



CITY OF STANLEY

APPROVED

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Stanley Community Center, 510 Eva Falls Stanley, ID 83278

Regular Council Meeting (Idaho Code 74-204 (1))

Call to Order: (Mayor Botti) Mayor Botti calls the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call: Mayor Steve Botti (Present), Councilmember President Laurii Gadwa: (present via telephone), Councilmember Kim Hernandez (present via telephone), Councilmember Tim Cron, Councilmember Gabe Cardoso (present). All answered roll call. Also present for the City, Clerk Jennifer Hayes.

Agenda Amendments [Idaho Code 74-204 (4)(b) and (c)]:

Mayor Comments: Smoke present and may persist. It is in the unhealthy zone, which means people with respiratory problems will have difficulty. Trying to get official air quality monitoring systems set up for Stanley. Smoke from Wapiti fire worse due to direction of smoke.

Council Comments: None

Presentations/Citizen Participation:

The public is invited to present commentary at will regarding any city-related business, whether or not that item is included on the agenda. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes and may or may not be addressed by the Council/Mayor.

Consent Agenda:

- July 11, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, June, 6, 2024 Executive Session Minutes and the Payment approval – Unpaid and prepaid bills for June – **Action item**
 - Council member Gadwa motions to approve consent agenda, councilmember Gabe Cardoso seconds motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Law Enforcement:

- Sheriff's Reports- Deputy Mike Newmeyer present to report. Focus for traffic has been in town and lower Stanley. Lower Stanley is unincorporated. The majority of citations are for speeding infractions. There has been some marijuana coming through town, mostly from nonlocals. There has been some underage drinking occurring in town. It is on their radar, and they are building information such as where the underage are coming from and where they are obtaining the alcohol. They will begin discussions with bar owners as they gather more information.
- Incident Reports-Mayor Botti mentions that there has been some noise complaints and will be meeting with the deputy tomorrow to address the issue. There may need to be council meeting to discuss changes and clarifications of the noise ordinance.

Community Building: Councilmember point out that the Wildflowers out front of community center look great.

Pioneer Park: There are story boards going in, and the zip lines are in progress. Park looks great, with the new swings and green grass. Park looks better than ever, thanks to operations manager, Kimberly Peters.

Streets and Roads:

- Dust abatement looked good for May and June; the rain washed a lot of it away. City is planning another application in August from Stanley Construction to do the downtown core area that needs it the most.

Ad Hoc Committee Chairs:

Cemetery: (Laurii Gadwa): No report.

Code Review/Revision: (Steve Botti): Nothing to report.

Sawtooth Association (SIHA): (Lin Gray): No one here to report.

Snowmobile Groomer: (Gary Gadwa): No comment.

Chamber of Commerce: (Chamber Representative)

Report on current activities, advertising, events, etc. Jennifer Folsom reports there is a new member, Wild West Horses out at Rocky Mountain Ranch that is also available to general public. Mayor Botti reports that the State Department of Commerce contacted him about getting possible economic disaster declaration because of the Bench Lakes Fire. Ask the Governor to declare an economic disaster which would make small businesses administration disaster loans available to local businesses because of economic injury related to the fire. Went out to the business community to query them to see if any of them are interested in pursuing it. Forms were provided, they would have to go through the county emergency services organizations, and then on to the Governor. If five or more local businesses stated that they had economic injury, then the town would qualify for an emergency declaration. Redfish has seen the most impact, and businesses around town have also definitely been affected.

Old Business:

- Continued refinement of FY2025 Budget—**Action item**
 - Final decision on the numbers needs to be made at this meeting.
 - The city clerk explains what has been found that needed to be discussed. In the general fund revenue, the interest earned amounts needed to be increased based on the amounts that have already been earned and adding in the estimated amount for the rest of the year base on the current estimated rate.
 - The office supplies line was set at \$200 but Operations manager Peters pointed out that in previous years, the office supplies were taken out of the community center funds. This number needs to be increased.
 - There is a discussion about what number should go into accounting services for Ken Carlsen's services, the accountant brought on by the city to help with the transition had suggested \$10,000 for Fy224-2024. Councilmember Cron questions this number and thinks it should be lower. Councilmember Gadwa suggests that we leave it where it is in case we need it. It doesn't have to be spent if not needed. Councilmember Cardoso suggests we lower it, Councilmember Gadwa agrees to lower it to \$7000 for now.
 - The audit expense is brought up and Councilmember Gadwa comments that we get a good deal on the price we pay yearly to get the audit done. She knows how much others pay, and we are getting a good deal.
 - The annual fee for the Resort City Coalition came up and there were questions as to what they plan to do with the increased fees, what their focus was on, more information was requested. An email was sent out asking these questions, and we did not receive a response. Councilmember Cron asks if it is a \$250 increase, he thinks to be represented by a lobbying group as a resort city would put us in good standing. Councilmember Cardoso

