



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 21, 2024
6:00 PM**

Location: City Council Chambers, 408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, ID 83854

WORKSHOP – 5:00 pm Basement Conference Room

a. Citizen Handbook

Josh Walker, Joe Malloy, Nathan Ziegler, Kenny Shove, Samantha Steigleder, Randy Westlund
– **Present**

City Administrator Shelly Enderud presented options to provide a citizen handbook to the Post Falls community. Options that were discussed included: utility bill insert, monthly explainer, Park and Recreation style brochure, and a large format citizen handbook. Publishing and mailing costs were given as well as advantages and disadvantages to each type of option. Some examples of what other cities are doing for these types of publications were also looked at.

Ended at 5:42pm

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JACOBSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Samantha Steigleder, Josh Walker, Joe Malloy, Nathan Ziegler, Randy Westlund, Kenny Shove
Josh Walker, Joe Malloy, Nathan Ziegler, Kenny Shove, Samantha Steigleder, Randy Westlund
– **Present**

**CEREMONIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATION:
ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Jacobson: The City and the American Legion Post 143 will host a Memorial Day Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 11am. The community is invited and encouraged to attend. City Hall and city business offices will be closed Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day. If you haven't, there's still two hours left to vote.

- a. Appointment of Randy Westlund to the KMPO board to replace Nathan Ziegler
– ACTION ITEM**

**Motion by Malloy to Approve the Appointment of Randy Westlund to the KMPO board to replace Nathan Ziegler.
Second by Ziegler.**

**Ayes: City Council Walker, City Council Malloy, City Council Ziegler, City Council Shove,
City Council Steigleder, City Council Westlund**
Motion Carried

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Final action cannot be taken on an item added to the agenda after the start of the meeting unless an emergency is declared that requires action at the meeting. The declaration and justification must be approved by motion of the Council.

None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT, EX-PARTE CONTACTS AND SITE VISITS

The Mayor and members of the City Council have a duty to serve honestly and in the public interest. Where the Mayor or a member of the City Council have a conflict of interest, they may need to disclose the conflict and in certain circumstances, including land use decisions, they cannot participate in the decision-making process. Similarly, ex-parte contacts and site visits in most land use decisions must also be disclosed.

None

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar in order that it be discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the Council agenda packet regarding these items and any contingencies are part of the approval.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Minutes – May 7th, 2024, City Council Meeting
- b. Payables April 30, 2024 - May 13, 2024
- c. March Cash and Investments
- d. Contract with the Metts Group for Pleasant View Marketing Plan
- e. Arche Development and Annexation Agreement ANNX-23-4
- f. Legion Park Development and Annexation Agreement ANNX-23-7

Motion by City Council Malloy to accept the Consent Calendar as presented.

Second by City Council Ziegler.

**Ayes: City Council Walker, City Council Malloy, City Council Ziegler, City Council Shove,
City Council Steigleder, City Council Westlund**

Motion Carried

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There are generally two types of public hearings. In a legislative hearing, such as adopting an ordinance amending the zoning code or Comprehensive Plan amendments, the Mayor and City Council may consider any input provided by the public. In quasi-judicial hearings, such as subdivisions, special use permits and zone change requests, the Mayor and City Council must follow procedures similar to those used in court to ensure the fairness of the hearing. Additionally, the Mayor and City Council can only consider testimony that relates to the adopted approval criteria for each matter. Residents or visitors wishing to testify upon an item before the Council must sign up in advance and provide enough information to allow the Clerk to properly record their testimony in the official record of the City Council. Hearing procedures call for submission of information from City staff, then presentation by the applicant (15

min.), followed by public testimony (4 min. each) and finally the applicant's rebuttal testimony (8 min.). Testimony should be addressed to the City Council, only address the relevant approval criteria (in quasi-judicial matters) and not be unduly repetitious.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Kruger Annexation ANNEX-23-5

