

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

December 7, 2021

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 Library Community Room December 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Amy Evans) Members of Council Present
Dan Gookin)
Kiki Miller)
Christie Wood)
Woody McEvers)
Dan English)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Widmyer called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor Keven Schultz with the Vine Church provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Gookin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christina Shock, Coeur d'Alene, noted that she runs a small business in Coeur d'Alene and is a mom to three children and expressed concern about the roundabout at Hanley Avenue and Courcelles Parkway. The school does not own the property and can't put a crossing guard there, the traffic has increased and it is dangerous to pedestrians. The trees, signage, and curve of the roundabout make it a difficult vehicle passage. She requested lights to assist with pedestrian crossing. Mayor suggested she leave her contact information and the City Administrator will look into it. Councilmember English noted that he lives in the area and concurred that it is the main thoroughfare to the schools.

Linda Putts, Coeur d'Alene, loves the idea of public comments however she would like it moved to after the presentations are made, maybe at the end of the meeting.

David Hopkins, Coeur d'Alene, feels that the City has an issue with building codes related to barking dogs. He noted that he lives 71' feet from the dog daycare off of Government Way and Anton Avenue. He noted that the dogs bark continuously from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. He has filed police reports and called dispatch to reporting it. He noted that Municipal Code Section 6.15.050 states that animals disturbing neighborhood are prohibited, however, the Police say there is nothing they can do about it as the business is located in a commercial zone and the decibels are within commercial code standards. City Administrator Troy Tymesen noted that the

business has been permitted there since 2016, and is allowed with the zone and that he had talked to Mr. Hopkins about working with the business owner. Mayor Widmyer asked if the noise had gotten worse recently. Mr. Hopkins noted that it has gotten worse recently and he has talked to the owner. They talked about blocking the view for folks antagonizing the animals. It seems that there are just more barkers coming in to the business. He would like to see the zoning code be revised to require this type of business be a higher classification than C17.

Katheryn Kincel, Coeur d'Alene, noted that she lives on a corner on Foster Avenue and found out she had a sewer line issue after she purchased the property, as her sewer line was conjoined with a neighboring sewer line. She paid to fix her line, thereafter, the city redid its sewer main on Foster Avenue and found the neighboring property was utilizing an abandoned line that runs through her property. While the City policy says no sewer shall be located on any lot other than on its own lot, the City can't move this line. This now inhibits her from making improvements to her property. She is concerned that the sewer line runs through her property and requested the City help her get the line removed and it should be rerouted on to their owner property. She has talked to the Wastewater Department, and they questioned their authority to enforcement the sewer line requirements.

2020-2021 Annual Snow Plan: Director of Streets and Engineering Todd Feusier introduced Justin Kimberling, the new Assistant Director of Street and Engineering. Mr. Feusier provided an update on the leaf fest 2021, noting 3,720 tons of leaves were picked up, which takes 852 loads and 9 days. He noted that snow removal will take 21 operators the following equipment 4 loaders with snow gates, 4 graders, 7 dump truck plows, 3 de-icer trucks, 2 sand trucks, and 1 salt truck. He explained that the Snow Plan includes an assessment to determine the conditions and need for removal. He explained the process of using the snow gates and the need for vehicles to be removed from the street to make it the most efficient for driveways. He explained that prohibiting parking on street brings about more staffing and they aren't ready to make that recommendation yet. He reminded the community that it is illegal to dump snow into the roadway and it is the responsibility of the abutting homeowner to remove snow from the sidewalk and alleys are not included in the snow removal route. Their goal is to plow the entire community within 40 hours. Mr. Feusier noted that the snow maps with route updates can be found at <https://maps.cdavid.org/snowplow/> and that office hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm with the snow line phone number (208)769-2233; complaints can also be filed online at www.cdavid.org under the "I want to" tab.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller asked if the department was using the beet juice deicer. Mr. Feusier confirmed that they still use the beet juice and they have full tanks of it, and noted that it has gotten more expensive, does have a smell to it, and that the juice does cause problems with some machines, so they don't use it so much down town. Councilmember McEvers asked if they use the gates in the arterial streets. Mr. Feusier explained that they use dump trucks on arterials and they are asking for funding for a dump truck with a gate to be used in those areas. He noted that some streets, such as Appleway and Ironwood do get the gates and clarified that Highway 95 is not theirs to maintain.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans to approve the 2020-2021 Snow Plan.
Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Miller noted that she attended meeting with County Commissioners regarding creation of an open space program to assist in efforts to protect open space within the County. The Regional Housing and Growth Issues Partnership will be reconvening in January to continue discussions regarding potential forms of housing management. She announced that the Library is still holding many programs virtually and in person with limited capacity, so be sure to reserve your space in advance of those programs.

Councilmember Gookin noted the Fire Chief is retiring and the City is recruiting to replace him. While it is not within the Council's role to determine the recruitment method, he expressed concerned that it will be an internal recruitment. He noted that he would like to see a Fire Chief that employs the most current technology for firefighting, that supports his team, and is responsive to the public. He stated that he would like to see a national search.

