

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT COEUR D'ALENE CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

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 February 7, 2006 at 12:00 noon, there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

Mike Kennedy) Members of Council Present
Woody McEvers)
A. J. Al Hassell, III)
Dixie Reid)
Ron Edinger)

Deanna Goodlander) Members of Council Absent

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

INVOCATION was led by Pastor Tom Weadick, Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

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

PRESENTATION – PUBLIC PARKING LOT UPDATE: City Finance Director Troy Tymesen gave a brief review of the operation and revenue from the City's public parking lots. He noted that the city has three different contracts for parking activities within the Downtown area: On-street parking enforcement; boat moorage fee collection, and; city parking lots management. He reported that revenues from the parking lots have 40% of net income going to the Parks Capital Improvement Fund and the remaining 60% going to the Parking Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

GRANT APPLICATION FOR HERITAGE HOMES EXPANSION: Mike Grabenstein, 963 5th Street, requested \$50,000 from the City as a match for a HUD grant application for the expansion of the Heritage Homes facility in order to add 25 additional units of affordable senior housing. Councilman Edinger asked if they did not get a funding partner, would they lose the grant. Mr. Grabenstein responded that they need to find a partner by Friday or the grant money would go away. Councilman Edinger asked if Mr. Grabenstein had gone to the County. Mr. Grabenstein responded that they have not discussed this request with the County. Mr. Grabenstein noted that the \$50,000 could also be in the form of in-kind donations such as property tax relief. Councilman Reid asked if it could be in-kind services. Mr. Grabenstein responded that they could. He also noted that the grant administrators for this grant are out of Nebraska. In response to

Councilman McEvers questions, Mr. Grabenstein noted that the size of the facility is committed through HUD, but that they have tried cutting as much as they could from the design plans such as landscaping and the front porch. Finance Director, Troy Tymesen, commented that he believes that it would be good for the City to partner with a facility that has been established in this community for 85 years and that affordable housing is needed for our seniors. He would like to see if there are some kinds of creative alternatives that the City could use to help with this grant.

Motion by Reid, seconded by Edinger to authorize the Finance Director to work out a way for the City to partner with Coeur d'Alene Home for this grant. Motion carried.

PERSONS FIELD: Susan Snedaker, 821 Hastings, requested that the Council rescind the Memorandum of Understanding with School District 271 for the transfer of this property to the school.

BOARDING HOUSE: Susan Snedaker, 821 Hastings, believes that a home in her neighborhood is really a boarding house and a Special Use Permit should have been applied for. She believes that this is a violation of the City's zoning regulations. She commented that the City has not done anything to resolve this issue since it was brought to the Council's attention over 10 months ago. She commented that when her group came to the City Council that would have constituted the filing of a formal complaint. She believes that nothing has been done by the City and no Code Enforcement has been undertaken.

ANIMAL ATTACK: Barbara Crumpacker, 1015 Lakeside Avenue, reported that her dog was attacked by another dog that was not on a leash while they were on Tubbs Hill. She requested that formal action be taken to amend the regulations to increase the fines.

Motion by Reid, seconded by McEvers to forward the two issues mentioned above to the General Services Committee. Motion carried.

THE LORD'S HOUSE: Jack Landreth, 724 E. Hastings, administrator of the Lord's House at 724 E. Hastings, explained that Jennie Hovsepian, bought the house to help needy men to get off the streets and get back on their feet. He reported that each man is interviewed before they can be admitted to the house. Some of the rules are: Zero tolerance for the use of drugs or alcohol; work a NA or AA program by attending at least 2 meetings a week; attend church weekly; actively seek employment; agree to common courtesy and respect; agree to take responsibility for personal cleanliness, and; agree not to occupy the space at this home if they don't need to. They have a morality clause including language. He summarized by stating that this is not a flop house but they have a focus of empowering men to get back into society. Currently there are 4 residents at this location. They include a 62 year old man, a TESH Industry young man who could not afford to live on his own, and the remaining two are recovering alcoholics who are trying to get their lives together. They have had men who have stayed 19 months or as little at 3 months; however, they do not kick anyone out, they leave when they are ready to live in society again. Mr. Landrus noted that some neighbors, especially the

immediate neighbors are in support of this house. He read a letter from Steve Adams who commented that he had witnessed only one minor disturbance for which the offending party later apologized. Mr. Landrus commented that those few people who are opposed to this house have never come over to talk to him or ask him questions. He noted that there are a total of 3 houses that are classified as the Lord's House, the one on Hastings, one on N. 9th Street and one on 15th Street. Councilman Hassell asked if he had ever come to the City concerning the complaint about these houses not in compliance with city zoning regulations. Councilman Kennedy commented that the neighbors are not out to destroy the house, but the neighbors do have a concern of safety for their families and asked Mr. Landrus if he has ever thought about how he can communicate with the area residents. Mr. Landrus responded that he would welcome any neighbor into the house to talk with him and the men living there. Councilman Hassell commented that from what Mr. Landrus has been saying he is running a boarding house. Mr. Landrus responded that the zoning code allows up to 4 people to live in one house and that this is not against the zoning codes.

Councilman Edinger asked Susan Snedaker if she has ever spoken to or gone to the house that she is complaining about. Ms. Snedaker responded that she has not done so. Councilman Edinger asked if these issues will be brought to the General Services Committee on February 13th. Councilman Hassell noted that it probably won't be that date; however, the City will inform the people when it will come forward to the General Services Committees.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Reid, seconded by McEvers to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1. Approval of minutes for January 17, 2006.
2. Setting the Public Works Committee and General Services Committee meeting for February 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
3. RESOLUTION 06-009: 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 APPROVAL OF AN ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT WITH G.D. LONGWELL, PLLC FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES PROJECT; APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH JUB ENGINEERS, INC. FOR TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH COLLECTION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT SAFETY MANUAL.
4. Acceptance of donation from North Idaho College for CDATV.
5. Approval of Water facility lock replacement project.
6. Approval of cemetery lot repurchase from Frank and Lois Turpin.
7. Setting of Public Hearing for Senior Center ICDB Grant application for February 21, 2006.

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

WATER DEPARTMENT RADIO READ METER SYSTEM: Councilman McEvers announced that the City is proceeding with the installation of a radio-read water meters in the northwest part of town. This portion of town should be completed in May. The remaining parts of town will be done over the next 3 years. Councilman McEvers noted that this is a huge step in technology for the City.

APPOINTMENTS TO ARTS COMMISSION AND PARKING COMMISSION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers to appoint Fred O'Gram and Janet Launhardt to the Arts Commission and Steven Foxx to the Parking Commission. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO PSEUDOEPHEDRINE REGULATIONS: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Edinger to direct staff to prepare the amendments to the pseudoephedrine regulations as recommended. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING A SIDEWALK CURB RAMP – ACCESSIBILITY POLICY.

Motion by Reid, seconded by Hassell to adopt Resolution 06-010.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Edinger asked about low income seniors who could not afford to pay for improvements to their sidewalks vs. placing a lien on their property. Councilman Reid noted that if there were enough citizens the City could form an LID so the cost could be repaid over a period of time. Councilman Hassell asked if we could form one LID to combine sidewalks and sewer connections.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH KOOTENAI COUNTY FOR BILLING SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF COEUR D'ALENE.

Motion by Reid, seconded by Hassell to adopt Resolution 06-011.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Reid, seconded by Hassell to enter into Executive Session as provided by Idaho Code 67-2345 SUBSECTION 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: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye.
Motion carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Matters discussed were those of litigation.

No action was taken and the Council returned to regular session at 7:59 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan K. Weathers, CMC
City Clerk