consent agenda, Goldman seconded. Motion carried via roll call.

11. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Pending Litigation and/or Land Acquisition Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206

Goldman made a motion that Council go into Executive Session, Sections B, Burns seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Wolfrom made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Goldman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Goldman made a motion to adjourn, with Burns seconding. All in favor, motion carried.

Approved this 12th day of February, 2018

Christopher Koch, Mayor

Kathleen Clark, City Clerk/Treasurer

01/25/18