

APPROVED

**City of Stanley
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

Council President Steve Botti, Councilmember Lem Sentz, Councilmember Melinda Hadzor, Councilmember Laurii Gadwa, City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano, and maintenance personnel Greg Wallace and James Denhart. Mayor Mumford is not present.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

BZ, Sue Van Der Wall, Charlie Thompson, and Mandy Clark

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order by Council President Botti at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None

MAYORAL COMMENTS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council President Botti reported on a couple of meetings he attended on the Proposed BWNM:

1. He met with the state BLM Director in Boise: posing 11 questions to them. Meeting primarily dealt with the process of possible designation of the monument. The BLM was very forthcoming on the questions posed to them. We will need to discuss this in length at another council meeting once we designate it as an agenda item.
2. He also met with a variety of officials in Washington D.C.: President Botti went with Chairman of Blaine County Commission, Mayor of Ketchum, and special assistant to the Mayor of Boise for Intergovernmental Affairs. Botti felt it was a good chance to reiterate our concerns. He wanted to make sure they understood the importance of hearing the opinion of the local residents before they would think about moving forward. Some of the key officials they met with are: the Deputy Chief of staff for the Secretary of Interior, White House Rohan Patel Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, staff of the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Tidwell Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Robert Bonney Under Secretary of Agriculture, Chiefs of staff for Mike Crapo and Mike Simpson (both congressman are opposed to the designation of the monument), special assistant to President Obama within his council of environmental quality. These officials all reiterated they are open to an open public process (probably will not be before the spring and will either be in Stanley, Challis or Boise, unsure of the exact location). Two other important points is congressman Simpson plans to reintroduce his wilderness bill in January. Bonney knows the issue and what goes on in this Valley; he is not against writing a joint management plan with the BLM if they decide to go ahead.

ORIGINAL IN RED

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:

None

CONSENT AGENDA/MEETING MINUTES:

8/14/2014 Public Hearing, 8/21/2014 Council Meeting and 9/11/2014 Council Meeting. Payment approval report unpaid and prepaid bills for September and October. Councilmember Gadwa points out in the 8/14/14 minutes she would like it to acknowledge that when the Fire Hall was given their building permit there was no landscape requirements in place. City Clerk notes addition to minutes. Councilmember Gadwa makes a motion to approve with change. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Thomas Barrett reads police report and comments there is a substantial decrease in activity for the area.

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

Sawtooth Ski Club, March 7, 2015, use of building with all fees waived for the 13th Annual Sawtooth Ski Festival. Councilmember Gadwa made a motion to approve use of the Community Building with all fees waived. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Stanley School Parent's Association, October 31, 2014, use of building with all fees waived for the Stanley School Halloween Carnival. Councilmember Gadwa moves to approve us of the Community Building with all fees waived. Councilmember Sentz seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

PIONEER PARK:

Request from the Stanley Curling Club for a dedicated curling sheet sent by Doug Plass. The City Council is uncertain where Doug plans on putting the curling sheet; they need to verify that it does not interfere with the Master Plan of the Park. Councilmember Gadwa thinks this is a good idea, but we have no map showing the intended location. We need to know who will be paying for the grading and installation of the sheet; the City does not have the money to fund this project. Gadwa makes a motion to table this request. Have Doug resubmit a request with a map and notify him that the City will not have funds available for this project. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All Approve. Request is tabled.

STREETS AND ROADS:

Council President Botti opened sealed bids for Winter Street and Roads 2014-2015; City Clerk gave President Botti the one bid the City received. The sealed bid was from Stanley Construction for \$120.00 an hour. Councilmember Gadwa moved to approve Stanley Construction bid as long as they abide by the terms and conditions of the contract. Councilmember Sentz second. All approve. Motion passes.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

CEDA: none

Cemetery: Councilmember Gadwa has been working on the permit with the Forest Service to get a special use permit for the portion of the cemetery owned by the Forest Service. The fence would stay relatively in the same location. The only concern the Forest Service had was vehicles driving onto the property from out of the area with noxious weeds attached. Gadwa assured them that vehicles are not allowed other than a possibility of a hearse. At the present time there is no possibility of expansion at the cemetery.

Code Review: none

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association: The museum remained open thru September because of the nice weather. SIHA is hoping to extend the fall hours in 2015 also. They had a very good turnout this fall.

