

City of Rigby
Council Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2016

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Thursday, Jan 7, 2016. The pledge of allegiance was given by Schyler Walker and the prayer was offered by Kirk Olsen.

The Mayor asked the clerk to call the roll.

Councilman Walker	Present
Councilman Maloney	Present
Councilman Simonson	Present
Councilman Olsen	Present
Councilman Burke	Present
Councilman Taylor	Present

Also present: Chief Keith Hammon and Attorney Robin Dunn

Review of November 2015 Financial Statements and Journal Entries:

The city treasurer came forward and reviewed with the council the financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2015. Being that the funds that receive property taxes have yet to receive taxes the revenues for the two month will be skewed down. Due to this restriction of revenues, his emphasis will be on the expenditures and budget. He reviewed the funds and noted that for the most part all of the expenditures were under or near the anticipated 17% of budget. Several funds expenditures exceeded 17% due to timing of the expenditures which were for either a six month payment or annual payment. The three enterprise funds being consumer based revenues he noted the revenues were in line with budget. Expenditures were also in line with budget.

The mayor noted there was a difference in revenues on the sewer bond from 2015 and 2016. The treasurer indicated he noted the difference and would research the difference.

Having no questions from the council, the treasurer reviewed the journal entries for the month of November. Generally they were to record interest earnings and the revenues and charges on the internal service fund.

Review of Bills:

The council reviewed the bill list for the period through January 7, 2016. Councilman Taylor moved to approve the payment of the bills seconded by Councilman Maloney.

The Mayor asked the clerk to poll the council.

Councilman Walker	Yes
Councilman Maloney	Yes
Councilman Simonson	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015 seconded by Councilman Simonson.

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

Other Council Business:

- Recognition of Retiring Councilman Simonson and Maloney:
The mayor presented both councilmen a plaque in appreciation of their years of service to the city.
- Amending of Budgets: The mayor noted that since the original budget was passed there have been some changes that will require the city to re-open the budget for several items. He noted the changes in the park/rodeo expenditure for salary and the tractor payment, the addition of the sewer project on 3rd West and changes in the police budget will all need to be reviewed and amended at a later date.

Swearing in New Council members: Nichole Weight and Emily Thomas:

Nichole Weight took the oath of office.

Emily Thomas took the oath of office.

Election of Council President:

The mayor along with the attorney reviewed the responsibilities of the council president. Councilman Burke nominated Councilman Walker, motion seconded by Councilman Olsen. Councilman Walker noted that he may be moving out of the city limits in four to five months. Having said that the council felt if that should happen; a new president could be voted in then.

Hearing no other nominations, the mayor called for a voice poll to the motion: All in favor none opposed.

VFW Club Shelter:

Due to illness of Gary Williams, Mr. Williams asked if he could be placed on a later council agenda.

Council Assignments:

The mayor forgot to mention under other business that the city does assign council members areas of responsibility: Chamber of Commerce, Senior Citizens, library, public works, airport, museum, urban renewal, park/rodeo and police. He would like the council to consider these and email him which area they would like assist.

Purchase of 4 share in Rigby Canal:

A person outside of the city has four shares in the Rigby Canal which she would like to sell to the city. The city has purchased some shares from her in a prior year. The mayor indicated he felt the city needs to obtain surface water whenever shares become available. The price would be \$100 per share. The city has between 750 – 800 shares in the canal which the city is not currently using. However, there are possibilities in the future of using the water in the parks or trading the surface water for ground water. Councilman Olsen concurred with the mayor and felt debate should be short.

Councilman Olsen moved to approve the purchase of the four shares seconded by Councilman Walker.

The Mayor asked the clerk to poll the council.

Councilman Walker	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes

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

Investment of Surplus funds – Beehive Credit Union:

The treasurer noted that two funds have surplus funds in their checking account balance and would like to move the surplus from the capital improvement fund (\$150,000) and from the water revenue fund (\$150,000) for a total of \$300,000. Beehive is offering the city a twelve month certificate of deposit at 00.73%.

Councilman Burke moved to approve the investment with Beehive Credit Union seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

The Mayor asked the clerk to poll the council.

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

Other Council Business:

Wastewater Plant:

The mayor stated he had forgotten to make one more comment under other council business and that involved the addition at the wastewater treatment plant of an anaerobic holding pond to reduce the amount of ammonia being released into the drybed. The city's permit for discharge of wastewater is currently being reviewed and indications the EPA will require lower levels of ammonia than currently being allowed. With the new lower levels being implemented by EPA, the city will need to construct a holding tank/pond prior to 2019. More information will be presented to the council at a later date.

Cellphone App:

Councilman Walker asked about the cellphone app that was discussed months ago. The mayor indicated the system has never been implemented nor had any funds been expended. He felt the phone app is dead as it currently stands.

Life Magazine:

Councilman Olsen asked about the status of the contract for the magazine article representing the city. The mayor stated he has met with the writer and conducted an interview with her. As it currently looks, the magazine will be completed in mid-March.

Community Calendar:

Councilwoman Thomas said she would like to work on compiling a community calendar for all the events coming up not only in the city but the county as well and put them on the Jefferson County calendar web site.

Public Comment:

Todd Grant:

Read a quote from J. Ruben Clark concerning officials taking oath to the constitution. He also questioned why he is not able to vote city elections while he has a Rigby address. The mayor indicated his Rigby address is for postal service and not necessary a designation as a city of Rigby resident.

Pat Scott:

Ms. Scott noted that only the two newly elected officials took the oath of office. In Utah every official elected for a term of office re-takes a new oath each time. She wonder why Rigby didn't follow suit. The clerk indicated that based on his training from the Association of Idaho Cities and their legal staff, the oath taken continues until the official is out of office but if they reenter office then they take a new oath.

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilman Walker that the council adjourn seconded by Councilman Olsen.

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

The meeting adjourned at: 7:55pm

CITY OF RIGBY



Jason Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Swager, Clerk