

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
JULY 1, 2008**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Hall July 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem

A. J. Al Hassell, III)	Members of Council Present
John Bruning)	
Loren Ron Edinger)	
Woody McEvers)	
Mike Kennedy)	
Deanna Goodlander)	

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

INVOCATION: The invocation was led by Reverend Paul VanNoy, Candlelight Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Goodlander.

PROCLAMATION - PARKS DAY CELEBRATION: On behalf of Mayor Bloem, Councilman Bruning read the proclamation declaring July 12th as Parks Day in the City. Bob Hallock accepted the proclamation. He announced that this year the Parks Foundation will be hosting the celebration of Bluegrass, Ramsey, and Riverstone Parks and the Prairie Trail Connection.

PRESENTATION - WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING: Water Superintendent Jim Markley presented several tips to save water and money in residential landscaping. He noted that on a typical 12,000 sq. ft. lot the majority of the yard would be lawn (8,000 sq. ft.) which requires more water than a yard that utilizes both hardscape material and landscape plantings and other low water use elements. He suggested using native and climate-adapted plants as well as living mulches/ground cover. He noted that proper irrigation can reduce consumption up to 40%. Mr. Markley recommended watering in the late evening, at night, or early morning where evaporation is less as well as watering less often but watering deeper. He recommended installing a rain sensor/soil moisture sensor with automatic irrigation systems. He reminded residents to routinely check their sprinkler system to make sure the sprinkler heads are not watering the sides of houses or pavement. He suggested researching xeriscaping on the internet or Google "Water Sense EPA" for more suggestions on water-wise landscaping. Councilman Hassell suggested have the local Garden Club present an award for the residence that has created the best water-wise landscaped yard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerry Frank, 1425 E. Lakeshore, commented that this past weekend he had opened his beach front property at Sanders Beach to the public. He believes that trading the beach for East Lakeshore Drive with the abutting homeowners was a good idea. He would like to see if there is common ground that would be satisfactory for both the homeowners in the area and the public.

Dennis Hinrichsen, 946 E. Spruce, voiced his concern that subdivision developments are not paying for their impact on the community. He urged the Council to require impact fees on the developments. He also believes that the Council has no "compunction" to protect existing property owners' rights and stated that the Council believes they can do what they want to do. He stated the only way that the Council will be redeemed is to humble themselves and repent.

David Barger, 530 W. Harrison, commented on water conservation and his concern of the previous speaker's anger of residential property rights and is concerned that the Council is not looking at the full picture.

Jim Brannon, 1310 Bering, thanked the City's law enforcement officers for keeping the order during Car d' Lane and Ironman.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Hassell, seconded by McEvers to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilman Goodlander announced that there will not be a General Services Committee meeting on Monday, July 7, 2008.

1. Approval of minutes for June 17, 18, 2008.
2. Setting the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, July 7th at 4:00 p.m.
3. RESOLUTION 08-039: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PANHANDLE AREA COUNCIL FOR CDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.
4. Approval of sole source procurement of Blue Water Equipment for WWTP Pilot Testing.
5. Setting of Public Hearing for amendments to the Urban Renewal District for August 19, 2008.
6. Setting of Public Hearing (I-2-08) appeal of Federal Courthouse Parking Spaces Requirement for July 15, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye. Motion carried.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Announced that on July 7th at 5:30 p.m. a meeting regarding the Midtown Project will be held. He added that representatives from Idaho Housing will be here to discuss the workforce housing project. Councilman Kennedy noted that this meeting is open to the public. Additionally on July 10th at 5:30 p.m. a forum on the Education Corridor will be held. A presentation of the Plans, MIT study, and economic impact study followed by an open question period will be done at this meeting. He also noted that this forum will be televised on CDA TV Channel 19.

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Announced that on July 17th a meeting for the 4th Street reconstruction project is being planned with the time and location of this meeting to be determined.

MAYOR BLOEM: Mayor Bloem thanked the City Police, Fire, Streets, Parks, and all the volunteers for their work in achieving another successful year with Ironman.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Deputy City Administrator Jon Ingalls announced that Sherry Hood will read from her book July 8th in the Library Community Room. July 4th is our country's birthday and this year our country will be 232 years old. Mr. Ingalls announced that Police and Fire are requesting citizens to please comply with the regulations on alcohol, fireworks, and dogs in the park. He also reminded everyone that fireworks are not allowed on public property especially on Tubbs hill. Previously the City Council approved the construction of a Disc Golf Course and an agreement with Panhandle Kiwanis Club to construct an 18-hole tournament level disc golf course at Cherry Hill Park. Mr. Ingalls announced that residents can sponsor one of the 18 holes for \$500.00.

REFERENCE MANUAL FOR HUD'S CDBG FUNDING AND FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE: Project Coordinator Renata McLeod presented the proposed Reference Manual for HUD's CDBG Funding which will center around emergency and minor home repairs this inaugural year. She noted it is proposed that a maximum of \$3,000 for minor home repairs be allowed this first year, and asked that the City Treasurer be authorized to approve sub-recipient agreements under \$3,000. It is planned to charge a 3% interest rate on these loans. Loans will be made on a 1st-come, 1st-servc basis. Staff is recommending an Advisory Committee be formed to review incoming requests as well as to review other policies from other communities to improve the City's program. Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger to approve the 2008 Reference Manual for CDBG funding and approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for CDBG issues and that said program be evaluated after one year for possible improvements/changes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 08-040

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND COLLECTION OF A LOCAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE IN KOOTENAI COUNTY.

STAFF REPORT: Jon Ingalls presented a proposal from Kootenai County Area Transportation Team (KCATT) to place before the voters this November a proposal to implement a \$24.00 increase in vehicle registration fees as a funding mechanism for construction, repair and maintenance of roadways in Kootenai County.

Motion by Hassell, seconded by Bruning to adopt Resolution 08-040.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Goodlander does not feel that this is the best thing to do at this time in light of the need for a new County jail. Councilman Edinger called for the question. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, No; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Kennedy, Aye. Motion carried.

RCA-12-08 - REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2735 FERNAN HILL ROAD: Senior Planner John Stamosos gave the staff report.

Mr. Stamosos reported that Steven B. Meyer is requesting council consideration for proceeding with the annexation process on an approximate 37,945 sq. ft. parcel at 2735 Fernan Hill Road. The request would bring a parcel served by City water into the City and also allow the applicant to hook up to the City's sewer system, as required by the Panhandle Health District, due to a failed septic system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Bloem called for public comments with none being received.

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by McEvers to authorize the applicant to proceed with the annexation process for 2735 Fernan Hill Road.

ROLL CALL: Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Hassell, seconded by McEvers to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345 §C: To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property, which is not owned by a public agency.

ROLL CALL: Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye. Motion carried.

The session began at 7:50 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Council, Deputy City Administrator and City Attorney.

Matters discussed were those of property acquisition. No action was taken and the Council return to their regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Goodlander to continue this meeting to July 8, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. in the Old Council Chambers and then if needed to July 10, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. in the Old Council Chambers for Budget Workshops. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK'S NOTE: (The budget workshops scheduled in the above motion had been cancelled on July 3, 2008).

The meeting recessed at 8:02 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan K. Weathers, CMC
City Clerk