Councilmember McEvers noted that Ron Edinger recently passed away and served the city for 50 years. In honor of his service and he involvement in sports, CDATV has put together a highlight reel which will be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Widmyer requested the appointment of Stephanie Goss to the Childcare Commission, and Phil Ward and Sarah McCracken to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by Miller to appoint Stephanie Goss to the Childcare Commission, and Phil Ward and Sarah McCracken to the Planning Commission. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the November 16, 2021 Council Meeting.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services/Public Works Committee meeting for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 12:00 noon.
4. Approval of the Cemetery transfers:
 - a. From Rhonda Esco to Alicea Frost, Section C, Block 68, Lot 6, Forest Cemetery
 - b. From Rhonda Esco to Kellie Rickman, Section C, Block 68, Lot 15, Forest Cemetery
5. Approval of Final Plat: SS-18-07, Wise Rau Tracts
6. **Resolution No. 21-073-** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH IDAHO YOUTH RANCH AND CDAIDE FOR USE OF CDBG PLAN YEAR 2021 FUNDING, AND WITH FO(U)R ROOTS, LLC, AND CDAIDE FOR USE OF CDBG-CV GRANT AWARDS.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Wood, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including **Resolution No. 21-073.**

ROLL CALL: Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye.
Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CANVASSED ELECTION RESULTS - PURSUANT TO THE
 NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION**

**Kootenai County
 November 2, 2021 Consolidated Election**

| Precinct | Candidates | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | City of Coeur d'Alene | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mayor | | | Council Member Seat 2 | | | Council Member Seat 4 | | | Council Member Seat 6 | |
| | Joe Alfieri | Jim Hammond | Michael Lentz | Morgan Dixon | Amy Evans | Roger Garlock | JD Claridge | Grayson L. Cross | Woody McEvers | Kiki Miller | Elaine Price |
| 37 | 240 | 143 | 21 | 10 | 138 | 253 | 241 | 19 | 137 | 145 | 257 |
| 38 | 267 | 272 | 25 | 27 | 258 | 275 | 243 | 22 | 295 | 257 | 298 |
| 39 | 533 | 454 | 54 | 33 | 447 | 552 | 525 | 56 | 442 | 446 | 582 |
| 40 | 365 | 290 | 43 | 25 | 298 | 369 | 349 | 42 | 294 | 291 | 402 |
| 42 | 233 | 258 | 31 | 20 | 234 | 252 | 219 | 31 | 262 | 255 | 262 |
| 43 | 291 | 244 | 20 | 15 | 242 | 299 | 286 | 35 | 231 | 243 | 307 |
| 44 | 265 | 389 | 25 | 19 | 354 | 300 | 270 | 35 | 361 | 367 | 306 |
| 45 | 229 | 248 | 29 | 26 | 234 | 242 | 218 | 35 | 245 | 232 | 271 |
| 46 | 301 | 257 | 36 | 22 | 256 | 310 | 276 | 33 | 278 | 257 | 331 |
| 47 | 361 | 411 | 34 | 40 | 389 | 375 | 348 | 35 | 413 | 400 | 396 |
| 48 | 117 | 119 | 21 | 11 | 116 | 128 | 118 | 20 | 114 | 110 | 145 |
| 49 | 177 | 165 | 33 | 21 | 168 | 185 | 169 | 25 | 181 | 163 | 213 |
| 50 | 152 | 186 | 16 | 20 | 180 | 153 | 127 | 32 | 189 | 185 | 167 |
| 51 | 177 | 212 | 34 | 26 | 201 | 193 | 165 | 28 | 225 | 206 | 209 |
| 52 | 143 | 137 | 28 | 23 | 123 | 159 | 138 | 20 | 146 | 140 | 165 |
| 53 | 178 | 158 | 24 | 26 | 155 | 173 | 169 | 25 | 160 | 170 | 187 |
| 54 | 138 | 249 | 12 | 17 | 252 | 127 | 116 | 18 | 258 | 251 | 144 |
| 55 | 116 | 219 | 18 | 14 | 218 | 116 | 106 | 15 | 227 | 223 | 124 |
| 56 | 101 | 208 | 22 | 8 | 216 | 101 | 90 | 11 | 225 | 219 | 111 |
| 57 | 114 | 153 | 16 | 14 | 142 | 122 | 101 | 23 | 152 | 155 | 127 |
| 58 | 148 | 365 | 16 | 10 | 358 | 159 | 142 | 11 | 364 | 360 | 163 |
| 59 | 90 | 166 | 17 | 11 | 160 | 100 | 96 | 8 | 165 | 163 | 108 |
| 60 | 94 | 165 | 7 | 7 | 164 | 93 | 90 | 10 | 164 | 168 | 98 |
| 61 | 53 | 52 | 4 | 2 | 55 | 50 | 50 | 5 | 50 | 51 | 55 |
| 62 | 92 | 107 | 7 | 11 | 101 | 92 | 91 | 13 | 99 | 113 | 93 |
| Total | 4,975 | 5,627 | 593 | 458 | 5,459 | 5,178 | 4,743 | 607 | 5,677 | 5,570 | 5,521 |

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by English to accept the canvassed election results as presented by Kootenai County and the results be reflected in the minutes of this meeting.
Motion carried.

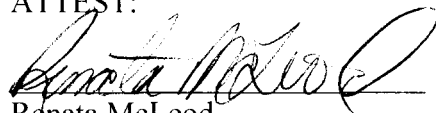
APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA) AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OF A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS.

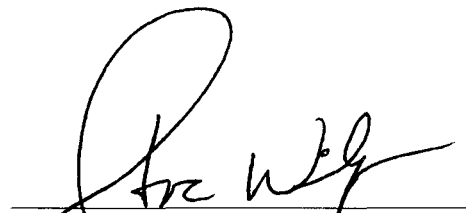
DISCUSSION: Mayor Widmyer noted that the ARPA funding is a complicated issue and there is a lot of money on the table, so the Council would like a workshop in order to take the time needed to understand the criteria and the dollar amount involved. The Mayor asked if there were any items that were time sensitive. Mr. Tymesen noted that a workshop will work and will plan it for the beginning of January. Councilmember Miller asked if questions can be forwarded to him in the meantime, which he confirmed would be appropriate. The Mayor thanked staff for their work on this item.

ADJOURN: Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers, that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


Renata McLeod
City Clerk, CMC


Steve Widmyer, Mayor