Groomer: None.

Chamber of Commerce: Charlie Thompson and the council spoke about how to coordinate a date for the contract with the chamber of commerce and the City for the Option Tax Support. It was decided that an informal meeting could be held and the Mayor will select a date and whichever chamber members were available to attend would do so. The Mayor would then report back to the council.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

The Council reminded the public of the Work Session on October 13, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m., Topic: penalties for violating city ordinances.

The City Clerk requested approval of the June 12, 2014 revised minutes, adding the approval of building permits by the City Clerk in June, this is when the new resolution #2014-1 went into effect. The City Clerk had posted them on the Cities web site and on the agenda but neglected to add the building permits in the minutes. Councilmember Gadwa made a motion to approve revised minutes. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All Approve. Motion passes.

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY CITY CLERK:

Building Permit #842, Mackay Wilderness River Trips
Building Permit #843, B&C Property Holdings

BUILDING PERMITS/CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Building Permit #844, Dick Waite Family LTD Partnership, BZ clarified to the City Councils satisfaction that the portion of property involved was not in the flood plain or the wetlands. Councilmember Gadwa made a motion to approve Building Permit #844. Councilmember Sentz seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Sign Permit #1409171, Sawtooth Traxx, this banner would need to be a temporary banner and needs to be applied for as a temporary sign, the dates of the temporary sign need to be clarified along with requesting exception for the size of the banner. If possible Sawtooth Traxx may get this information to the council by the October 13, 2014 work session. This permit is tabled for a new sign permit with the above requirements. Council President Botti makes a motion to table sign permit #1409171. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approve. Permit is tabled.

Sign Permit #1409172, Sawtooth Traxx, Councilmember Gadwa moves to approve sign permit #1409172. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

CITY CLERK REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano)

The City has received all anticipated deposits for the FY 2014, with the exception of the funds from the Forest Service reimbursing the City for snow grooming; these funds will be received within the next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Gadwa moved to go into executive session IC 67-2345 (1) (f) to discuss pending legal matters at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. Roll call vote was taken by City Clerk, Council President Botti – Aye, Councilmember Gadwa – Aye, Councilmember Hadzor – Aye, and Councilmember Sentz – Aye. All approve. Motion passes.


Council President Botti moves to adjourn executive session and go into regular session at 7:48 p.m. Councilmember Gadwa seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Botti Regular meeting is adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Steve Botti, Council President

ATTEST: 

Cari Tassano, City Clerk

Noted attachments follow:

BLM question and answers summary

ORIGINAL IN RED

BLM State Director Answers To Questions about the Proposed Boulder-White Clouds National Monument

Steve Botti notes
10/9/14

1. What has been the BLM experience with other national monuments that it manages or jointly manages? What kind of issues or problems arise in writing and implementing joint management plans with other agencies? How are things working at Craters of the Moon?

Answer: The BLM is involved in the management of 20 national monuments, three of which are jointly managed with other agencies. Planning for joint management generally works better if there is a MOU in place to guide the planning process, rather than separate planning by each agency. It is better if the planning objectives and issues are coordinated during the scoping process and environmental compliance phase rather than integrating planning after the fact. Craters of the Moon had separate planning for the BLM and NPS parts of the monument. A Boulder-White Clouds national monument would encompass a large area with a wide array of issues, and would benefit from an up-front agreement between BLM and the Forest Service.

2. Are there specific land management issues in the BLM portion of the proposed BWC national monument that might be addressed better through a joint management plan with the Forest Service? Are there situations in which management might become more complicated or difficult?

Answer: A joint management plan could be the basis for joint budget initiatives, which would increase the chances for obtaining adequate staffing and resources to address problems. Stakeholder support and advocacy would help the agencies leverage funds through an integrated, interagency management plan.

3. How is the management of wildlife, especially migrating species like deer, pronghorn and elk, presently coordinated among Idaho F & G, the Forest Service, and the BLM? Is this working well? Does the BLM have concerns about habitat for these species? Could a BWC Monument provide better protection and management for these species?

Answer: The management of deer, pronghorn, and elk is already coordinated well among the agencies. The management of bighorn sheep

and sage grouse could benefit from increased joint initiatives. Wild horses are a major issue that also could benefit from greater coordination. A monument proclamation should not limit the BLM's ability to gather wild horses.

