

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: The Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL AND by Mayor Brian Blad. Council members present were Rick,
PLEDGE OF Cheatum, Linda Leeuwrik, Josh Mansfield, Scott Marchand,
ALLEGIANCE and Brent Nichols. Council member Corey Mangum was excused.

Mayor Blad led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: The invocation was offered by Pastor John Robinson, representing
INVOCATION Gate City Christian Church.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Council was asked to consider the following business items:
CONSENT AGENDA

-MINUTES (a) Waive the oral reading of the minutes and approve the minutes
from the following meetings: Budget meeting of June 28, 2023;
Clarification and Regular City Council meetings of August 3,
August 17, September 7, September 21 and October 5, 2023; and
Special City Council meeting of October 5, 2023.

-MATERIAL CLAIMS (b) Consider the Material Claims for the period of October 1
through October 15, 2023, in the amount of \$3,611,162.53.

-TREASURER'S (c) Consider the Treasurer's Report for September showing the cash
REPORT and investments as of September 2023, in the amount of
\$107,566,559.00.

-HUMAN RELATIONS (d) Confirm the Mayor's appointment of James Pascali to serve as
ADVISORY a member of the Human Relations Advisory Committee, filling a
COMMITTEE long-term vacancy. James' term will begin October 20, 2023 and
APPOINTMENT expires on October 20, 2027.

-LIBRARY BOARD (e) Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Greg Gunter to serve as
OF TRUSTEES a member of the Library Board of Trustees, replacing Sean Yardy.
APPOINTMENT Greg's term will begin October 20, 2023 and expires July 1, 2027.

-POLICE (f) Approve proposed changes to the Pocatello Police Department
PERSONNEL Personnel Administration Rules (PAR).
ADMINISTRATION
RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Cheatum, seconded by Ms. Leeuwrik, to approve items on the Consent Agenda.

In response to question from Council, Greg Gunter, Pocatello resident, stated that he has enjoyed his time being on the Pocatello Development Authority (PDA) Board and feels that the board is currently well organized. He added that he is excited to be joining the Library Board and being part of helping this essential community resource.

Council President's motion was voted upon at this time.

Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Cheatum, Leeuwrik, Mansfield, Marchand and Nichols.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mr. Mansfield, on behalf of Mayor Blad, proclaimed October 22, 2023 through October 28, 2023 to be Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and asked citizens to become better educated about lead poisoning and encouraged citizen's to have their homes tested for lead hazards.
PROCLAMATIONS

Christine Howe, Grants Manager, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. She expressed her gratitude to the Council and community for all the support they provide to the local programs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Mayor Blad reminded the Council members of the following meetings to be held November 2nd: City Council Clarification Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Council Work Session to be held on November 9th at 9:00 a.m.
CALENDAR REVIEW

Mayor Blad announced October 28th will be the Annual National Make a Dog's Day event, which will take place at the Phil Meador Subaru dealership, located at 1437 Yellowstone Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pocatello Animal Services will have adoptable animals on site and offer discounted adoption fees, thanks to Subaru; Zoo Boo at Zoo Idaho would be held October 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Zoo Idaho would be open on weekends-only through October 29th; Annual Leaf Collection is scheduled for October 30th through November 25th. Leaves must be placed in large, paper compostable bags NOT boxes or plastic bags and placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the regular collection day to be taken to the Bannock County Landfill compost site; and early voting would continue at the Bannock County Elections Office located at 141 North 6th Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the last day to vote early will be November 3rd. Election Day is November 7th and he encouraged citizens to vote. Mayor Blad added that City offices would be closed on November 10th to observe Veterans Day; Sanitation Department collection trucks would remain on their regular schedule on that day.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Hailey Woodworth was present to appeal the decision of Police Department staff which denied Ms. Woodworth a Childcare Employee License.
-CHILDCARE
LICENSE
DENIAL APPEAL
-HAILEY
WOODWORTH

Ms. Woodworth gave a brief overview of her history and what led to her felony charges. She stated that she didn't partake of alcohol or illegal substances prior to the loss of a child in 2018. Ms. Woodworth noted that she turned to illegal substances as a coping mechanism to deal with the depression she had afterwards.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Woodworth explained her charges and sentencing. She noted her past experiences with working with children, including having worked as a medic in the military.

Mallarie Bascom, Licensing Officer, gave an overview of the events that prompted the denial of Ms. Woodworth's Childcare Employee License. She stated Ms. Woodworth's Childcare Employee License was denied due to a felony charge in 2019. Ms. Bascom noted that Ms. Woodworth had no prior convictions on her record.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Bascom stated that according to City Code, there is a 10-year restriction before a license can be granted on a felony charge.

A motion was made by Ms. Leeuwrik, seconded by Mr. Mansfield, to overturn the decision of the Pocatello Police Department staff and grant Hailey Woodworth's Childcare Employee License. Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Leeuwrik, Mansfield, Cheatum, Marchand and Nichols.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: PUBLIC HEARING -CDBG PY2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN NEEDS HEARING	This time was set aside for the Council to hear comments from citizens and organizations on any housing or non-housing community development needs they have identified that should be prioritized and included in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan.
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Mayor Blad opened the public hearing.

