

City of Rigby
Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016

Council President Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Thursday, Feb 18, 2016. The pledge of allegiance was given by Emily Thomas and the prayer was offered by Nichole Weight.

The Chair asked the clerk to call the roll.

Councilman Walker	Present
Councilwoman Thomas	Present
Councilwoman Weight	Present
Councilman Olsen	Present
Councilman Burke	Present
Councilman Taylor	Absent

Also present: Chief Keith Hammon and Attorney Robin Dunn

Public Hearing -Amending 2015 Budget:

Chairman Walker asked if there anyone present who wished to comment on the proposed amendment to the 2015 budget. Being none, the chair closed the public comment period.

Amending Ordinance #2016-584:

Councilwoman Thomas moved the ordinance #2016-584 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 2016-584.

Having heard the summary reading of the ordinance, Councilwoman Weight moved that the city publish and approve ordinance #2016-584 seconded by Councilman Burke.

The Chair asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Walker	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Burke	Yes

Approval of Police Hire/Status of Police Department:

Chief Hammon came forward and explained to the council that Officer Parsons is leaving the department February 28. In addition another officer has submitted his application to work at the INL site which the chief anticipates being accepted and losing that officer. Officer Scott will be attend POST training in Boise beginning March 27 and will in training through June 3, 2016. Given everything with the two officers leaving the one officer in training the department will be down to three patrol officers. The chief is seeking authorization to hire an additional officer under the rules of emergency hire without having to go through the regular course of hiring.

Council discussed using volunteer (reserve) officers to cover shifts. The chief explained could be used but the city must have an officer on duty to reserve officer. Also commented that there wasn't really an alternative available and the force would be bare bones. Currently there isn't an option available. The issue of liability would arise if the city were to use reserve officers in lieu of trained officer to which the attorney indicated it can't be done this day and age. The chief also noted the person he is looking at hiring has POST training but will need a pay adjustment from what the current schedule allows. The council felt the chief should not step over wage because some people would prefer to work in Rigby at a lower wage and to compare benefit packages.

Councilman Olsen moved that the city hire an officer as an emergency hire with acquiesce and concurrence of the mayor, seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The Chair asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Walker	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Burke	Yes

Authorize Advertise for Bids South 3rd West Sewer/Water Line:

Rick Lamoreaux came forward and explained to the council the sewer line along South 3rd West needed to be extended to include the Cordon's trailer court. Their sewer services are serviced using septic tanks and several have gone bad. DEQ is requiring the trailer court to hookup to the city sewer system being they are in the city. He noted the water line need not be bid at this time.

Councilman Burke moved to authorize the city to advertise for bids for the sewer line seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

The Chair asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Walker	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Burke	Yes

Crisis Center:

Kimber Tower representing the Crisis Center came forward and updated the council on the activities that the center is working on. She reviewed the various activities that occurred in the city and county. The child advocate program has been expanded. She estimated that they were going to be involved with 20-26 that program is currently at that number. She also recapped several training classes coming up for the next few months and invited the council members to attend. The Rigby library is being used as a satellite office.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The council reviewed the minutes of February 4, 2016. Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve the minutes of Feb 4, 2016 seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

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

Review and Approval of Bills:

Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve the bills seconded by Councilman Burke. The clerk noted the Upper Valley Water Users Assoc. bill was included in the bill list and had been reduced to the \$125 for 2015 and \$1,400 for 2016.

The Chair asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Walker	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Burke	Yes

Other Council Business:

Councilwoman Weight commented on the meeting held today on harassment and the personnel policy needed to be updated. She also noted the meeting held this evening at the Harwood Elem for Family Reading Night which Officer Martin attended.

Public Comment:

None

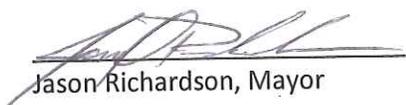
Adjournment:

Councilwoman Thomas moved that the council adjourn seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:40pm

CITY OF RIGBY


Jason Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


David Swager, Clerk