

**City of Rigby
City Council Meeting
December 2, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the time over to Rebecca Squires who invited everyone to join her in the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Brown then turned the time over to Councilman Maloney to give the prayer.

Jeanne Kerbs, City Clerk/Treasurer, performed roll call. Those present were: Mayor Ryan Brown, Councilman Simonson, Councilman Maloney, Councilman Blackburn, Councilman Smith, and Councilman Marriott. Those absent were: Councilman Day.

Appointment of Public Works Director-

Mayor Brown stated the next item on the agenda was the appointment of the Public Works Director and stated he would like to recommend Mike McCowin for this position.

Mayor Brown explained that Mr. McCowin has been the building inspector for the past year and has done a remarkable job there. Mayor Brown stated he had talked to Mr. McCowin and he had agreed to take this position upon approval from the city council. Mayor Brown stated Mr. McCowin is extremely professional in the work that he does and has a lot of knowledge in related fields. Mayor Brown stated that Mr. McCowin would retain his duties as the Building Official and they had talked about both positions and Mr. McCowin felt confident he could perform both sets of duties. Mayor Brown explained that city code provides for and requires a Public Works Director and this appointment would keep the city in compliance with city ordinances. Mayor Brown stated he wanted to mention the excellence and hard work of Rick Lamoreaux and James Andersen and compliment their service to this community. Mayor Brown stated both of these men would continue to work in their current capacities.

Mayor Brown turned the time over to the council for discussion. Councilman Marriott stated that he too would like to commend the city staff and expressed his appreciation for them. Councilman Blackburn stated he would like to echo that same comment and to add that this is a close community and acknowledge the hard work and dedication and tireless hours that go unnoticed so much of the time. Councilman Smith moved to appoint Mr. McCowin as the Public Works Director. Councilman Maloney seconded. All were in favor.

Mike McCowin came forward and thanked the council for the appointment and expressed his desire to do the best he could for the city. Mr. McCowin stated he knew he would not be able to fully perform this job without the expertise of Rick Lamoreaux and Jim Andersen. Mr. McCowin stated he would like to keep up with the administrative and organizational parts so the city could keep better control of the subdivisions.

Mayor Brown informed the council that Mr. McCowin was taking on this responsibility with no increase to his current salary. Mayor Brown then swore Mr. McCowin into office as Public Works Director.

Identity Theft Prevention Program-

Mayor Brown stated the next item on the agenda was the Identity Theft Prevention Program but asked the council to consider postponing this item until the next meeting due to Robin Dunn, City Attorney, being absent from this meeting. Council agreed to table.

Other Council Business-

Mayor Brown stated the next item on the agenda was other council business and explained this time was for the council for anything they needed to discuss or mention.

Mayor Brown stated he had been informed by Jeanne Kerbs, City Clerk/Treasurer, of some items that needed to be discussed and turned the time over to Mrs. Kerbs for her presentation. Mrs. Kerbs stated one item is the notice from Governor Otter to cut back money and explained she had received an email from the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) there would be a five percent (5%) decrease for highway distribution, a five percent (5%) decrease in liquor distribution and five percent (5%) decrease in the revenue sharing. Mrs. Kerbs explained this would be revenues the city is not receiving although it has been budgeted for. Mrs. Kerbs stated the budgeted amount for the highway users was \$125,875 and the State projected amount would be \$115,180 which means a loss of \$10,695. Mrs. Kerbs stated that would directly affect the roads budget. Mrs. Kerbs stated the State liquor budgeted amount was \$52,447 and the State projected amount would be \$48,468 which means a loss of \$3,979. Mrs. Kerbs stated the revenue sharing was \$106,884 and the State projected amount was \$102,566 which means a loss of \$4,318. Mrs. Kerbs explained this would mean an overall loss to the general fund of \$8,297. Councilman Blackburn asked what particular area the revenues sharing would affect and Mrs. Kerbs stated it was placed in the general fund so there's nothing specifically earmarked. There was a brief discussion regarding how the loss in the highway users would affect certain budgeted items within the road department.

Mrs. Kerbs stated the next thing she had was the review of the EDU for the sewers as relating to the ordinances. Mrs. Kerbs explained she had found an ordinance from 1982 that does define the user equivalent and had an appointment to review that with Mr. Dunn. Mayor Brown stated this was still being looked at and Mrs. Kerbs stated they hoped to have the issue resolved by the next council meeting. Councilman Blackburn asked if an ordinance that old could be relevant today and Mrs. Kerbs stated it was a matter of looking at rates and calculations and those needed to be looked at and a definitive answer at the next council meeting.

Mayor Brown asked if there were any more announcements.

Councilman Maloney stated there were some concerns from the museum regarding the trailer park and the abandoned vehicles and refuse next to their building. Councilman Maloney stated they had expressed a concern over the appearance and potential fire hazard and had asked if there was anything the city could do to take care of this situation. Mayor Brown stated he would suggest having Larry Anderson, Chief of Police, look into that and Chief Anderson stated part of the problem is there are more trailers than allowed in there to begin with but agreed to look into it and report back.

Approval of Bills-

Mayor Brown stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of bills and asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Councilman Blackburn moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilman Simonson seconded. All were in favor.

Approval of Minutes-

Mayor Brown stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of minutes and asked if there were any corrections or comments.

Mayor Brown stated he had noticed a typo. Mayor Brown stated on page 5, third paragraph from the bottom the name needed to be Oswald not Haswell. Councilman Maloney moved to approve the minutes with the mentioned correction. Councilman Smith seconded. All were in favor.

Public Comment-

Mayor Brown stated the next item on the agenda was public comment and turned the time over to the audience.

Paul Hepworth, 571 Aspen Drive, stated he came tonight to see the appointment of the Public Works Director and congratulated Mr. McCowin. Mr. Hepworth asked if the interface with Keller and Associates, City Engineer, would be the same as it is now and Mayor Brown stated that everything would be communicated through Mr. McCowin but they would continue to work hand in hand with Keller and Associates.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any additional public comment. No further comment was given.

Mayor Brown reminded the council that Midnight Madness would be on Friday, December 5, 2008 and the parade starts at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Brown stated there was also the Breakfast with Santa and that started at 8:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Councilman Marriott asked if that was being catered and Mrs. Kerbs explained the Rec Center employees were doing that themselves. Mayor Brown complimented Rick Lamoreaux, Park/Street/Sanitation Supervisor, on the tree for this year.

Councilman Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Marriott seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Ryan H. Brown
Mayor

Jeanne Kerbs
City Clerk