Public Hearing Opened at 6:03pm

Ethan Porter, Planner Presenting: This is the request of Owner Daniel and Beverly Kruger, with the applicant of Verdis to annex 6.869 acres with rights-of-way into the City of Post Falls. Community Commercial Services (CCS) zoning would be the southern 2.49 acres and High Density Residential (R-3) will be the northern 2 acres. The project location is north on Seltice Way right along McGuire and Echo Drive. That hatched red area is the project area, it does extend down McGuire to Seltice Way. That small portion is the right-of-way that we would get into the city through this annexation. Wastewater would be City of Post Falls, water would be East Greenacres Irrigation. The current land use and site is a large lot residential. McGuire road is identified as a minor arterial, Echo is classified as a local roadway. Future land use designation is high density residential. There are some commercial, transitional, industrial, and low-density residential surrounding the project site. This is part of the West Prairie Focus Area. Current surrounding land uses are commercial/industrial businesses, a mobile home park, subdivisions, and single family homes. Comprehensive goals and alignment with comprehensive policies were discussed, including goals 7 and 10, policies 15, 20, and 45. Parks level of service includes the regional sports complex and a neighborhood park within a mile of the site. Review criteria were reviewed.

Steigleder: Can you explain the little piece, why we are doing that?

Porter: The right of way is included and was required by us in review. If we didn't get that piece running south of McGuire along Seltice way, that intersection doesn't have the ability to do any improvements in the future. If we get that in the city with the annexation we are able to come back with a city project and create the pedestrian connectivity from Seltice all the way up to McGuire.

Steigleder: The storage facility that is there would not be annexed in?

Porter: Correct. They haven't expressed interest in annexing into the city.

Steigleder: Someone owns the storage facility but somehow the owners of the Kruger property were able to get these little pieces of county land?

Field Herrington, City Attorney: It is road right of way. Its not someone else's property.

Steigleder: Its just the roadway that is annexed in, not actual property near the storage facility.

Applicant Stephanie Blalack with Verdis: The subject property is about 4.5 acres and the zoning being requested is Community Commercial Services on the southern 2.49 acres and High Density Residential on the northern 2 acres. The Kruger's operate a concrete flatwork business onsite, which is the reason they want annexation. They have outgrown the county's regulations on a home business and would like to bring it into the City of Post Falls. They now have a code violation on the property and the next step to keep the Kruger's in Post Falls and to keep their business in Post Falls is to annex into the city limits. We are requesting Commercial and High-Density Zoning designations that are consistent with the land use map for this area. Frontage improvements will be installed for pedestrians to interconnect with other neighborhoods and commercial businesses. There would be a maximum of 48 units on the two acres. Comprehensive Plan compatibility was discussed. The annexation will provide infrastructure to

the west side on McGuire which is needed for future growth. Including curbs, sidewalks, and pedestrian improvements. Existing condition photos and information were presented. The annexation provides diverse housing types and price levels. The city will be gaining a considerable amount of right of way with this annexation. By approving the annexation the city will be protecting a North Idaho small business that has been operating for eight years. The annexation will provide workforce housing. The annexation is consistent with the Future Land Use Map and goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The zoning was also approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Malloy: R-3 caps out at 18 units per acre, right?

Porter: Yes and they can get the density bonus as well, so the amount of amenities they can provide they can get that bonus.

Malloy: I forgot about the density bonus, thank you.

Steigleder: What would the R-3 product look like?

Blalack: We don't know at this point, they are really just trying to get through the process. With that code violation from the county, they need that multi-family to be able to pay for the improvements for their current business.

Testimony

In Favor

Beverly Kruger, not wishing to testify.

Neutral

None

Opposed

Wayne Plante: I'm in opposition of this thing. Echo is already a major route because they don't want to go to the traffic light. They are going to do 48 units on two acres, that's close to 100 cars extra. Its at the narrowest area there where they have to go in. There's no exit on McGuire, only on Echo, which is across from me. Cars are backed up there quite often. If they are going to widen Echo all the utilities have to be on the south side. I tried to find out what the city had planned for the entrance and exit for that amount of units in there, and its kind of like we are going to build and we will handle it as it comes along. They did the same thing on the project north of me and they left it in a pure mess and it still is. I'm not against building, but I like to see things controlled. Post Falls is trying to eat up all of Prairie that they can possibly eat. Its moving faster than it should be. If they are going to build these 48 units then they should have a more indepth study of it. I moved there in '86, and I thought with five acres I would be there the rest of my life, but real estate and developers are forcing us to sell because of the taxes and everything else are going up.

