

City of Rigby
Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2018

Council President Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm Thursday, August 16, 2018. The pledge of allegiance was given by Benson Taylor and the prayer given by Nicole Weight.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Present
Councilman Taylor	Present
Councilman Hall	Present – Arrived 7:05
Councilman Olsen	Present
Councilwoman Weight	Present
Councilman Datwyler	Absent

Also present: Chief Tower, Mitch Bradley, and Attorney Dunn

Public Hearing – 2018/19 Budget:

Chairman Burke noted the first item of business was the public hearing for the 2018/19 budget. Two people had signed up to speak and he called them to come forward:

Linda Delay Questioned the pay raise for the police department which she felt was justified. But based on the newspaper article she was confused if the city was hiring an additional officer. She also questioned the water and sewer rates as reported in the article.

Councilman Taylor addressed the police department and the pay raise was only inserted into the budget but no action has been taken on officially increasing the pay increase. As for the hiring of an additional officer, that was not approved although the council did discuss the possibility of hiring a new officer.

As for the rates increase the clerk was asked to address the issue. He responded that the cost of the day to day operation of the wastewater treatment plant is increasing being the plant is 10 years old. The rates have not increased for a couple of years but with the old rate the sewer revenue fund would be spending at a deficit which is not sound business practice. The same with the water fund, the water account was budgeted at a deficit and also needed an increase. The wastewater plant operator addressed part of her concern and stated EPA was increasing their requirements which will require more testing and equipment to comply with their requirements.

Norma Hunt: Questioned the increase in water and sewer rates. She has visited with friends in Idaho Falls whose bill is less than Rigby's and she questioned why. She was also concerned with paying the sewer bond since 2009 and new homes will be paying on the bond for a shorter period of time.

The wastewater operator addressed her concern of the rates differences being Idaho Falls has 55,000 in which to spread the cost and Rigby has 5,000. He also noted the upgrades Idaho Falls has incurred and will incur in the coming year for their upgrades of their sewer plant. The council indicated the bond payment is not prorated to years to different consumers. Old timers will pay more of the bond versus new comers but that's the state law.

Chairman Burke asked if anyone else wished to speak: being none he closed the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the tentative 2018/19 budget seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

3rd Reading of LID #9 Ordinance #218-595:

Councilman Taylor moved to read ordinance #2018-595 in summary and waive the full reading of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Hall.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

The chair asked the attorney to read the summary of ordinance #2018-595.

Adoption of Ordinance #2018-595:

Public works director Mitch Bradley mentioned that he has gotten the information from Keller's as to the price of the curb/gutter and sidewalks on Lowder property on 3rd West but has not had time to complete the review. He noted the Lowder property was assessed 9 feet too much in their original assessment, the cost of concrete was twice what Claremore was charged and he was assessed 25 feet of road versus 7.5 feet.

Councilman Hall moved to adopt ordinance #2018-595, publish summary of the ordinance and complete the legal filing with the county clerk but for the final assessment on the Lowder property. Motion seconded Councilwoman Weight.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

1st Reading – Ordinance #2018-596 – 2018 Budget:

Councilwoman Weight moved that the ordinance #2018-596 be read in summary form seconded by Councilman Olsen.

The chair called for a voice poll: All in favor none opposed.

The chair asked the attorney to read the summary of ordinance #2018-596.

Setting date for public hearing on proposed fee increase exceeding 5%:

Councilman Taylor asked the clerk to review the fees being under consideration for increases.

After the reading: Councilman Taylor moved that the public hearing for the proposed fees be held September 6, 2018 at 7:00pm and notice be published. Motion seconded by Councilman Hall.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

City Hall Boiler:

The clerk indicated the boiler in city hall had failed an inspection this spring. The city's boiler service company has made two proposals: one for repair (\$15,000) and for a new boiler system (\$30,000). The repairs would extend the life of the boiler for 15-20 years. A new boiler should last 50 years. The present boiler is 32 years old. The clerk indicated that while he had budgeted \$30,000 in the capital improve fund that line item had been spent for another item but he did have \$15,000 in the general fund under city hall. Council discussed the options and felt where the city hall would be in 50 years or less being unknown the best option would be to do the repairs.

Councilwoman Weight moved to approve the repairs for \$15,000 to Boiler Treatment Service seconded by Councilman Hall.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

Police Surplus Items:

Chief Tower came forward and presented the council with a list of items he would like dispose (list attached).

Councilwoman Weight moved to authorize the police chief to dispose of the items listed seconded by Councilman Olsen.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

Airport Land:

Mike Jenkins of the Rigby airport came forward with a revised purchase/sale agreement to acquire 8 acres for the airport now with an option second 8 acres in 2 years. Mike discussed the changes that the council expressed at last council with the earnest money being applied to the second 8 acres with first right of refusal and the water being transferred to the city for the acreage purchased. Council discussed how the airport was going to fund the purchase both this year and in two years. The earnest money of \$5,000 would be applied to the second purchase and if the second acreage was not completed the board would lose the earnest money. Mr. Jenkins indicated that there would be a donation from a private individual and the state aeronautics would likely fund a significant portion of the purchase. The attorney was asked if he had reviewed the purchase agreement which he had.

Councilman Hall moved to approve the purchase agreement for the airport land purchase seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Hall noted a misspelling of Mrs. Lords name. Councilwoman Weight moved to approve the minutes as corrected seconded by Councilman Hall.

The chair called for a voice poll: All in favor none opposed.

Approval of Bills:

Councilwoman Weight asked about the check to Sid Beazer. The clerk explained that when the direct pay was entered for the Xpressbill pay account another resident account was entered using Mr. Beazer bank information. After discussion with the mayor and city attorney they both concurred that it was the city's error and Mr. Beazer needed to be reimbursed. As for the second resident whose account has not been cleared, the attorney will write a letter explaining the error and result back charge to her account.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the bills seconded by Councilman Hall.

The chair asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Hall	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

Other Council Business:

Councilman Taylor: Wanted to discuss the possibility of having a city fund established which would assist residents with trimming trees that overhang onto city sidewalks and right of ways. The public works director indicated the city does trim trees that interfere with the snowplowing equipment and garbage trucks. Council will take the information under advisement.

Councilwoman Weight: Discussed scheduling the ball fields using an on-line system as well as scheduling the park shelters. Being she didn't get this put on the agenda she'll present more information at the next council meeting.

Mitch Bradley: The Rigby Youth Sports Inc. made a donation of \$2,500 for the city to use on adding trees in the park. The trees will more than likely be installed next spring with the baseball people participating in the planting. Mr. Bradley wanted the newspaper to take note of the donation.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Weight moved to adjourn seconded by Councilman Hall.

The chair called for a voice poll: All in favor none opposed.

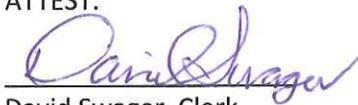
Meeting adjourned: 8:06 pm

CITY OF RIGBY



Jason Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Swager, Clerk