Christine Howe, Grants Manager, explained the purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for organizations and citizens to comment and provide input on any housing and community development needs they may have identified to achieve the goals of providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons and this will identify the Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan and other spending priorities for housing, public service, public infrastructure, or public facility activities. She noted the City recently completed its Consolidated Plan which extends from program years 2022 through 2026. Ms. Howe added the Consolidated Plan outlines the CDBG program goals that will guide the directives for the five years covered by the Plan and as part of the Plan, the City adopts an Annual Action Plan (AAP) which serves as the strategic plan to complete the Consolidated Plan objectives. She noted as part of the AAP development process, the City solicits applications for funding from local non-profit agencies and holds this public needs hearing. Ms. Howe stated the City held a Technical Assistance meeting for interested public service agencies on September 12, 2023 and twelve (12) agency representatives were in attendance. She added that the City anticipates receiving applications in excess of the available HUD funding, which is anticipated to be similar to previous years' allocations of approximately \$400,000 and this will help identify funding priorities not explicitly detailed in the Consolidated Plan. Ms. Howe noted the City is using this Hearing to solicit input specifically on affordable housing needs that will inform current and future grant applications to HUD or other related agencies. She stated that all public notice requirements were met.

Mayor Blad announced no written comments had been received.

Idaho Law, Pocatello resident, spoke in opposition to the proposal. He expressed his thoughts on spending the funds in more useful areas.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Blad closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Blad announced that action on this item would be considered at a future City Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Council was asked to approve the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant program in the amount of \$2,600,000 and if awarded, authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents, subject to Legal Department review. The grant would provide the necessary funding to address barriers to affordable housing development. This grant does not require a match.

-US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING (PRO HOUSING) GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Ms. Leeuwrik, seconded by Mr. Cheatum, to approve the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant program in the amount of \$2,600,000 and if awarded, authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents, subject to Legal Department review and the grant would provide necessary funding to address barriers to affordable housing development and this grant does not require a match. Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Leeuwrik, Cheatum, Mansfield, Marchand and Nichols.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Council was asked to consider recommendations of staff for the following requests regarding the Brooklyn's Playground Resurfacing Project:

BID ACCEPTANCE/
CONTRACT
-BROOKLYN'S
PLAYGROUND
RESURFACING
PROJECT

-AWARD BID
FINAL CUT TURF
AND RECREATION, LLC

a) Award the bid to the lowest responsive bidder, Final Cut Turf and Recreation, LLC, in the amount of \$153,413.40; and if the bid is accepted

-AUTHORIZE MAYOR'S
SIGNATURE
-FINAL CUT TURF
AND RECREATION, LLC

b) Authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents between the City of Pocatello and Final Cut Turf and Recreation, LLC in the amount of \$153,413.40, subject to Legal Department review.

Funding for the project is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

A motion was made by Mr. Mansfield, seconded by Mr. Marchand, to award the bid for the Brooklyn's Playground Resurfacing Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Final Cut Turf and Recreation, LLC, in the amount of \$153,413.40 and authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents, subject to Legal Department review, and funding for this project is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Mansfield, Marchand, Cheatum, Leeuwrik and Nichols.

- AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Council was asked to consider recommendations of staff for the following requests regarding the Ross Park Water Slide Project:
- PURCHASE
ACCEPTANCE/
CONTRACT
-ROSS PARK WATER
SLIDE PROJECT
- APPROVE
PURCHASE OF
SLIDE EQUIPMENT
-SPLASHTACULAR, INC.
- a) Approve the purchase of certain water slide equipment, design and services for the Ross Park Water Slide Project with Splashtacular, Inc. in the amount of \$639,279.00; and if accepted
- AUTHORIZE MAYOR'S
SIGNATURE
-SPLASHTACULAR, INC.
- b) Authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents between the City of Pocatello and Splashtacular, Inc. in the amount of \$639,279.00, subject to Legal Department review.

Funding for the project is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

In response to questions from Council, Anne Butler, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that delivery of equipment is anticipated to be until mid-summer 2024. She added that the project will not be complete for the 2024 summer season.

A motion was made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Mansfield, to approve the purchase of certain water slide equipment, design and services for the Ross Park Water Slide Project with Splashtacular, Inc. in the amount of \$639,279.00 and authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents, subject to Legal Department review, and funding for this project is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Nichols, Mansfield, Cheatum, Leeuwrik and Marchand.

- AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Council was asked to approve a final payment to Historic Downtown Pocatello in the amount of \$122,000.00 for the completion of the Lookout Point Project, located at 435 West Center Street. Funds are available in Fund 078.
- PAYMENT
APPROVAL
-LOOKOUT POINT

A motion was made by Mr. Cheatum, seconded by Ms. Leeuwrik, to approve a final payment to Historic Downtown Pocatello in the amount of \$122,000.00 for the completion of the Lookout Point Project, located at 435 West Center. Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Cheatum, Leeuwrik, Mansfield, Marchand and Nichols.

- AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Idaho Law, Pocatello resident, thanked the Council for adding back the Items from the Audience. He expressed his feelings on his 1st Amendment Rights.
- ITEMS FROM THE
AUDIENCE


Janie Gebhardt, Pocatello resident, shared her thoughts regarding the importance of the Library in the community. She encouraged the community to use the proper channels when needing to expressing concerns.

Lydia Noble, Pocatello resident, thanked the Council for reinstating Items from the Audience on the agenda. She expressed her concerns regarding Council reviewing process for the City's procurement card purchases.

Heather Disselkoen, Pocatello resident, expressed her concerns about the City's Budgetary process and how fund 078 is being funded.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: There being no further business, Mayor Blad adjourned the
ADJOURN meeting at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



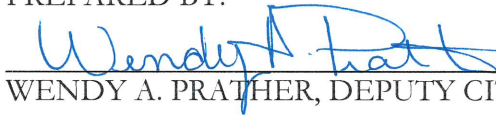
BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY:



KONNI R. KENDELL, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY:



WENDY A. PRATHER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK