

**City of Stanley  
Special Meeting  
August 4, 2020**

**IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:**

Mayor Steve Botti, Council President Laurii Gadwa, Councilmember Tim Cron, Councilmember Austin Clegg, and Councilmember Lem Sentz, all answered to roll call. City staff members included: City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano and maintenance personnel Greg Wallace.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Jerry Hughes, Charlie Thompson, Shelley Ridenhour, James Fowler, Michelle Wetzel

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Botti at 10:06 a.m.

**CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED OPTION TAX ORDINANCE 56 D-6:**

Changes were made and Botti gave the council an amended handout and described the changes: The tax amount remains the same at 2.5%, the duration of the tax was changed from 5 years to 10 years, which would make it effective until 2031. The use of the tax revenue has been updated and categories have been added: A. Reorganized to read: Community Building, recreational facilities, Dark Sky Reserve, and the Valley Creek Preserve. B. Costs for planning, design, construction and maintenance of water and sewer systems to support work force housing. C. Costs for planning, design, construction, maintenance, and supervision of workforce housing built on City owned property that is owned and managed by the city. D. Support centralized recycling program. In the previous work session, the City Council discussed the possibility that river outfitters and land outfitters pay option tax. River outfitters are exempt from the State Sales Tax, but land outfitters are not exempt, the way the Option Tax Ordinance currently reads it exempts all outfitters. It was decided if State Sales Tax are being paid by an outfitter then they are subject to the City of Stanley's option tax.

**POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION OF THE SAWTOOTH VALLEY GATHERING MUSIC FESTIVAL 9/9 THRU 9/14/2020:**

Nothing But Love, LLC, James Fowler feels even though he had several safety features in place he feels that we should push the festival to 2021 due to COVID-19. Fowler would also like to go back to his original dates and would like to be added to the agenda for the next Council Meeting on August 13, 2020. Fowler will be issuing a press release letting the public know that jointly the City of Stanley and the Sawtooth Valley Gathering Music Festival have decided to postpone the festival until 2021.

**FY20-2021 BUDGET:** The City Clerk explained that she has populated the property taxes line item off of the L2 that she had prepared after receiving the construction roll from Custer County. Botti explained that he anticipates the City will be able to receive a grant for the Ice Arena in Pioneer Park in 2021. Our priority would be to complete the connector trail (Redfish Lake to Stanley Trail). It was decided to increase Grant money in the Park Fund to \$100,000.00 in anticipation of receiving grants for these projects. Under General Funds Expenditures we changed Grant expenditures to \$60,000 (which matches the \$60,000 grant income) and added \$60,000 to Work Forces Housing (this is more realistic for drilling a well and running a sewer line) that we will pay with Option Tax. Law Enforcement is a source of contention due to the fact; we are not currently receiving coverage of our ordinances as stated in the contract. Botti reminded everyone that it is costly and hard to find a year-

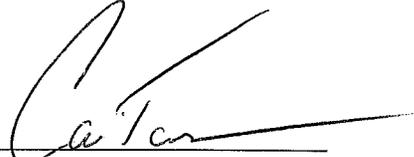
round police officer. It was decided to leave the annual contract rate in the budget and to have the Mayor speak with the Sheriff to see if it is possible to work out the lack of enforcement on several of our ordinances. We are also receiving a lot of pull back from a Deputy that refuses to enforce our ordinances. The City Clerk supplied the City Council with 3 quotes from different medical insurance companies for a comparison. The City currently pays \$4,550 for a portion of both Medical and Dental insurance thru an HSA plan for the benefit of the City Clerk. The quotes supplied were for medical insurance only which equates to the same or more than the City is currently paying for both benefits with a much higher deductible. In streets and roads wages and maintenance equipment were raised: wages \$7,000 and maintenance to \$2,000, due to a possible settlement we may have to install a storm drainage system, we therefore raised the Capital Improvements to \$80,000. Community Building wages were raised to \$12,000. Speeding has become a problem, we discussed speed signs that are quite costly, Councilmember Gadwa has agreed to work on a grant. No other changes were made.

**RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY20-2021 BUDGET AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR OPTION TAX ORDINANCE 56 D-6:** Council President Gadwa moves to have our budget hearing date moved from August 13, 2020 to August 31, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Clegg seconds. All approve. Motion passes. Council President Gadwa moves to have our Option Tax public hearing directly after the budget hearing on August 31, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Clegg seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Botti adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

  
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Steve Botti, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Cari Tassano, City Clerk

