

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

September 4, 2018

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, September 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

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| Dan English       | ) | Members of Council Present |
| Woody McEvers     | ) |                            |
| Dan Gookin        | ) |                            |
| Kiki Miller       | ) |                            |
| Loren Ron Edinger | ) |                            |
| Amy Evans         | ) |                            |

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

**INVOCATION:** Lead Pastor Geoffrey Winkler with New Life Church provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember McEvers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION TO ARMSTRONG PARK AND FERNAN HILL AREA NEIGHBORS FOR EARNING NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS:** Fire Inspector Bobby Gonder explained that the communities of Armstrong Park and Fernan Hill have earned the Armstrong Park Neighborhood and Fernan Hill Area neighbors Firewise USA® recognition status from the National Fire Protection Association. The efforts were led by community chairpersons Jim Miller (Armstrong Park) and Gene Foster (Fernan Hill). Firewise USA® is a nationwide program that provides formal recognition to communities implementing actions to protect people and properties from the risk of fire in the wildland/urban interface. Participants reduce their wildfire risks by participating in the program and completing requirements each year. The City's Fire and Parks and Recreation Department staffs worked with interested citizens in these wildland urban interface areas to complete a community wildfire hazard assessment and developed an action plan that will guide their efforts to reduce risks to residents and their homes. Implementation of the plan has begun, and will continue as part of the program's annual renewal requirements. In addition, two community Fire Preparedness events were held in the spring of 2018. Since these two community events, many property owners have been conducting fuel reduction projects in both areas. Mayor Widmyer asked if there were other neighborhoods moving toward recognition. Inspector Gonder noted that there are approximately seven other areas that would fit this program model; although, each community must do annual in-kind donations of \$24.14 per dwelling unit in order to keep within national standards. Mayor Widmyer noted the importance of this education based on the amount of wildland fire smoke experienced each summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Susie Snedaker, Coeur d'Alene, noted that last night's fireworks went off about 10:00 p.m. and her poodle, which has Addison's disease, is at great risk during these times. She believes that 10:00 p.m. is late and is affecting many people in the lower quadrant of town and that there is no community notice as to when the fireworks will go off. Ms. Snedaker attended the Parks and Waterworks advisory meeting seeking resolution, and they were not sure who is responsible and they recommended that the Council consider regulation of the fireworks. She requested the Council consider some type of relief from the fireworks. Mayor Widmyer noted that the City is not the regulatory body and that a City resolution would be meaningless. Ms. Snedaker noted that the citizens of Coeur d'Alene are negatively affected and she does not think it is fair. Mayor Widmyer noted that he would talk to County Commissioners and talk further with the Council. City Attorney Mike Gridley noted that the County is working on a draft ordinance for noise control and this might be a time to weigh in with County officials.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion** by McEvers, seconded by Edinger, to approve the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the August 21, 2018 Council Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for the August 27, 2018 General Services Committee Meeting
3. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
4. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for September 10, 2018 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m., respectively.
5. Approval of Sale and Consumption of Alcohol within a Designated Area of the Right-of-Way of the 1600 Block of Sherman Avenue in Conjunction with PARK(ing) It On Sherman Event
6. Approval of a Temporary Banner across Sherman Avenue Right-of-Way for PARK(ing) It on Sherman Event
7. **Resolution No. 18-047** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE: THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139,000; THE RELOCATION OF CENTRAL BARK DOG PARK AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000; AND THE REBUILD OF THE FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COUNTER FOR A COST OF \$27,741 USING PERSONNEL SAVINGS.

**ROLL CALL:** Edinger Aye; Evans Aye; English Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye.  
**Motion Carried.**

**COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Widmyer asked for confirmation of the appointment of Fay Sweney to the Library Board.

**MOTION:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to appoint Fay Sweney to the Library Board. **Motion carried.**