Debbie Vocca: I'm in opposition of annexing. I see a lot of open areas that are better suited for development. This area is very rural and it is designed to be where people can have animals and grow, I have a vineyard, so it supports a winery. It will change our property value if you put in these apartments. That area they are looking at on McGuire, I don't understand how they are going to put in a sidewalk because all the utilities are on there. There are sidewalks on the other side of McGuire, I don't know why we need them on both sides. We should keep some of Post Falls for future people who want to have little farms. I think McGuire is going to be less traffic because of changing the area on Highway 53. When you guys talk about this future plan, that was five years ago. Sounds like the plan needs to be updated. There's already a lot of apartments that are already available.

Glen Whipple: I live on Echo Drive. We've been there for 35 years. We don't want any

apartments around us. It shows on the map coming right up across the street from us. Anyone that lives up there, no one wants this. There's a lot of people walking up and down there. We love the area there, its nice and quiet and peaceful. I'm not sure how the future of high-density happened, but its going to cause a lot of havoc and stress and raise the crime rate. Everybody's happy along there. I don't understand why the company that is getting pushed out doesn't make that extra two acres their business too.

Rebuttal

Blalack: This parcel was designated and voted on by Council as high-density residential. We will have an ingress and egress onto McGuire Road, its not all going onto Echo. This site is not a rural area and its not a farm, its used commercially and is looking at several commercial businesses on a high traffic road. We don't meet the comp plan if we go all commercial.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:41pm

Zone Change and Initial Zoning Review Criteria Review

Herrington: Is annexation of the property in the best interest of the city?

Malloy: Yes, adjacent to a very major corridor. Its not a county pocket, but its a county peninsula. It makes sense to annex.

Walker: I agree, its right there on the main run of McGuire.

Steigleder: It seems that the most benefit the city will get is the road. I don't know that annexing land just to annex land is a benefit of itself to the city. If we get that street right of way, it seems like that's what the city is looking for.

Ziegler: I agree, we would get connectivity and safety advancements. As far as the land itself, I'm not a proponent of annexing just for the sake of annexing.

Jacobson: I don't think we have ever looked at an annexation as a source of revenue.

Westlund: Its not in the best interest of the city to annex this parcel at this time. There has been some talk about pedestrian connectivity, and if you look at the road its very rural in character.

Having sidewalks there is not going to serve any purpose in the near future. I was looking at some data from our GIS system and this is the Post Falls land area over time, so you can see as we're annexing this in in square miles and there was a break after the 2008 crash but in the last three years we've annexed a lot more. About 20% of our city's land area we have annexed in the past three and a half years. We have to be careful when we grow that quickly. I was also looking at our Comprehensive Financial Report at the close of our FY22, and our net investment in capital assets, this is the value of our land and buildings and vehicles and infrastructure. After 2020 we started adding almost \$30 million a year in assets. This is a lot to start paying maintenance on and what happens when all the maintenance comes due on this at the same time. Growth is good when it benefits society and development is good. But its a bad idea to do it all rapidly. This area could make sense in the future. There's no city there, and to have the first step be high-density residential doesn't make sense to me.

Shove: The benefit to the city would be the road right-of-way. I don't see benefit to annexing that property. Just looking at the surrounding businesses and the surrounding property, I think it is great as it is. I don't see much benefit to annexing this piece at the time.

Jacobson: It looks like its four to two on the annexing and then we can get into if it is annexed then the zoning on it.

Is the proposed zoning district consistent with the Future Land Use Map and Focus Area contained in the currently adopted Post Falls Comprehensive Plan?

Malloy: It fits the future land use map to a T.

Westlund: It mostly fits. I would like to point out that the future land use map as all R-3 and this is partial R-3.

Malloy: It fits it to an L.

Is the proposed zoning district consistent with the goals and policies contained in the currently adopted Post Falls Comprehensive Plan that are relevant to the area under consideration?

Steigleder: I don't find that it meets the goals and policies enough for me to be in favor of the requested zones presently. We are looking to diversify our housing types and create a resilient economy and I would like to see something other than R-3 approved at this time. According to our GIS presently, it looks like we have 711 high density apartments that have been approved but don't have certification of occupancy presently. So, I would like to see those built out and made available to the citizens of Post Falls before we start approving more of those, even if it does match partly with the comprehensive plan. I know goal 10 was mentioned for Parks but it says provide and support recreational opportunities on pace with growth and what I find about this request is that all that was proven was that it would have access, not that it would support creating of those amenities for the citizens of Post Falls.

Malloy: According to the manual I think it is consistent with the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan. Which is to provide a diversity of housing types, provide commercial along the major corridors particularly Seltice Way which this is just off of that. Provide additional pedestrian connectivity. Strictly by the criteria of the comprehensive plan, I would say it is consistent. In terms of the future land use map, Mr. Westlund points out its all R-3, it seems that the only part of the proposal that is being objected to, is the part that fits the comprehensive plan. I guess the fact that more than half of it's commercial could be a bonus that no one is objecting to.

Westlund: I think its not consistent with the goal of having the high density housing near the center of the city. Its an awkward place to put it right now because there's not much developed around it. I think it would make a lot more sense in maybe 5-10 years when you have more infrastructure and businesses, things more people living in those potential apartments could be walking to. Right now it is all open space and rural character. So I don't believe it is consistent.

Ziegler: By the definition of the comprehensive plan, this is a good fit for that area, but its one of those areas where the first cut is the deepest, it aligns with what is planned, whether I agree with that or not is another thing. Its always the first that goes in that is hardest to take. The impact of putting an R-3 on half of that property, we talk about safety and connectivity for pedestrians, we are creating a problem for them to apply a solution to by adding 50 units there. I would like clarification on the inlet outlet, is it really only on Echo, are there going to be improvements to that roadway and plans for turn lanes because of the additional cars and from a safety standpoint, I don't know if we have any clarification there?

Herrington: I would point out there's been a little discussion just on zoning and annexation is the high level just based as you bring in a property, establishing the base rights, its doesn't mean its going to develop any time soon. We aren't getting into a subdivision.

Public Hearing Reopened 6:52pm

Jacobson: The question is the ingress/egress will that be on Echo, will it be on McGuire, what are the possibilities?

Bill Melvin, City Engineer: We would try to provide access on both Echo and McGuire through that project. There would be more access on Echo because its a more local street. Not knowing how the site is going to be laid out and what the future development plans are would depend on

the access there. We would shift the access to McGuire further north. We could do a right in right out there. We will be accessing on both in the future.

Jacobson: If anyone cares to speak on the point Bill just made about the ingress and egress on both Echo and McGuire, I will give you a moment to do that.

Debbie Vocca: There's not an access right now for that property onto Echo. Their address is on McGuire.

Jacobson: And what our engineers said is as they go forward on the development, if its approved, they would look at access off both. Since it was brought up we want to get staff's input on that.

Vocca: So is that now going to change Echo, the whole street, or is it going to be chunked away at that corner?

Wayne Plante: I got this document from the City that says right there it is not within the requirements of the city. McGuire is shown in the transportation master plan as a five arterial roadway. There's three right now, if you take another lane it would go right through the middle of my house. Then they talk about the 70 foot right of way.

Public Hearing Closed 6:56pm

Does the proposed zoning district create a Demonstrable Adverse Impact upon the delivery of services by any political subdivision providing public services within the city?

Ziegler: Can we define Political Subdivision?

Herrington: A political subdivision is any government division, the City of Post Falls, highway district, school district.

Malloy: I believe the answer to that question is no, we didn't get any feedback from any of the other taxing districts. In terms of the City of Post Falls, its already a controlled intersection.

There's high density in the area. Its not a large site. I don't see an adverse effect on any of the subdivisions.

Steigleder: They all said no.

Discussion:

Malloy: These are tough, especially on this Council as almost everyone is new. The comprehensive plans are very long-term plans, so there's public comment periods, there's workshops where the public's invited. Maps are drawn, lines are drawn, goals a policies are developed. Trying to look forward 20 plus years, and the last update was already almost five years ago. I was there and the product that came out of it is this. We need to have a comprehensive plan for several reasons. If the city is to get block grants or any other kind of grants to be elligible for those we have to have one. So people have some idea as to what to expect where the city is going to grow. The trouble with planning and doing things in a very far out time horizon is that nothing is immediate. So, trying to get the public to come to these things to help the city to create the vision of the future comprehensive plan is difficult because nothing is happening and may not happen for 10-20 years. Then by state ordinance, if we are going to annex or not annex, or assign a zone or not assign a zone, it has to be in accordance with those plans that very few people show up with because nothing is happening. Its the system we have inherited, we are starting the process now to change the comprehensive plan. According to our jobs, this proposal meets all of that and the work has been done.

