

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

November 6, 2012

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 November 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

Loren Ron Edinger) Members of Council Present
Mike Kennedy *arrived at 6:04*)
Woody McEvers)
Dan Gookin)
Steve Adams)

Deanna Goodlander) Members of Council Absent

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

School District Sale of Atlas Property: Bob Knechtel, 3087 W. Wilbur Avenue; representing the Kootenai County Dog Park Association, expressed concern regarding the sale of the School District property at Atlas Avenue where the Central Bark Dog Park is located. The Association did not receive any advance notice from the School District of the potential sale; however, he understands that their three-year agreement with the District has expired. Mr. Knechtel requested the City help preserve the dog park and/or request an additional 60 days for time to seek solutions for the dog park.

Ms. Gabriel stated that the School District has the property listed for sale, and noted that sealed bids are due on November 15, 2012. Mr. Knechtel stated that the planned McEuen dog park is not large enough to be an exchange for the loss of the Northshire Park. Mr. Gridley stated that there have been recent discussions with the Bureau of Land Management regarding property north of the 95 bridge, and that Mr. Knechtel should contact Parks Director, Doug Eastwood, to discuss potential options. Councilman Kennedy stated he would bring this item forward at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting being held on November 19, 2012.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to approve the consent calendar as presented.

1. Approval of minutes for October 16, 2012.

2. Setting General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Tuesday, November 13th at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. CONSENT RESOLUTION 12-043: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED CONTRACTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE STREETS DEPARTMENT DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY; APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DALTON GARDENS FOR THE GOVERNMENT WAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS FROM POLICE, CITY CLERK AND LEGAL DEPARTMENTS.
4. Approval of the 2012-2013 Snow Plan
5. Setting of Public Hearing: Establishing Drainage Works Utility Rates/Fees for Dec. 4, 2012
6. Annual Request for Downtown Horse-drawn Carriage Rides.

ROLL CALL: Adams Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Kennedy Aye; Edinger Aye. Motion carried.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN ADAMS: Stated that he and Councilman Gookin met with Street Department staff regarding Leaf Fest and the Snow Plan. He expressed that the crew is very dedicated and felt the Snow Plan is a good plan.

COUNCILMAN GOOKIN: Stated that several citizens have expressed concern about the proposed new tower at 1st and Lakeside Avenue. He expressed that the downtown looked different 20 years ago than today, as it used to be historical and quaint. He is concerned with height restrictions for the future and hopes the City examines this code. Additionally, he believes that Idaho Code 50-708, regarding examining accounts, should be done in a formal matter in the open session of the City Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN EDINGER: Reminded citizen to get out and vote.

APPOINTMENTS – PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE COMMITTEE: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by McEvers, to appoint Kirsten Pomerantz to the Ped/Bike Advisory Committee. Motion carried, with Councilman Gookin voting No.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Communication Coordinator, Kristina Lyman, has started work with the City and will be attending the November 20th Council meeting. On Saturday, November 10th, Specialized Needs Recreation will hold its 8th Annual Prom Night at Prairie View Elementary in Post Falls from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information about SNR's programs, please call Angie Goucher, Executive Director of Specialized Needs Recreation, at 755-6781. Request for Proposals for engineering service will be advertised this Friday for a new water well. Interested parties can contact Jim Markley at the Water Department at 769-2210 for more information. The City of Coeur d'Alene's annual Leaf Fest begins this year on November 13th. Leaves will be picked up only once. Please move cars from the street, if possible, during leaf pickup. PLEASE, NO bagged

leaves, mixed branches, debris, or other trash. For more information, call the Street Maintenance Information line at 769-2233. The Government Way project has been completed. The project widened an old, narrow two-lane road to a modern 5-lane arterial with curbs and sidewalks and other amenities. The majority of the \$3.5 million in funding for the street work came from federal highway funds and we thank ITD for their role in administering this contract. We would like to thank our Engineering Department – in particular Gordon Dobler and Chris Bates- for their superb work in coordinating this project and for their hard work in mitigating impacts on local businesses. Congratulations to Chief Wayne Longo who was recognized by the Coeur d’Alene Chamber of Commerce at their 100th Annual Luncheon as Distinguished Citizen of the Year for 2012. Chief Longo’s distinction as Citizen of the Year for 2012 reflects his admirable character, tireless work ethic, generous community involvement, and exceptional service quality delivered by this department to the Chamber’s constituents. The “Volunteers in Pruning” (V.I.P.) program trains local tree fans to prune young trees for form and structure. The program targets trees that were planted in parks or along streets within the last three years. The VIP project is sponsored by Community Canopy, a tree care education program of the cities of Coeur d’Alene, Post Falls, Hayden, Spokane, and the Spokane County Conservation District. Free training will be held on Saturday, November 17th, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hayden City Hall, 8930 N. Government Way, in exchange for volunteer hours pruning public trees. Space is limited, pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, contact Katie Kosanke, 769-2266. Striping is completed on the lower City Hall parking lot and the lot should be available for use by the end of the week. Project managers expect to shut down work for the winter around the third week of November, at which time both City Hall parking lots will be complete and open to the public, as well as the new portion of the Centennial Trail through McEuen Park. To clarify, 56 more trees will be planted before the end of the project. LCDC has approved a change order, and then it will come to the City. All change orders will be brought forward at project closeout. Officials emphasized progress is weather-dependent. Mayor Bloem was recently selected by readers of the Spokane Coeur d’Alene Living Magazine as a winner of the “Best Elected Official” in their annual Best of City readers’ survey. Congratulations Mayor Bloem!

Councilman Gookin stated that he was informed by team McEuen that the new trees being planted are going to be substantial, more mature sized trees.

RESOLUTION 12-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING A LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE COEUR D'ALENE POLICE ASSOCIATION.

Motion by Edinger seconded by Kennedy to adopt Resolution 12-044.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Adams had some concerns/questions regarding the language calling for a financial review in July of each year, and was assured it would be a comprehensive review of the contract. He stated that while hiring a negotiator was not a cost savings to the City, Ms. Stricklin’s knowledge and background in this type of work was a time savings to the process. Pay grades raised in the contract were increases from the 2011 COLA and service time increases will happen incrementally. Councilman Adams stated that he will support the contract. Councilman

Gookin stated he will also support the contract and felt it is a step in the right direction. He also stated that he is concerned with the merit pay as the justification to receive it is a standard or better evaluation, and standard performance is not meritorious. This item applies to all contracts, so it should be looked at in the future. Councilman Edinger wanted to thank Nancy Stricklin and City staff for negotiating this contract and said that they did a good job.

ROLL CALL: McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Kennedy Aye; Edinger Aye; Adams Aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Gookin 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 and I.C. 67-2345 §F, To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal option for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

ROLL CALL: Adams, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Gookin, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Administrator, City Council, City Attorney, and Deputy City Administrator.

Matters discussed were those of Person Field and Prairie Trail. No action was taken and the Council returned to its regular session at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Gookin to recess to November 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Jewett House. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renata McLeod,
City Clerk Apprentice