



CITY OF STANLEY

City Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

5:00 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 5:05 PM.

Roll Call: Mayor Steve Botti (Present), Councilmember President Laurii Gadwa: (present via telephone), Councilmember Kim Hernandez (present), Councilmember Tim Cron (present), 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: Mayor Botti introduces Mike Johnson Incident Commander Great Basin Team #7, Kirk Flannigan SNRA area Ranger, Peter Mozzio Liaison Officer Great Basin Team # 7 to give an update on the Wapiti fire.

Progress is being made, adding more containment. A few trying days coming in for the weekend with weather concerns. Operationally, it is looking better day to day. Outlook with suppression and repair is a priority, as well as possibly reducing evacuation status with Custer Co. Sherriff office. Highway 21 status is being coordinated with ITD and operations.

Update given on Frog fire.

Discussion about fire intensity map and backcountry accessibility.

Council Comments:

- Councilmember Gabe Cardoso mentions underage drinking complaints have come up at the end of the summer season. This is something that will need to be discussed before the next summer season.
- Discussions are needed with the sheriff's office and Deputy Mike Newmeyer as how to work with the businesses to enforce their responsibilities as liquor license holders and bar owners.
- Councilmember Kim Hernandez states that it has been nice having the presence of law enforcement at the last few street dances.
- Councilmember Tim Cron adds that over the last three to four years that it seemed to really get out of hand.
- Deputy Newmeyer has been making a presence in town and at the street dances, and that is more than what has occurred in the past few years. It seems to be making a difference. Deputy Newmeyer noted that he has been taking a soft handed approach this summer.
- In the past there was more responsibility from bar owners in taking an active role in making sure people were not breaking the law.
- Councilmember Cron suggests we actively continue these discussions throughout the winter, not wait for the summer season. Councilmember Cron echoes Councilmember Hernandez comments on benefits of having a presence of law enforcement around town.

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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.

- Councilmember Cron adds a citizen comment about organizing a community gathering by holding a square dance and potluck. Need a caller and musicians, he has a few people in mind. He will check with Mandy for Velvet Falls availability in October. Having an event will help bring the community together after the rough summer.

Consent Agenda:

- August 8, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2024 Budget Meeting Workshop minutes, August 29 Public Hearing Minutes and the Payment approval – Unpaid and prepaid bills for August – **Action item**
 - Councilmember Gadwa motions to approve consent agenda, councilmember Cardoso seconds motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Law Enforcement:

- Sheriff's Reports- Deputy Newmeyer present to report. Personnel working on fire support, highway perimeter, and with the fire managers. There has been a lot of fire traffic, some fire support people problematic for speed through town and on the highway. It has been brought up to fire commanders and they have a zero-tolerance policy. Majority of speeding has been on the highway, which in these smokey conditions and low visibility is unsafe. Residents getting back into their homes is going well. Still issuing passes beyond Stanley Lake and Cow Camp areas. There are still some campers/trailers up at the designated parking lot by the ice rink that need to be moved back to their properties from evacuation status. Anticipate they will all be moved. Mayor Botti points out that these need to be moved before the snow comes as this was not meant to be permanent storage. Deputy Newmeyer agrees, and he says they are keeping an eye out on that property.
- Councilmember Cardoso notes that Deputy Newmeyer is doing an excellent job in the community in the short time he has been here.
- Councilmember Gadwa comments Sheriff Maydole has been here non-stop during the fire and working tirelessly. We as a city should thank him with a letter or something. Council member Cardoso agrees, Sheriff Maydole is not present at the meeting. Mayor Botti seconds that, he has been helping every step of the way, making critical fire decisions with the team, volunteer fire department and the city office. Mayor Botti will think about how to recognize his contributions.
- Incident Reports

Community Building: Operations manager Kim Peters reports that fire teams have replaced supply items used during their use of the community building. Lost a few rentals from cancellations.

Pioneer Park: Getting mower back soon from being worked on. Hoping Zip line poles will be up by the 20th of September. Clarification is needed from the school whether parking lot going is to be used for construction this winter, plowing arrangements will need to be made. The City will be changing to a new City Facebook page.

Streets and Roads: Operation Manager Peters reports that speed bumps are being removed for winter. Mayor Botti notes one more partial dust abatement was done.

Ad Hoc Committee Chairs:

Cemetery: (Laurii Gadwa):

Code Review/Revision: (Steve Botti): Working on noise abatement, disturbing the peace ordinance more specific to regulations and discussions with sheriff's office needed.

Sawtooth Association (SIHA): (Lin Gray): Lauri Gadwa reports the last lecture is tomorrow, Sept. 13th in Ketchum on wolverines at the community library.

Snowmobile Groomer: (Gary Gadwa): Gary reports an issue again with the property south of town across gates of the wrong size have been installed, again.

Chamber of Commerce: (Chamber Representative) No report.
Report on current activities, advertising, events, etc.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Kim Peters presents that she would like to start a community pancake breakfast at the community building from 8-10 a.m. the first Saturday starting in October. Any donations collected would go towards fireworks.

Building Permits approved by the Building Administrator:

- None

City Clerk Report: (Jennifer Hayes)

- Email is still an issue, working on resolving it.

Option Tax/Treasury Report:

- Option Tax update
- Option tax is down 12% for July and probably even more for August. Mayor Botti states that it will be something to consider going forward and the implications of that from the wildfire.

Adjournment: Mayor Botti adjourns the meeting at 5:53 PM.



Steve Botti, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jennifer Hayes, City Clerk/Treasurer