Steigleder: I agree that we need a plan and we have to have a place to go and we have to have collective idea of where to go. My hesitancy is not to say it is the wrong place for a high-density housing and to argue with the plan, more to say that having a plan doesn't mean that it needs to be built out immediately. My specific hesitancy with it is we have high density in the city and we

have it annexed and zoned already so asking for additional when we've already done that doesn't benefit the residents of the city right now.

Walker: I agree it meets everything to a T or an L. After hearing everybody and the discussions, I see the benefit of getting road right of ways, it meets everything as it should. There are apartments a stones throw away from there. Is it the right time right now? I think maybe we could wait.

Ziegler: I agree we need a comprehensive plan and a lot of work has been put into it. In the last five years there's not anyone who could have foreseen the amount of growth we have seen in the past five years. That's my biggest hesitation with this, we do the best to plan, and then when we take a hit we have to readjust. It may be in the plan, I don't think its the right time.

Westlund: Its not the right time. Our city borders are growing at a rate we haven't seen before. Our maintenance commitments are growing at a rate we haven't seen. I don't think you start building out an area with the highest density the plan has. I believe it's not the right time.

Shove: I don't think its in the best interest of the city or in that area to annex that in at this point.

Motion to Deny the Kruger Annexation ANNX-23-5 by Council Westlund

Second by Council Steigleder

Ayes: Council Malloy, Council Ziegler, Council Westlund, Council Shove, Council Steigleder, Council Walker

Motion Carried.

Jacobson: For the folks that testified, I appreciate where you're coming from. I appreciate the applicants desire. I've sat up here for a long time and I've heard a lot of people testify about property values and apartments. I might have the only house in town that's older than yours. When I bought that house my neighbors were a barn and two silos. I am now surrounded by over a thousand homes. My property values have not gone down. We hear about if there's apartments there's more crime and we hear about property values going down when something is developed, I haven't seen it. Your wishes were granted tonight. Just because someone wants to develop doesn't mean you are going to see an increase in crime and it certainly doesn't mean your property values are going to go down.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/RETURNING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

This section of the agenda is to continue consideration of items that have been previously discussed by the City Council and to formally adopt ordinances and resolutions that were previously approved by the Council. Ordinances and resolutions are formal measures considered by the City Council to implement policy which the Council has considered. Resolutions govern internal matters to establish fees and charges pursuant to existing ordinances. Ordinances are laws which govern general public conduct. Certain procedures must be followed in the adoption of both ordinances and resolutions; state law often establishes those requirements.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

This portion of the agenda is for City Council consideration of items that have not been previously discussed by the Council. Ordinances and Resolutions are generally added to a subsequent agenda for adoption under Unfinished Business, however, the Council may consider adoption of an ordinance or resolution under New Business if timely approval is necessary.

ACTION ITEMS:

a. 4th and Idaho St. Roundabout Design - Clocktower

Bob Seale, Community Development Director Presenting: I'm here to talk about the 4th and Idaho roundabout and some proposed artwork the developer would like to install in the center of it. The roundabout is under construction. The developer will work with the city staff, and how will we develop the center of the roundabout. The developer sought artists and what type of art would be best to display. The City Center Master Plan envisions more artwork in the area. The developer wanted something that reflected the old mill site and the Post Falls area. The proposed project is a clock tower. The metalwork in the middle is a tress system that is from the surrounding building currently. It would be approximately 30–35 feet tall. Around the base of the structure there would be some artistic metal work reflecting the mill or the surrounding nature. The funding will be handled by A&A Construction with reimbursement potentially from the URA. It is within the URD plan.

Jacobson: I really like the clock tower. It is something different. I'm extremely partial to the lumberjack and that it portrays what the Malloy family did with that mill. Maintenance would be easier on this if it was art.