**MEMORIAL GRANDSTANDS FINAL COST ESTIMATES PRESENTATION:** Steve Roth with Architect's West provided an update regarding the Memorial Field Grandstand

project. He noted that the request for bids is currently being advertised for a September 28, 2018 bid opening. He also provided a historical review of the grandstands and noted the consistent design from various historic buildings in the early 1900's, which have been incorporated into the design of the grandstand remodel. Mr. Roth reviewed the floor and site plan of the project and provided a rendering of the final design and materials. He presented a bid estimate of \$1.5 million for construction, inclusive of the add alternates, and expressed hope that construction will begin in October with an April 2019 completion. Councilmember Edinger questioned if lights on the roof would be a foul ball hazard. Mr. Roth noted that with the new orientation of the field, the roof location for the lights is the furthest away, while still being functional. Discussion ensued regarding the soft costs and differences between the base bid and add alternates. Mr. Roth said he would send the Council the full breakdown of those details. Councilmember Miller asked if the number of ADA seats is based on a code requirement. Mr. Roth confirmed that those were the correct required number of seats based on the code. Councilmember Miller asked why the gutters and drainage were an add alternate and not in the base bid. Mr. Greenwood explained that items not required by code were included with the add alternates, and confirmed it would help with longevity of building.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-048**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO ASSIST WITH THE REMODELING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEMORIAL FIELD GRANDSTANDS.

**STAFF REPORT:** Parks and Recreation Superintendent Bill Greenwood noted that in a review of the add alternates, it was noted that several would give the structure better longevity. Ignite CDA has agreed to split the total add alternate costs with the City by 50% and, therefore, the City's portion could come from Parks Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$136,881.50. The add alternates include public restrooms, an improved concessions area, locker rooms, storage, and a plaza seating area. Mr. Greenwood noted that structural upgrades will insure that this historic structure will be here for future generations to enjoy and he recommends funding of them.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember McEvers asked if NIC has contributed to the project and, if so, what do they get for their contribution. Mr. Greenwood confirmed that they had contributed \$150,000 and they will get continued use of the facility. Councilmember McEvers asked if NIC would assist with add alternate costs. Mr. Greenwood noted that he had not asked NIC, as Ignite agreed to split the costs. Mayor Widmyer noted that a better motion would simply state that the City would agree to pay 50% out of the Parks Capital Fund, rather than a specific amount as the bids have not been opened yet.

**MOTION:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers to approve **Resolution No. 18-048** - approving the allocation from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund to assist with 50% of the add alternate cost of the Memorial Field Grandstand project.

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

**ANNEXATION OF A-1-18 - 1.22 ACRE ANNEXATION FROM AGRICULTURAL SUBURBAN TO R-17 ZONING DISTRICT FOR 2400 N. 15TH STREET; APPLICANT: ASPEN HOMES AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC.- PURSUANT TO COUNCIL ACTION ON AUGUST 21, 2018 .**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-049**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH ASPEN HOMES AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC, CONCERNING A PARCEL OF LAND NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF 15TH STREET AND BEST AVENUE, KNOWN AS 2400 N. 15TH STREET.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers to approve **Resolution No. 18-049**, approving an Annexation Agreement with Aspen Homes and Development, LLC.

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

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-1021**

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO AND DECLARING TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PORTIONS OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 50 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN; ZONING SUCH SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY HEREBY ANNEXED; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

**MOTION:** Motion by McEvers, seconded by Edinger, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 18-1021** once by title only.

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

**MOTION:** Motion by English, seconded by McEvers, to adopt **Council Bill 18-1021**.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18-050**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE COEUR D'ALENE FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL NO. 710, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS.

**STAFF REPORT:** City Administrator Troy Tymesen explained that this is the second of three labor agreements to come forward; the third and final agreement to be presented at the next Council meeting. The contract term proposed for this contract is four years and includes a 2.5% fixed annual cost of living adjustment for each year; a 1% increase to maximum of each rank for each year; a reducing of the amount of years it takes to reach the maximum of the pay scale from 9½ years to 5 years; medical premium cost for employees with dependent coverage will increase from 5% to 10%; an update to the HRA/VEBA contribution to a flat rate based on rank; and a Military Leave benefit addition.

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Widmyer thanked Union President Eric Paul for a good round of negotiations and noted that he represented their members and the City of Coeur d'Alene.

**MOTION:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by Gookin to approve **Resolution No. 18-050**, approving a Labor Agreement with Fire Fighter Union Local #710.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18-051**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH H2A ARCHITECTS, P.A., AS THE CONSULTANT FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION BIDDING, AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A NEW WATER ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY.

