

**City of Stanley
Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

Mayor Steve Botti, Council President Laurii Gadwa, Councilmember Tim Cron, and Councilmember Gabriel Cardoso. All answered to roll call. City staff members included: City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano and maintenance supervisor Greg Wallace. Councilmember Austin Clegg was not present.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Tamara Hall, Jeff Welker, CJ Welker, Ron Pumphrey, Curtis Burns by zoom call, Mary Burns by zoom call, Joanne Flynn by zoom call, Kristen Caswell by zoom call and Bill Caswell by zoom call.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Botti at 6:06 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – For Proposed Amendment for Title 17 zoning regulations – chapter 17.36 Open Land District and to add permitted and prohibited uses: The Public Hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m. to receive comments on proposed Open Land District Ordinance #216.

There were no opening comments by the City Council.

Testimony in favor: none

Neutral Testimony: none

Testimony in opposition: Joanne Flynn, Jeffrey Welker and CJ Welker all expressed concerns: they all want to see this area as passive use only or a protected area (they were referring to Valley Creek Preserve). They are very worried about environmental contaminants in the area effecting fish and wildlife. If more traffic is in the area there needs to be an increase in police present. They would like to see very limited development in the Valley Creek preserve.

Mary Burns and Curtis Burns expressed their concerns about the creek bank (Valley Creek) being broke down further than it already is and feels the bank is already unstable.

There was no written testimony submitted.

There were no closing comments by the City Council. Mayor Botti pointed out that this ordinance is for the Open Land District only. Currently the Valley Creek Preserve is in the Residential B district, the goal is to have it rezoned to the Open Land District.

Mayor Botti adjourns the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting is called to order by Mayor Botti at 6:25 p.m.

Roll call was retaken, and all councilmembers are still present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

none

MAYOR COMMENTS:

none

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

none

COVID-19:

Mayor Botti stated that numbers are still high in the State of Idaho and in Custer County.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Jeff Welker: at night when planes are flying in, they can see the flashing red lights from the stop sign in town. Is there a way to reduce the visibility at night for the Dark Sky and the airplanes?

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:

none

CONSENT AGENDA:

07/22/2021 Special Meeting, 09/21/21 Special Meeting and 09/07/21 Council Meeting and the payment approval report – unpaid and prepaid bill for September/October. Council President Gadwa moves to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Cron seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

Custer County is requesting use of the community building with all fees waived to host the election on 11/01/21 through 11/2/2021. Council President Gadwa moves to approve the community building request, she would like them to use local people to run the election. Councilmember Cardoso seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

The Stanley Sawtooth Chamber of Commerce is requesting use of the community building with all fees waived on 11/16/21 for their annual membership/board meeting. Councilmember Cron moves to approve Community Building request. Councilmember Cardoso seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

PIONEER PARK:

The Park will be closing soon for the season. Mayor Botti informed everyone that unfortunately, once again, the newest federal program (Economic Development Administration - cares spending package with a tourism component) that the Development Company was working on for Pioneer Park Infrastructure, the City of Stanley will not qualify for this grant due to the small population of Stanley. Currently we are at a dead end, but we haven't given up and will try to find a new grant program.

STREET AND ROADS:

2021/2022 Winter Streets and Roads contract is being negotiated with Stanley Construction and will be signed this week.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

The City Council is in receipt of the written report for August & September from the Custer County Sheriff's office and the Council acknowledges the report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Cemetery: none

Code Review: none

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association: All the naturalist are gone for the season. Unfortunately, our lead naturalist will not be returning next year.

Snowmobile Groomer: Still waiting for the new groomer to arrive. The City Council discussed different alternatives for the loudness of snowmobile traveling on Critchfield, last year the local snowmobile rental company along with locals tried to avoid Critchfield, we're hoping this could occur again this season.

Chamber of Commerce: Their last business after hours at Supper Club was a success. Currently they are working on the 5-year strategic plan. The first Winterfest meeting will be this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #216 Open Land District: Mayor Botti explained that this ordinance is not to rezone Valley Creek Preserve, currently Valley Creek Preserve is in the Residential "B" District. This ordinance is only for updating the Open Land District and to add permitted and prohibited uses, this district currently includes the airport and the Stanley to Redfish trail. Valley Creek Preserve may be rezoned (Valley Creek Preserve should not remain in Residential "B" District), to the Open Land District to accommodate the preserve as referenced in the Comprehensive Plan and the Management Plan. There will be a meeting soon to review an ordinance to rezone Valley Creek prior to a public hearing.

Councilmember Cardoso moves to approve Ordinance #216 Open Land District and to suspend the rules and read by title only, one time only as per Idaho Code 50-902. Councilmember President Gadwa seconds. Mayor Botti reads by title only. Roll Call Vote: Council President Gadwa - Aye. Councilmember Cron - Aye. Councilmember Cardoso - Aye. All approve. Ordinance #216 passes.

Approve the Custer County law enforcement contract FY21/2022: The City Council has reviewed the contract and acknowledges and approves the contract negotiated by Mayor Botti.

Building Permit Fees: It was discussed whether there was the possibility of changing fees for partially completed construction, but the council quickly realized that there is no way to regulate, all construction projects would be in different stages and therefore, the way the code is currently written is sufficient: all building permits are good for two years unless work/construction does not start within 6 months then the permit will be revoked.

CITY CLERK REPORT: City Clerk priorities are to finish quarterly reports and start the Audit process as soon as possible. She also notified the City Council that this will be the last 6:00 p.m. council meeting until spring. Our winter meeting schedule will start in November and all council meetings will be at 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. The City of Stanley winter office hours will also start on Nov. 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Botti adjourns the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Steve Botti
Steve Botti, Mayor

ATTEST: Cari Tassano
Cari Tassano, City Clerk