Westlund: This looks fantastic. This is much better than rocks and roundup. I really like the lumber jacks.

Steigleder: Is it going to be the full clock tower, or just going to be two-dimensional?

Seale: Yes, its a real working clock tower with four sides. He's done something similar elsewhere.

Steigleder: This will be taller than the other buildings?

Seale: This is by Kindred, that will still be taller because it is raised. You will be able to see it from Seltice. There is additional space between that center part and the edge of the roundabout. We will also have rocks and ballards so if a car were to veer into the artwork it would hit that first. All that will be dealt with engineering and the building department.

Jacobson: It says action item, do we need to make a motion to move forward with this?

Seale: Its going to be a piece of artwork placed in the city's right of way, so we are asking for blessing and approval.

Motion by City Council Malloy to Approve the 4th and Idaho St. Roundabout Design - Clocktower.

Second by City Council Walker.

Ayes: City Council Walker, City Council Malloy, City Council Ziegler, City Council Shove, City Council Steigleder, City Council Westlund

Motion Carried

5. CITIZEN ISSUES

This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Council regarding City-related issues that are not on the agenda. Persons wishing to speak will have 5 minutes. Comments related to pending public hearings, including decisions that may be appealed to the City Council, are out of order and should be held for the public hearing. Repeated comments regarding the same or similar topics previously addressed are out of order and will not be allowed. Comments regarding performance by city employees are inappropriate at this time and should be directed to the Mayor, either by subsequent appointment or after tonight's meeting, if time permits. In order to ensure adequate public notice, Idaho Law provides that any item, other than emergencies, requiring Council action must be

placed on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting. As such, the City Council can't take action on items raised during citizens issues at the same meeting but may request additional information or that the item be placed on a future agenda.

None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE / STAFF REPORTS

This portion of the agenda is for City staff members to provide reports and updates to the Mayor and City Council regarding City business as well as responses to public comments. These items are for information only and no final action will be taken.

a. Projects Division Staff Report

Andrew Arbini Projects Division Manager and Jaxon Fleshman Project Manager Presenting:
Tonight's presentation is a report on the Projects Division, which is part of a larger effort to give updates on the divisions within Public Works. The Projects Division oversees capital projects in Utilities (Water, Water Reclamation, and Storm Water), Streets, and Facilities. We currently have at least one project happening in each division in some stage, from design to construction. A little about how a project is identified. Each division has a corresponding master plan. These are typically updated every five years, which establishes the existing infrastructure and facilities and then a road map for the five to twenty year planning horizon. That is our starting point. These are all available on the City's website. Most of our projects are a design, bid, build delivery method. Most of the time, you see us bringing you a contract for approval. During the bid opening and review, we are looking at those for compliance with Idaho code. Once we move into a construction contract, most of the time we are consulting with the contractor and our primary role is coordinating between the consultant, engineer, contractor, and the divisions within the city. Current projects were listed and some of their phases were given updates, including the 12th Avenue Forcemain, Well House 11, and the Bentley Lift Station.

Jacobson: It never end does it? The need to replace and update. It just is what it is.

Fleshman: As Councilman Westlund mentioned, in about 20 years there's going to be a whole other host of them so projects never seem to end.

Jacobson: That's why we continue to collect the fees to help pay for it.

b. City of Post Falls Chamber Representation

Shelly Enderud, City Administrator Presenting: The Chamber contacted several council members about having more representation at the Chamber events. Currently, we pay for council members to attend the Gala event, the annual summer luncheon, and the State of the City. We have also paid for some River City Leadership attendees, which are \$850. It is an annual program that you apply for in the spring. We are just bringing this here to see if council would like to add additional dollars to the budget to allow for Chamber support. It would be \$200 a year to allow a council member to attend the lunches.

Jacobson: Can it be that if we allocated or approved \$200, is it designated to one council member, or would it be able to be used by any of them?

Enderud: Yes, it could go with the city and it could rotate. If I'm not able to attend, I can have someone attend for me.

Jacobson: Which is already paid for?

Enderud: Yes.

Steigleder: Christina has approached me a couple of times about this, and it was a goal of hers to have more council representation and for the businesses in the chamber to have more access to the council, so I emailed and asked what that process would look like. I don't know that I'm the best suited person, but I'm happy to be involved, and I'm happy to help meet her need.