**STAFF REPORT:** Water Superintendent Terry Pickel explained the constraints of the existing site, including the use by four departments and a gas line easement under Jenny Stokes Field. The Water Department is proposing to construct a new administration and maintenance facility on City-owned property located at Howard Street and Neider Avenue. A portion of the property is currently used by Wastewater for the Compost Facility. He noted that there is sufficient space between Howard Street and the Compost Facility to construct a 25,000 square foot building with adequate yard facilities so that the department can move the majority of their operations to the Howard Complex. Mr. Pickel noted that draft site plans and building designs have been circulated to pertinent departments to generate all necessary requirements for final design and construction permitting. The construction is proposed to be a clear span steel structure that is very utilitarian in nature and can be easily expanded in the future if the need arises, as demonstrated through drawings presented. Funding for the proposed project is included in the current fiscal year budget, as well as the next fiscal year budget. The 2018 Fiscal Year line item

was originally budgeted at \$1.5 million for construction. However, this estimate was arrived at over 2 years ago in brief research of building costs, and the latest detailed research indicates that with rapidly rising steel prices, labor shortages, and the booming economy, construction prices have risen to an anticipated \$2.2 to \$2.5 million, and will continue to rise. With Council approval of a consultant services agreement, negotiated at \$157,212.00, or approximately 7% of the anticipated construction cost, staff will work with the consultant to prepare final design for permitting and construction bidding this winter. The proposals received were from H2A Architects, Design West Architects, Architects West, and Longwell Trapp Architects. Staff utilized a preapproved scoring system to evaluate the submittals, with H2A Architects receiving the highest overall score.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin asked what staff functionality would not be included in this move. Mr. Pickel explained that the storage bunkers at the Ramsey complex will need to be reconstructed and there are various storage buildings on other sites for well maintenance that will stay at those sites. Councilmember Gookin asked for clarity regarding the funding and what the potential debt service options were. Mr. Pickel explained that the utility has cash on hand, but wants to keep 3 months of operating reserves, so there is potential for a low interest lease or loan. They will know more when the final construction estimates are known. Councilmember Gookin asked if this was a part of the City's master plan for the Ramsey Campus. Mr. Pickel noted that it was not within the City master plan. Councilmember McEvers asked if rates will have to be raised to fund the project. Mr. Pickel explained that this project is included in the current rate study that will be presented to the Council soon. Councilmember Miller asked if there was potential on the site for future expansion and what the life expectancy of the building would be. Mr. Pickel confirmed that there was and that the building has room for expansion as well and that the life expectancy of the building is 50 years. Councilmember Miller asked if there had been discussion regarding different materials or holding off bids until a future date that might result in lower construction cost. Mr. Pickel talked to several contractors who think that construction costs will continue to rise over the next four years before they stabilize, and noted that this is the lowest cost material type he could use. Councilmember Gookin explained that he will oppose this agreement because he thinks the City needs a facility master plan of the Ramsey Road campus first and that he believes it will be cheaper in the future. Councilmember McEvers felt that the City is almost built out at Ramsey and a master plan is not needed and the Water Department project is covered through rate payers and not the General Fund. Councilmember Gookin noted that they still have to finance a piece of the project. Councilmember English felt that construction costs are not likely to get cheaper and thinks it makes sense economically. Additionally, if some large traffic can be moved off Ramsey Road it will be a benefit to the community and staff trying to get in and out of the facility. Mayor Widmyer suggested that the Water Department get a cost estimate to move all their storage off the site as a bid alternate. He noted that Mr. Tymesen is working on the Ramsey Campus plan due to the Police Department needing more space sometime in the next year and the need to look at different egress for Fire and the Street Department.

**MOTION:** Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans to approve **Resolution No. 18-051**, Approval of an Agreement with H2A Architects, PA for design and construction consultant services for the Water Administration and Maintenance Facility.

**ROLL CALL:** English Aye; Edinger Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin No.  
**Motion carried.**

**(LEGISLATIVE) FISCAL YEAR 2018- 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS HEARING**

**STAFF REPORT:** City Comptroller Vonnie Jensen noted that significant changes in revenue to the General Fund included new growth, 2.25% tax, highway user and state sales and liquor tax, and fund balance. She explained the levy amount at \$23,202,716. She reviewed the tax option from 1% to 3% and the impact each would have on the budget, noting the proposed amount to be 2.25%. Ms. Jensen provided a comparison of the statewide foregone amounts, noting that Coeur d'Alene is the second highest in the state. She noted that the September 30, 2017 unassigned Fund Balance is \$8,328,872, which is 20% of the Fiscal Year 18/19 Plan, and provided a historical view of the Fund Balance percentages. She reviewed the list of capital items that will be funded out of the Fund Balance, as well as, personnel changes and associated costs totaling 3.6 FTE at \$241,481. Expenses included in the \$1.6 million increase are noted as COLA, Merit Increase and Capital Outlay. Ms. Jensen reviewed the taxable city valuation and the levy rates over the past few years. She provided the example of a house with the assessed value of \$255,000 that would pay \$66.78 per month, which is \$4.39 lower than last year, as well as several other examples based on higher assessed values. She reviewed a few changes from the proposed financial plan to what is being proposed tonight including a reduction in the property tax increase by .75%, proposing it to be a 2.25% increase instead of 3%.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin asked if the final numbers include everything from the County and State and labor contract negotiations. Ms. Jensen confirmed that the numbers have been provided by the County and the State and that there is one labor contract awaiting approval but they are very close.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Widmyer opened public comments.

Suzie Snedaker, Coeur d'Alene, noted that this is the 18<sup>th</sup> year she has spoken in regard to the annual budget. She questioned the planning professional services line item of \$66,000 for the Comprehensive Plan, as prior Planning Commissioners, as volunteers, and a staff wrote the previous plan. She questioned the \$35,000 budgeted for CDA2030, as it is a nonprofit, and she objects to paying for their services. She felt that citizens in each quadrant of the City should be able to participate in the Comprehensive Plan. She questioned why there is funding for the Parks BID and last year's funding of the dog park, while Person Park has not been funded even after it was master planned. She questioned why \$25,000 was allocated for docks at Harbor Center and why the City continues to pay \$7,500 a year to the Parks Foundation and noted that the City is not receiving quarterly reports from them. The Downtown Association receives \$52,000 annually pursuant to Resolution 11-039, through a maintenance agreement; however, she believes the maintenance is not occurring and many items are in a deteriorated condition. She urged Council to not adopt a 3% property tax increase. Mayor Widmyer noted that the dog park on Atlas Road is on land not owned by the City and the landowner noted they were taking the land back so the City allocated funding to move/replace/expand that existing park. He also noted that the Panhandle Parks Foundation does a lot of work fund raising for the City parks and financial reporting is a good input. Mr. Tymesen explained that the Downtown Association

maintenance agreement works and that the signals need to be painted and he has been working on a solution for that. Mr. Greenwood explained that he made an offer to purchase the dog park land, which was what the \$100,000 was allocated toward; however, the church declined the offer. This year there was \$10,000 allocated for the movement of the park to a new location. The BID item is an allocated fund for irrigation maintenance, and solid waste expenses went to the Parks BID. In reference to the dock at Harbor Center, Mr. Greenwood explained that he was approached by a dock company with the idea of building a dock for a rental dock system, which did not occur, but it spurred the idea for the City to do the project. Councilmember McEvers asked about the Person Field development status. Mr. Greenwood explained that a few years ago the City spent \$80,000 on an irrigation system and provided some upgrades with playground equipment and trees. The master plan called for replacement of a restroom facility and additional parking; however, they are not focused on that park this year as there are other project priorities. Mayor Widmyer suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission review the master plan for Person Field.

Lorna Carpenter, Coeur d'Alene, noted that there have been 6,000 new residents move into Coeur d'Alene over the last 10 years, making the population rise from 44,000 people to 50,000. Since 2008 and 2009, the Fire Department, Police Department and Streets Department have increased their budget, respectively, by \$1.2 million, \$7.3 million and \$1.2 million. She feels that the people moving here come for our services, and they come here to make their own way. Local taxpayers are paying their taxes on Idaho wages. She spoke about affordable housing and its meaning to her and her ability to stay in their home. She encouraged the Council to stop the overspending for 6,000 new people. She questioned the department heads having the City's best interest at heart.

Mayor Widmyer closed public testimony.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin recommended a zero percent property tax increase and specifically requested cutting the chip seal program and related capital expenses as he believes it should be further vetted for quality, and suggested that the overlay budget be funded an additional \$200,000 to bring it back to its original funding. Additionally, he suggested that police radios be cut and that EMS revenue be amended to reflect the current amount expected.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by Miller to amend Council Bill 18-1020 language to remove the internal chip seal program and capital costs including the dump trucks, chip spreader, distributor, street worker position, and used equipment, and increase the overlay budget by \$200,000 (to bring it back to prior funding levels), remove the police radios, and the additional EMS revenues of \$29,000.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember McEvers noted that he remembers when snow gates were presented to the City as an innovative idea and Council approved it because they believed the citizens deserved the best snow removal system that we could offer. Additionally, he noted that the Street Department staff came up with the beet juice deicer program that has been very successful. He explained that he believes the City is judged by the condition of the streets and believes that there will be a two or three year payback for the program. He noted that his personal property taxes will go down even with the proposed property tax increase, and that he



