

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

July 3, 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 July 3, 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)	
Woody McEvers)	
Deanna Goodlander)	
Dan Gookin)	
Steve Adams)	

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was led by Pastor David Roberts, Heart of the City Church.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BAR COMPLAINT: Rianna Metonis, 2005 E. Front Avenue, voiced her concerns regarding the noise level and activities at the bar in her neighborhood. The main issue is noise, playing music late into the night from 11:00 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. with screaming, and yelling. She also noted that people are urinating and vomiting outside and there are frequent fights. She asked for help from the City to resolve this issue. Mayor Bloem asked if anyone has approached the bar owner with these issues. Ms. Dakota responded that the residents are very hesitant to do so. Captain Childers noted that the Code Enforcement Officer has scheduled a meeting with the neighborhood. They have also met with the bar owner who has made some changes to the bar to help the situation. Police has patrolled the area and has taken decibel readings.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS: Dennis Hinrichsen, 946 E. Spruce Avenue, spoke regarding issues in his neighborhood. He commented that a neighbor has an accessory dwelling unit and he objects to allowing it to continue. He believes that there is a lack of code enforcement in the City. He also complained about a neighbor's residence that has dry-rot and complained about the other rentals in his area and wants the Council to enforce building standards in existing homes in his area. Chief Longo commented that the Code Enforcement Officer is working on a variety of issues and they have been working on the drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

SOCIETY COMPLAINTS: David Bouchard, 530 W. Harrison, spoke of society as irresponsible and needing instant gratification. He commented on the recent recall and the means and methods the Council has used and referred to the “Agenda 21” as a downfall of our country.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1. Approval of minutes for June 19, 2012.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, July 9th 2012 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. RESOLUTION 12-027: 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 A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – SATELLITE PHONES FOR IDAHO TECHNICAL REQUEST TEAM; CONSULTING CONTRACT – POLICE ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATIONS; S-2-03 - FINAL PLAT APPROVALS AND MAINTENANCE/WARRANTY AGREEMENTS FOR WATERFORD 8TH AND 9TH ADDITIONS; CHANGE ORDER #1 – 2012 MULLAN ROAD STORM DRAIN PROJECT; AMENDMENT TO MOU FOR HUBBARD GRAY CONSULTANTS AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 – HDR ENGINEERING FOR WWTP PHASE 5C.1
4. Declaration of surplus property and authorization to auction the Fire Department items .

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN MC EVERS: Councilman McEvers presented a brief historical video of the Skateboard Park and the group’s fundraising efforts for possibly a new facility at McEuen Park. On July 28th, they will be doing a fundraiser demonstration for a donation of \$10.00.

COUNCILMAN GOOKIN: Councilman Gookin reported that the Memorial Field baseball figures painted on the face of the wall have now been painted so you can see the batter holding the bat. He also volunteered for Ironman. He attended the ribbon cutting on River Avenue. He went for a ride-along with Officer Pleger. He announced that tomorrow will be his first 4th of July Parade that he will be participating in.

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Councilman Goodlander announced that the first installation of utility box artwork will be done this Friday.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced that last week a ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted for Phase 1B of the Education Corridor. Parking Enforcement for the 2-hour parking at the Coeur d’Alene Library has begun. The City recently received five Resilient Cities Awards from the Association of Idaho Cities. New bike lanes are now painted on Government Way from Harrison south to the 4-corners intersection. Officers will be out in force in the downtown area for the 4th of July. The 4th Annual Parks Day Celebration will be held on July 14th. The parks highlighted this year are Phippeny Park and Winton Park.

PROPOSED COUNTY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY HOLD FACILITY: Council President Kennedy reported that the request from Kootenai County is for a financial commitment from the City for \$5,000 to assist in the financial package the county is submitting for a grant in collaboration with other agencies for a combined Mental Health-Alcohol Detoxification facility.

He noted that the Police Department handles approximately 200+ +/- calls for service related to individuals exhibiting mental health concerns. In some cases these concerns are coupled with the individual being under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Routinely, the City's officers will take the individual into Protective Custody according to Idaho law and then transport to the Kootenai Medical Center where they are held and examined by a professional. When KMC becomes overcrowded and room/bed space is not available, officers must accompany the Kootenai Emergency Medical Services ambulance as they transport the patient to Lewiston. These trips are time consuming and average five trips per year over the past two years, which takes officers off the street and away from other duties. Kootenai County has identified a potential financial assistance source for a combined Mental Health-Alcohol Detoxification facility and is seeking partners to strengthen the application for funding.

Council President Kennedy also noted that annually the Police Department spends somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000 a year for protective holds. It is hoped that by having a regional facility, it will speed the process up and save on overtime costs.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to approve a financial request of \$5,000 to Kootenai County to help off-set the operational and/or building remodel expenses for a combined Mental Health-Alcohol Detoxification facility.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Goodlander commented that this has been a longstanding issue for our Police Department. Councilman Adams noted that the final amount being requested is significantly less than originally requested. Councilman McEvers believes this is the right thing to do. Councilman Kennedy would also encourage the other cities in Kootenai County to participate in supporting this project. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers to that there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Weathers, CMC, City Clerk