

STATE OF IDAHO)
COUNTY OF BONNER)
CITY OF PRIEST RIVER)

MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 05/05/25

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING – Mayor Connolly called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 5, 2025, at the Priest River City Hall Council Chambers, 552 High Street, Priest River, Idaho.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Council Member Wagner, Council Member Turner, Council Member Mullaley, and Council Member Brower. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas, City Attorney Elsaesser, Director of Utility Operations Sifford, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Quayle.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER AND TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY CONCERNING A PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 2 AND WISCONSIN STREET

Mayor Connolly opened the public hearing at 5:30 pm. Mayor Connolly explained the proposed land exchange. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Questions from the Council:

None

Written Testimony:

None

Testimony from Those Supporting:

Anne Wilder, 349 Primrose Lane, supported the land exchange.

Testimony from Those Uncommitted:

None

Testimony from Those Opposing:

None

Mayor Connolly closed public testimony at 5:36 pm. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the exchange of a parcel of city-owned underutilized real property located on Wisconsin Street for a 1.37-acre parcel located at Gillingham's Addition Block 7 Lot 3, pending compliance with the

Memorandum Agreement with the Robinson Trust. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Council Member Turner, Council Member Brower, and Council Member Wagner. NAYS: Council Member Mullaley. ABSTAINERS: None. ABSENT: None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 04/21/25

B. PAYABLES

C. RESOLUTION 25-019 – BONNER COUNTY – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – LARCH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

D. RESOLUTION 25-020 – KG&T SEPTIC, INC. – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT – LARCH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

E. RESOLUTION 25-021 – FART KNOCKER SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC – MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT – SEPTAGE & PORTABLE TOILET WASTE DISPOSAL

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

None

6. UPDATES

A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION

Council Member Wagner gave an update on the Parks & Tree Commission.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT

None

C. PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Utility Operations Sifford provided a written update regarding public works.

D. PROJECT UPDATES

Various project updates were given.

E. BUILDING & ZONING

Planning and Zoning Administrator Quayle gave an update on Building & Zoning.

7. BUSINESS

A. SILVER SPIKE 55+ PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Brower made a motion to approve the Amended Development Agreement with David John and Tamara Scarcello and David and Jill Spiker, for the Silver Spike 55+ Planned Unit Development and Subdivision, subject to the developer delivering a signed and notarized copy of the agreement to the City. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

B. BONNER PARK WEST – POTENTIAL ACQUISITION FROM BONNER COUNTY

Mayor Connolly explained Bonner County's desire to transfer ownership of Bonner Park West to the City. Lengthy discussion ensued. Jim Martin volunteered and was directed to conduct research regarding the annual cost of operating the park.

C. IDAHO FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION AND US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE – PARTNERS FOR FISH & WILDLIFE PROGRAM – LANDOWNER AGREEMENT – HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENT AT TWO RIVERS PARK

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the Landowner Agreement with the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation and the US Fish & Wildlife Service for hazardous fuels treatment at Two Rivers Park. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

Council Member Mullaley left the meeting at 6:16 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER 74-206 1 (f) Pending Litigation

Council Member Brower made a motion to enter executive session under 74-206 1 (f) Pending Litigation at 6:17 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Council Member Turner, Council Member Brower, and Council Member Wagner. NAYS: None. ABSTAINERS: None. ABSENT: Council Member Mullaley.

RECONVENE

Council Member Brower made a motion to reconvene at 6:32 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Brower made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of 05/05/25: _____

Second: _____

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Jeff Connolly
Mayor

Laurel Thomas, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer