

City of Rigby
Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:08pm Thursday, July 20, 2017. The pledge of allegiance was given former city clerk Lloyd Gneiting and the prayer given by Doug Burke.

The mayor asked the clerk to call the roll:

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

Also present: Chief Tower, Attorney Dunn

Oath Office – Tonya Hillman – Rigby Urban Renewal Agency:

Tonya Hillman came forward and Mayor Richardson swore her into the office of member of the Rigby Urban Renewal Agency.

Advertising – Summer Edition Local Newspaper:

The mayor explained that last year the city bought the center fold of the summer edition of the Jefferson Star. The paper was looking at selling the city the same display for the 2017 edition. Cost of the center fold being \$795. They would like a commitment from the city as they will be going to print Friday morning. The mayor showed the copy printed last year and noted the change being proposed this year. The summer edition is available year round. The mayor supports the expense. The change will include the proposed south park playground equipment. Councilwoman Thomas expressed interest in changing the picture for the farmer's market.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the expense for \$795 seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes

Amending City Code for Citations and Infractions/Misdemeanors:

Chief Tower came forward and presented the council with a summary of the various city code sections that he has worked on and feels needed changes and/or updates. After his review, the mayor asked the council to review the proposed changes and if they had questions about any to contact the chief or himself. The code will be changed and presented to the council at a later date with the changes for final approval.

Amended Agenda Item:

The mayor noted he had forgotten to mention an item that needed to be added at the beginning of the meeting: removal of the basement walls in the Cordon house.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to amend the agenda to discuss the Cordon House basement seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

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

Cordon House Basement:

Continuing with the discussion, the mayor noted the city crews were unable to demolish the walls with the city equipment and they obtained a quote from Rhodehouse Construction who would remove the cement walls and back fill with pit run for a cost of \$2,950. It was discussed that the police has had to assist removing animals out of the basement and kids have been playing on the foundation walls. It was felt the foundation walls were becoming a safety issue.

Councilman Taylor moved to authorize Rhodehouse Const do the removal and backfill on the Cordon house for a cost of \$2,950 subject to the approval by the mayor of the cost of top fill with gravel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes

Deeding city property to adjacent homeowners:

The city currently owns and maintains two sections of grass along the entrance to Boulder off of 3rd West. One homeowner has requested a curb cut to access the back of his property and permission to prune the trees to install a fence. After discussion it was mentioned if the city could deed the property to the two adjacent landowners, retaining road easements and right-of-ways, and turn the maintenance of the grass to the two landowners. The city attorney referenced Idaho Code 50-301 and 50-1401 as controlling the disposition of the property. The city would need to come to an agreement with the two landowners and by resolution sell, convey and/or deed the property to the landowners.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to deed the subject property to the two landowners per Idaho Code 50-1401 seconded by Councilman Burke.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes

Police Grant – child safety restraint seats - \$2,000:

Chief Tower presented the city with an email from Sherry Jenkins administrator of the Idaho Occupant Protection Program that the city could update its allowance for the child safety restraint seat by an

additional \$2,000. The first grant allowed the city to purchase 168 car seats of which 64 has been given out. The \$2,000 would allow the city to purchase more. The chief felt the program is worthwhile having and is supportive of it.

Councilman Taylor moved to accept the \$2,000 grant seconded by Councilman Burke.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes

Water Grant Funding/ Park & Recreation Grants:

Item cancelled.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Weight moved to approve the minutes of July 5, 2017 seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The mayor called for a voice poll: All in favor none opposed with Councilwoman Thomas abstaining.

Review and Approval of Bills:

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the bills seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes

Other Council Business:

Farnsworth & Stockham: The mayor stated there was a meeting today at the intersection of Farnsworth and Stockham to discuss the installation of “peanut” shaped roundabout. The project as designed involved three agencies: Idaho Dept of Transportation, city of Rigby and a private individual. The “peanut” roundabout has been installed in several other cities around the state and appears to be a solution to the traffic congestion at Farnsworth and Stockham. Being a private individual is fronting part of the funding for the installation of the roundabout; ITD has moved the project up in its funding list of projects. More discussion and details need to be ironed out but the project is moving forward.

Welcome to Rigby Sign:

The council reviewed six different highway signs for the entrance to Rigby. Of the six signs the council voted as preferring sign designated #4 with five votes also Councilwoman Weight liked the slightly different version of #4 marked as #2 and Councilmembers Thomas & Burke also liking the design drafted by Speedy CPS.

Fair Agenda:

Councilwoman Thomas asked if the city would donate an item to the Passport Activity for KIDS DAY at the Jefferson County Fair on August 18th. It was decided that the item will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Crown of Life Church:

The Crown of Life Church will be holding a celebration in the city park Sept 22 and would like to have a dunking pool for the mayor at the event.

Public Comment:

Suzie Easter: Ms. Easter came forward and expressed her concern with the city not having animal ordinance for the care of stray cats. She found a young cat in the city park shelter and needed medical assistance. The county does not have an animal shelter for the care of stray animals. She contacted a local vet who referred her to the police department as they did not an agreement to care for stray and abandoned cats. After contacting the police department and asking why they don't care for stray cats, was told they haven't had a complaint about stray and abandoned cats. Ms. Easter feels the city should support an animal shelter for the county. She also encouraged the ordinance to include cats along with dogs. She supported the program known as T&R (trap and neuter) as being a humane thing to do.

Laramie Pancherj: Works for the Bonneville Humane Society. A large percentage of the cats that are dropped off at the front door can be traced back to Jefferson County. Feels Bonneville County residents are footing a bill that should belong to Jefferson County. She supports the T&R program. Living in the county she cares for many dogs/cats that are dropped off at her home at her own expense. Feels the county needs an animal shelter.

Executive Session:

The mayor explained to the audience the need and purpose of an executive session. With that: Councilman Taylor moved that the council enter into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or discipline of, or hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilwoman Thomas	Yes

Council enters executive session: 8:06pm.

Council exits executive session: 10:21

The mayor asked if there was any discussion or decision regarding the executive session. Hearing none he then moved to item 14 on the agenda.

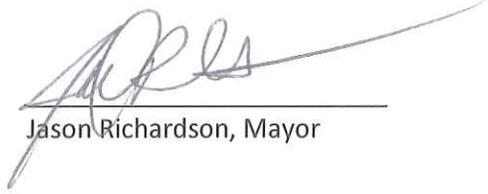
Adjournment:

Councilman Taylor moved that the council adjourn seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

The mayor asked for a voice poll: All in favor.

Council adjourned: 10:22 pm

City of Rigby



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Jason Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



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David Swager, Clerk