thinks the program is critical to implement now with certain staff members in place that have the experience to make it successful. He felt the one-time expense of \$480,000 out of the Fund Balance is much less than the cost of employee wage increases and he does not want to kick it down the street. Councilmember Gookin noted that there was a recent Letter to the Editor in the Press from Dean Haagenon that expressed that this would compete with private enterprise and that if we bring it in-house, it should be done right. He noted that he had asked for specific information regarding how much money would be saved he never got an answer and he thinks private sector should continue to do the street overlay and chip seal. Councilmember McEvers noted that he was concerned with how long it took to do Government Way and Ironwood Drive because all contractors are busy and the City has a great crew that could manage it better. Councilmember Miller asked how this would be job-costed and shared and said that she still has the same concerns. She noted that this is a large commitment, and one would have to project out into the future and it could be upside down due to equipment or supply costs. Councilmember Miller explained that she does not believe this has been fully vetted and that it would be the money saver it is projected to be. Mayor Widmyer noted that it does take a crew of 8 to 15 people to do a project, so Street staff will be moved from other projects to do chip seal projects. Councilmember Miller noted that some people own their own supplies for bidding of the work and can control the supply costs; however, it is unknown how the city would control those costs.

Councilmember Evans asked if Mr. Tymesen could give some information in Tim's absence. Mr. Tymesen explained that there is a cross benefit for dump trucks as the current ones need to be replaced and will assist with the removal of snow and leaves. He noted that the Streets Department can control buying the chip product and would have better control of the oil that goes down as the fog coat and the intent was to buy a used grader and do some much needed alley maintenance. He noted that this topic was brought forward at strategic planning and through a Council sub-committee. Mr. Tymesen also noted that employee COLA's and merit increases total \$1.1 million and will be on-going, increasing costs over the years. He noted that the City needs ongoing cash flow and a way to fund capital is through one-time monies. He concurred that property tax is the number one issue, and the City can slowly buy equipment after the Council vets the program further; however, the property tax revenue is imperative to moving forward with employee contracts. Councilmember English concurred that it was discussed at a Public Works Committee meeting and preliminarily it makes a lot of sense, and that projects will cost more if we do not take care of things now. He likes the idea, and sees this more of the City taking care of its infrastructure, so it is reasonable for us to be doing that kind of work. The project has good potential but he felt that it is maybe not ready this year and that he would be open to consider a property tax increase next year, as he would not support taking more out of the Fund Balance. Councilmember Edinger noted that he is not in favor of taking things out of the Fund Balance and would like to hear from the Street Superintendent regarding this project. Councilmember McEvers asked if the motion is approved, would it affect the operating costs. Mr. Tymesen reiterated the funding mechanism for the chip seal program. Ms. Jensen noted that all of the items are associated with revenues; therefore, if the 2.25% in property tax is removed, it will be difficult to fund the employee agreements next year. She reiterated that the ongoing cost would have to come out of the Fund Balance if the property tax is removed.

Councilmember Miller noted that even if the budget is approved with the property tax included, the chip seal project could deny it at that time it comes to the Public Works Committee. She noted that ongoing expenses are going to be an issue in the future if the property tax increase is not approved now. Councilmember Gookin expressed his disagreement with the need for a property tax increase, as the Fund Balance cycles in and out and thinks it will not be a huge impact. Ms. Jensen explained that the expenses for the employee merit and COLA increases amount to approximately \$1.8 million, and believes it would be hard to fund without 2.25% as they will go up again next year. Councilmember Gookin said that he believes the Fund Balance goes up every year. Ms. Jensen noted that a lot of the past Fund Balance increases were due to Police not being fully staffed and they plan to be fully staffed this year and forthcoming years so she cannot guarantee the Fund Balance will continue to rise. She reminded Council that the City recently bought a mill site and that may not be paid back for years. Councilmember Miller said that she hates to have the whole budget swing on one department's recommendation and it feels like the chip seal project not vetted out and should come back later. Councilmember Edinger asked for clarification as to why the chip seal program was being proposed. Mr. Tymeson explained that it was looked at as an attempt to keep roads in as good a shape as City staff can do and is a great way to improve the streets. Councilmember Edinger asked if the Police Department can forego the radios. Police Chief White confirmed they can handle the cut, as long as there is an increase in the other line item that can cover the needed replacements. Councilmember Edinger asked for clarification regarding the EMS revenue. Fire Chief Gabriel confirmed that this is a correction to the line item, as new information was recently received. Councilmember McEvers asked if this amendment would change the fact that the City would still need the revenue from taxes for the employee agreements. Ms. Jensen reiterated that when the chip seal project was included in the budget there were associated revenues to cover those expenses, so she would recommend removing those line items as well and they were not tax-related. Councilmember McEvers noted that the proposed motion's intent is to remove the chip seal program to avoid raising taxes and he does not think it would accomplish that as the employee costs are ongoing as well as the cost of doing business. Ms. Jensen noted that she has not seen the proposal so she is unable to answer that with certainty. Mayor Widmyer noted that part of the money that was added was from the Enterprise Fund and that equipment was left in, so Sanitation Fund transfers are left in. Councilmember Gookin confirmed that he would like to un-fund the chip seal project and he believes this is something the private sector does, who can do it cost effectively and efficiently. Councilmember McEvers noted that the City does have people that do everything and he sees this as a City job that is just evolving and can provide more quality assurance. Councilmember English noted that he has no problem taking the chip seal out and review it in a year, but if financial staff says if we don't take the property tax increase, he agrees we will have a large impact down the road.

