

City Council Minutes

Citizen Comment Period: None

March 12th, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Carson called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on March 12, 2025

Employee Attendance: Leroy Kuykendall-Maintenance, Cindy Nichols Clerk/Treasurer, Anthony Gravenmier-Maintenance/Water, and Justin Beard-Water Operator.

Public Attendees: Todd Carson, Lou Holton, Kaleena Moulton, Jean Nodacker, Dodd Snodgrass, Norma Turner.

Pledge of Allegiance: lead by Milt Nodacker

Roll Call and Conflict of interest: Council President Milt Nodacker, Council Person's Gina Gravenmier, Tammy Hassell, and Mayor Cheryl Carson. No Conflicts of interest. Council Person Rob Milchak was not present due to illness,

Guest Speakers: Dodd Snodgrass, Clearwater Economic Development Association.

Citizen Comment Period: Norma Turner asked if the city could put up a digital speed sign in town and have more police presents. Mayor Carson advised that Council Person Tammy Hassel has already been discussed with Nez Perce County Sheriff Deputy Nelson.

Proposed Amendments to the Agenda: None

Approval of February 13th Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive session minutes: Tammy moved to approve all minutes. Milt 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Financial report will be presented at April's meeting.

Bills to pay: Clarification was made for ULINE purchase of \$806.91 that was for the chemical containment bins. Milt moved to approve Bills to be Paid. Tammy 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Cost of the new Government Microsoft 365 accounts: Council Member Milchak was not present at the meeting; it was suggested by Mayor Carson that this topic be tabled and discussed at the March 19th work session and revisited for a decision at the April 9th meeting.

Milt moved to table this topic until April 9th council meeting. Tammy 2nd the motion. Approved.

Rescinded payment request to TD&H for 5 hours of work for Rich Utzman: Per an email from TD&H the balance has been brought to zero.

Leans on overdue/past due bills: This is an ongoing issue and should be discussed in depth and possibly get some information from the city attorney.

Milt moved to table this topic until April 9th council meeting. Gina 2nd the motion. Approved.

Future water rate increases and why: Mayor Carson addressed the water rate increase. According to the Association of Idaho Cities water rates should be increased yearly by at least 3-5% until the funds have been raised to replace the current water plant. Once the replacement funds have been reached, the increases may be decreased at the discretion of the City Council. A question was posed as to why the mayor has addressed water rate increases over the last couple of months. The mayor stated it is important that the citizens of Peck can be aware of what is coming so they can attend a meeting to ask questions and

get clarification if they so choose. She emphasized that a rate increase is going to occur in the very near future.

New Business:

Build a bull pen just inside the door at City Hall. Possibly have AmeriCorps workers assist in the building of it. Mayor Carson suggested getting this project approved while AmeriCorps is here so that they can assist on the project. She has some lumber that she and her husband will donate for the project. It may not be enough but should be close to enough. Leroy agreed to having the AmeriCorps crew assist. Milt moved proceed. Gina 2nd the motion. Approved.

Update on AmeriCorps crew working on the Community Building. : Mayor Carson worked with the crew at the Community Building and was very impressed at the amount of work they complete in a day. On their 1st day working they only worked half a day and were able to get all the cabinets cleaned, doors and hardware removed, and the gym walls washed from the floor midway up the wall. They will be working on Thursday and Friday if the weather still calls for rain.

Chain link fencing for the City Maintenance equipment area. : Leroy explained that the chain link is needed so that it will deter people from possibly stealing from the city shop yard and will keep the neighbor's dogs from pooping and peeing on everything in the shop bay and yard. Cindy was talking to an individual that has some chain link for approximately \$3.00 a foot and they may have some of the needed parts as well.

Milt moved to approve a budget of \$600 for supplies needed for this project. Tammy 2nd the motion. Approved.

Employee Briefings:

City Clerk: Cindy requested the following for City Hall:

1. Permission for herself and one other to attend the AIC Spring Conference which costs \$50 per person. Milt moved to approve for 2 people to attend. Tammy 2nd the motion. Approved.
2. Permission to have maintenance remove the old air conditioner and repair the holes in the wall above the door (inside and out) and above where the birds are getting in to nest. The mayor stated that she may still have a small piece of T1-11 for the outside and 2x4's for framing.
3. She also requested permission to research different carriers for the city hall phone. The mayor advised to hold off on that until the shelving gets installed and the internet router can be moved to a different location to see if that helps with the issues that are occurring.

Cindy was very appreciative and advised that she would work on getting the internet router moved to different locations next week.

Maintenance: Leroy has been looking for a road grader for the city of Peck so that he can work on repairing and rebuilding the city roads. He had been in contact with the gentleman who owns the GALLEON and will be going up to Elk City to check it out once the snow melts enough so that he can get up there. He asked if he could drive the city truck up to look at it when the time came. The mayor stated that she would prefer him to take the city truck because he is doing city business. The council agreed. He has spoken with Brian Deyo about having him grade the roads. Brian said that he would grade the main roads, but his machine is too big to do the side roads. Brian will grade Marion St. and Pine St. and will grade the half of Bell St. that Tim Craig did not do for \$150 per hour. Leroy said Brian believes he can get them done for \$1000 or less. Brian can get started on Monday. Gina moved to go ahead with Brian grading the roads for \$150 per hour. Milt 2nd the motion. Approved.

Leroy advised the John Deer tractor needs a new alternator.

He gave an update on the ditches and culverts on Pine St. in front of Barton and Bosse's properties. The ditches in front of these two properties have been filled in so that the homeowners can use the city easement and ditch as a parking spot for themselves. This is creating a flooding issue for other homeowners that will need to be corrected. The idea of rerouting the water to the other side of the street will not work on Pine St. because of the landowners below Pine. The mayor and council agreed that this is an issue that needs addressed asap.

All streetlights have been repaired, and all are in working order. Bulbs were replaced with LED bulbs. The lot behind the community building and city shop have been cleaned up and leveled. There is now parking behind the community building.

Leroy requested that to see if AmeriCorps will be able to assist with culvert work.

Water: Update on plant: Anthony stated that the plant is running well right now. He proposed that we check into using the old hold tanks for the runoff water from the plant to use as irrigation for the city park. He also brought up the pressure valve that we have been talking about for the past several months. While Kerry was here, he ran a pressure test downtown and confirmed the pressure valve is a dire need. It is a topic that needs to be addressed at the work session.

Justin confirmed that he is now a level 2 operator. Everyone congratulated him and was very excited for him. He also gave an update on the plant and advised that the plant is making approximately 10K gallons of water more than we did last year at this time. Justin advised when the Mac Valves comes in, he and Anthony will plan a workday to replace the valves. They will also need to clean the filters and at the next council meeting request 2, possibly a third heaters.

Mayor's Comments and Questions: None

Council Comments and Questions: None

Adjournment: 8:01pm

Mayor

Date

Clerk/Treasurer

Date