Jacobson: I'm not opposed to an additional person, but I would point out that the City is represented, we have two and that could be used as Shelly said if she doesn't use it a councilman could use hers. I don't know that we have to have one councilmember assigned, but I'm ok with whatever council decides.

Malloy: One way to encourage attendance by the city would be to not make us pay for it.

Enderud: I had that thought, but they are having to pay for the lunch, so they pay per head, it is a cost to the Chamber.

Malloy: Having gone through the leadership program it is excellent. I would encourage anybody on the Council to attend it. It is a fair amount of time. I think it would be a good use of a small amount of city money to encourage things like that.

Enderud: We have paid for that in the past. That is one day per month when you join for the month and a couple of evening classes.

Jacobson: Instead of saying let's approve \$200, does it make more sense to allocate a certain number of lunches per year.

Enderud: If we wanted to just open it up and say a certain number of lunches per year. We can pay per lunch.

Malloy: I unfortunately can't make any of them because I don't work here.

Westlund: I would be happy to show up to some of those.

Steigleder: What would be the best way to organize that. We would also like to make the River City Music. If we could commit to something a little more solidly. I would like to have something a little more solid. How do you want to do your calendars? Would an email chain be best? Does one person want to commit or two people?

Enderud: We could send out an email at the beginning of each month asking who wants to attend for the month.

Steigleder: That makes sense.

Enderud: I will get some information on the River City Leadership to you all too.

c. Kiwanis Park Trail Revision and Maintenance

Bryan Myers, Parks Manager Presenting: I wanted to bring this topic to you because it made the Press. I wanted to let you know where we've been and what we are doing at the site.

Jacobson: Do me a favor real quick, define a social trail.

Myers: I will get there. Kiwanis Park is a local favorite, particularly in those neighborhoods. That space over the years, particularly post-Covid, we have seen more activity happening in the park. Following that, we noticed more user-defined trails, or social trails, where individuals were moving brush and creating a way for themselves to move through the park. That doesn't always lend itself to adjoining uses or intersections of trails flowing in the most complimentary way.

Malloy: So we want antisocial trails.

Myers: We want antisocial trails, exactly, so you feel like you are going for a walk in the woods. The Urban Forestry Division teamed up with a local high school aged student who is working on his Freedom Award through the Trail Life program. He took on this large endeavor to mark official trails in the park and to erect a trail kiosk, and organized well over 100 hours of labor to help support all of that. On the back side of that, our Urban Forestry Division has been going through doing a reclamation of decommissioning those social trails and helping to establish that official trail network so that we have something that can retain as a site that is heavily wooded and that lends itself to the MOU that we have with the Kiwanis Club to manage their property. That's the history of the park, its not a city-owned parcel, it is a parcel that is owned by the Kiwanis Club and we have a 50-year lease to operate it for a dollar a year. They have some expectations of us, and part of that is the wooded area and how that's managed in a hundred year rotational stand so that we have a regenerative forest in that area. On trail maintenance, we are trying to keep

people on the trail that we intend to be there and encourage that behavior as much as possible with natural means as much as possible before we have to go to fences and things like that. We tried to do our best to salvage logs throughout the park system, many of the trees were hauled in from other sites, some were from Kiwanis. We have gone through and seeded some of those areas and this fall we will go in and plant some seedlings in those areas that have been remediated.

Jacobson: Thanks for the work you are doing on it, and I know we've had complaints, but we had complaints when the park was developed. Kiwanis wants this done as well and it is their park. Thanks for the work you are doing on that.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

This section of the agenda is provided to allow the Mayor and City Councilors to make announcements and general comments relevant to City business and to request that items be added to future agendas for discussion. No final action or in-depth discussion of issues will occur.

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Certain City-related matters may need to be discussed confidentially subject to applicable legal requirements; the Council may enter executive session to discuss such matters. The motion to enter into executive session must reference the specific statutory section that authorizes the executive session. No final decision or action may be taken in executive session.

ACTION ITEMS:

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:40pm.



Ronald G. Jacobson, Mayor

Shannon Howard, City Clerk
Shannon O'Neill, Deputy City Clerk

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