ROLL CALL: English No; Edinger Aye; Evans No; Miller Aye; McEvers No; Gookin Aye. Mayor broke the tie by voting in the affirmative. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Widmyer called for a 15- minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-1022**

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018”; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$90,685,504 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE FOR SAID YEAR; LEVYING A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATION IS MADE; LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITH SAID CITY FOR SPECIAL REVENUE PURPOSES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SAID CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho:

That the sum of \$90,685,504 be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018.

That the objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made are as follows:

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| <b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>       |                     |
| Mayor and Council                       | \$264,838           |
| Administration                          | 320,169             |
| Finance Department                      | 1,182,771           |
| Municipal Services                      | 1,881,130           |
| Human Resources                         | 387,110             |
| Legal Department                        | 1,231,937           |
| Planning Department                     | 727,982             |
| Building Maintenance                    | 552,832             |
| Police Department                       | 14,557,464          |
| Drug Task Force                         | 100,000             |
| Police Department Grants                | 115,292             |
| Fire Department                         | 10,047,296          |
| General Government                      | 86,850              |
| Streets / Engineering                   | 4,926,544           |
| Parks Department                        | 2,301,573           |
| Recreation Department                   | 762,423             |
| Building Inspection                     | 960,120             |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</b> | <b>\$40,406,331</b> |

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| <b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES:</b> |             |
| Library Fund                              | \$1,724,388 |
| Community Development Block Grant         | 408,854     |

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| Impact Fee Fund                             | 521,500            |
| Parks Capital Improvements                  | 131,500            |
| Annexation Fee Fund                         | 286,000            |
| Cemetery Fund                               | 389,955            |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund                | 207,000            |
| Jewett House                                | 30,955             |
| Reforestation/Street Trees/Community Canopy | 110,000            |
| Public Art Funds                            | 348,500            |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:</b>                 | <b>\$4,158,652</b> |

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| <b>ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>    |                     |
| Street Lighting Fund                    | \$650,050           |
| Water Fund                              | 12,197,334          |
| Wastewater Fund                         | 19,759,659          |
| Water Cap Fee Fund                      | 1,700,000           |
| WWTP Cap Fees Fund                      | 1,000,000           |
| Sanitation Fund                         | 4,154,083           |
| City Parking Fund                       | 289,880             |
| Drainage Fund                           | 1,799,624           |
| <b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES:</b>   | <b>\$41,550,630</b> |
|   |                     |
| FIDUCIARY FUNDS:                        | \$2,961,960         |
| STREET CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS:          | 731,000             |
| DEBT SERVICE FUNDS:                     | 876,931             |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES:</b> | <b>\$90,685,504</b> |

That a General Levy of \$20,156,067 on all taxable property within the City of Coeur d'Alene be and the same is hereby levied for general revenue purposes for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2018.

That a Special Levy upon all taxable property within the limits of the City of Coeur d'Alene in the amount of \$2,566,219 is hereby levied for special revenue purposes for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2018.

**MOTION:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Gookin, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 18-1022** once by title only.

**ROLL CALL:** English Aye; Edinger Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers No; Gookin Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by Miller, to adopt **Council Bill 18-1020**.  
**DISCUSSION:**

**ROLL CALL:** English Aye; Edinger Aye; Evans No; Miller Aye; McEvers No; Gookin Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Steve Widmyer, Mayor

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Renata McLeod, CMC, City Clerk