4. Presidential proclamations for national monuments are usually pretty short and succinct, simply listing the historic and scientific objects to be protected. Are there examples of BLM-managed monuments for which proclamations have provided a more in-depth statement of management intent? Could this be done for a BWC national monument? If so, what type of direction would be helpful, without preempting the management planning process?

Answer: If there is a Boulder-White Clouds national monument, the more specific the proclamation is in listing historic and scientific objects to be protected the better. A statement of management intent relating to the protection of these objects would be helpful. This has been done for some recent Monuments, and has been helpful in addressing stakeholder concerns going into the planning process. BLM believes that the issue of rights-of-way is a major one that should be addressed up-front. Enabling legislation for SNRA.

5. The opponents of a BWC national monument often cite a concern that writing a management plan might take 10 years and in the meantime leave current management in limbo. Others have suggested that a proclamation should place a specific time limit on preparing a management plan - e.g. 3 years. Is there a way to satisfy NEPA and other compliance requirements, reduce the probability of litigation, and still reduce the burden of a 10-year planning process?

Answer: Yes, Craters of the Moon and Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains national monuments were given a 3 years to complete management plans. Three to four years is a realistic timeframe for scoping and drafting a management plan and preparing an Environmental Assessment. To avoid confusion, proclamations have directed that existing management policies and plans remain in place until a new management plan is approved.

6. Does the BLM have a preferred approach for writing management plans that has worked well in similar situations? What type of skills and perspectives should be represented on the planning team? Would it be helpful to have an independent collaborative group assist with scoping issues and plan alternatives? How could the City of Stanley help in the

planning process?

Answer: A joint, collaborative management plan for the monument would work best. In the case of Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, the law established an advisory group to assist the agencies in scoping and drafting a management plan. This group has broad representation from cities, landowners, and user groups. A Presidential proclamation could establish a similar process.

7. What is the situation with mining claims on the BLM lands that are proposed for inclusion within a BWC monument? The proponents have suggested withdrawing the area from new mining claims. How would that work? Would existing claims still be valid? What are the issues associated with this?

Answer: There are 250 active mining claims in the BLM portion of the proposed monument, and 78 claims in the SNRA portion of the proposed monument. Two of the claims on the BLM lands provide gravel material to Custer County and if those were closed Custer County would have to go 30 miles farther for material at a cost of \$300,000 per year.

8. The preservation and enhancement of salmon are often cited as things that could be improved through broad landscape-scale management within a BWC monument. Is salmon management already coordinated among the agencies through NMFS? What would or could change under national monument designation?

Answer: The endangered species salmon recovery plan established by National Marine Fisheries and Bonneville Power guides management actions among affected land management agencies. This would not change under national monument designation. Additional layers of management, such as a monument in the Boulder-White Clouds, would not affect the basic salmon recovery strategy any more than the overlay of the Sawtooth Wilderness has within the SNRA. The change would be negligible. This strategy already is implemented by multiple agencies along the 900-mile length of the Salmon River and its tributaries.

9. The monument proponents have advocated voluntary retirement of grazing allotments by providing payments, similar to the provisions advocated under CIEDRA. Others have suggested that monument status would perhaps provide greater opportunities for conservation easements using LWCF or private funds. Would this be a helpful policy in the East Fork country?

Retirement of some allotments along with conservation easements to allow ranchers to maintain a viable presence on the land would be much more feasible with monument designation because this would attract more private money for easements and higher priority for utilization of Land and Water Conservation Fund money. This would work best if local non-governmental organization become involved in supporting a strategy to obtain easements from willing parties..

10. The proposed BWC monument boundaries would leave large private inholdings along the East Fork Salmon River. Would there be management concerns relating to the possible development of these lands to provide gateway services for the monument? How would the BLM feel about placing voluntary conservation easements on these lands similar to what has been done under the SNRA in the Sawtooth Valley?

If development in the East Fork is a concern, constraining it with conservation easements would be much more possible under monument designation.

11. Are there lessons from the Owyhees wilderness designation that might be relevant to the BWC monument proposal?

A collaborative framework to guide management works best. Even with such a framework, there can still be disagreements about interpreting and implementing agreements. Agreements and management policies should be structured to be very clear and unambiguous.