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but he wants to make sure that the city of Stanley is not forgotten about and that they are touching base with the city clerk. Councilmember Hernandez still wants more information from the Resort City Coalition. Mayor Botti said that Ketchum is the lead city for this and they responded and said the priorities are protection of the resort cities enabling legislation the authority to give us option tax. There are other cities that would like to get in on this, the intention was from legislation from the very beginning small cities under 10,000 people rely on tourism as the basis of their economy. It wasn't just to provide a huge amount of money in taxes. Achieving a balance between short term rentals as an economic generator cities leaders and resident concerns to health and safety. Short term rentals are an issue in a lot of cities, Ketchum as well as Stanley. Partnering to achieve additional workforce housing childcare funding. Addressing transportation concerns to Idaho transportation department. Councilmember Cardoso agrees with Kim that we need to continue to ask for more information.

New Business:

- None

Building Permits approved by the Building Administrator:

- Building Permit Application: Clair/Rivera—**Action Item**. Mayor Botti reads the location of the building permit. A deck was built without a permit, they were notified and are now applying for one. The deck was too close to the property line setbacks so part of it had to be cut off as indicated in the photo (photo on file).
- Councilmember Gadwa says that she talked to the operations manager at length about this permit and it now follows the setback rules. The permit looks within code, the setback has been corrected. The concern is that it looks to be a platform for a yurt, or tent or something similar. The City Council agrees that if they vote to approve the permit, it needs to be indicated very clear, on the record that just because it looks like a platform, there are not to be any structures permitted such as a yurt, tent or Teepee or anything of that nature. It is a deck to be used for lawn furniture, other structures are not allowed per the city code.
- Mayor Botti explains that the applicants had expressed to Operations Manager Peters that they had already purchased a Teepee that they planned to put on the deck. It is noted that it is unknown if they were trying to deceive the city or if they didn't read or know about the code.
- What they have currently is permissible if they plan to attach any structure it has to meet city code and be approved by the city council. Materials not approved include canvas and vinyl, per city code 17.40.020 building materials and materials.
- Councilmember Gadwa motions the deck as proposed by Clair/Rivera be allowed with the clear understanding and an attachment to the permit stating that it is a deck only that is being permitted no structure of any kind may be put on the deck without further approval by the city council. Councilmember Cardoso seconds to approve with stipulations. All in favor, none opposed.

City Clerk Report: (Jennifer Hayes)

- Nothing to report.

Option Tax/Treasury Report:

- Option Tax update- Option Tax up quite a bit in June and still tracking, up about 16% in June. If that continues will be pretty close to the \$600,000 that was budgeted for Option Tax. The projected number for next year was raised to \$700,000 for FY 2024-2025, being optimistic. It was noted, if we go over \$600,000 the city won't be able to spend whatever that amount is.
- Budget Workshop Dates— There is a new date for the budget hearing. Had to be moved in order to meet deadlines for publication notice; must be two times, seven days apart before budget hearing.

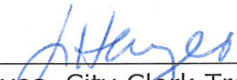
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There was a misunderstanding about the timeline that needs to be met for the City of Stanley. The notice has been set up to be publicized 8/15/24 and again on 8/22/24.

- The Budget hearing is scheduled for 8/29/24 at 10 AM at the Community Center. If approved an ordinance will be passed and then budget and ordinance will be turned into Custer County no later than September 5, 2024.

Adjournment: Mayor Botti adjourns the meeting at 6:44 PM.


Steve Botti, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Hayes, City Clerk Treasurer