

**City of Stanley
Council Meeting Minutes
Tele-conference
November 12, 2020**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Carole Finley, Keith Reese, Rebecca Arnold, Hunter Diehl, Eddie Bengston, Matt Turley, Doug Bates, Ken Hosac, Grey Dye, Lyn Grey, Stuart Siderman, C.J. Sherlock, Jeff Welker, Gary Gadwa and Keri York

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance for regulations – Title 17- zoning regulations: The Public Hearing was opened at 5:32 p.m.

Opening Comments by the City Council: There have been several meetings regarding Title 17

Testimony in favor: none

Neutral Testimony: none

Testimony in opposition:

Jeff Welker: finds it interesting that we refer to public comments, but he hasn't found anyone that supports Title 17. This ordinance is based on the Comprehensive Plan but yet on page 55 there are two pictures, one of which has a shed roof. Page 56 there is another shed roof. He would like to see shed roofs allowed in the code. He also feels the City should not control window sizes.

Rebecca Arnold: finds it puzzling that a council person states that this is what the community wants, yet no one has testified in favor of Title 17. We are in the middle of a pandemic and Arnold feels we should wait until individuals can come to the meeting in person. With Title 17 changes, someone could not rebuild their home without redesigning it; many buildings and lots in town would be out of compliance. Window sizes are concerning, this is aesthetic only.

Matt Turley: surprising to me that there has been no testimony in favor of title 17 in this public hearing or in the last public hearing on 10/15/20. Turley would like to be able to build what his neighbors have built. We already have shed roofs, we already have large windows, we already have skyline structures. He feels we are opening ourselves up to ill will or lawsuits.

Ken Hosac: There is lack of language that will enable me to rebuild my existing property and I feel my existing house is rustic. He wants to be able to rebuild his home as is, and not have to put in tiny windows. Reiterating that language is not explicit.

Keith Reese: Existing Stanley architecture is eclectic; diversity gives flavor to the town. He feels the language needs a significant amount of work to be clear and understandable. 18' height limit is going to cause several design problems for homes being built on a hillside. More thought needs to go into the language of the ordinance.

Doug Bates: When we built our home, we worked really hard to stay with the rustic nature of the home and the City of Stanley ordinances. Our home has small, shed 5roofs which I feel helped it to give a rustic and western look. The view is the most important thing to homeowners. Aesthetically there is a home that has been in Stanley for a very long time with no windows. It's important having a view port and respecting the view port of others.

C.J. Sherlock: appearance and building materials, flat or shed type roof, the architectural definition is a single pitched roof, a majority of the homes in Stanley will be negatively affected by Title 17. Permitting flat or shed type roofs on a case-by-case basis is not fair to everyone. Windows restriction is an overreach of our local government, and the views and natural light is very important to Stanley. if there was a catastrophe, I would not be able to rebuild my home as it now stands.

Brooke Bates: concurs with comments that were made on roofs, windows, and skylines.

Closing comments from the city council: Councilmember Clegg thanked everyone for voicing their concerns and feels we need at least a couple more work sessions before making any further decisions.

Mayor Botti adjourns the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – Revised Comprehensive Plan 2020: The Public Hearing was opened at 6:09 p.m. to receive comments on the proposed Revised Comprehensive Plan:

Opening comments by the City Council. Council President Gadwa explained we have had numerous work sessions on the comprehensive plan and most of these changes were derived from these work sessions, public comments and the comprehensive plan vision.

Testimony in favor: Keri York with Wood River Land Trust, commented on the land use section for the Valley Creek Preserve; VCP mission is to preserve and protect the open space, fisheries and aquatic habitat of the reserve. WRLT plans on transferring the property to the City of Stanley to manage and supports the rezoning to open space of Valley Creek Preserve.

Neutral Testimony: Jeff Welker, would like to see the area (Valley Creek Preserve) preserved. Dark Sky Reserve, in support of, but homes still need to have lighting. Feels there are exhibits in the comprehensive plan that are not rustic and western.

Testimony in opposition: Rebecca Arnold, objects to having the Comprehensive Plan approved tonight, due to the fact she could not find the red lined version on the website and would like any public communications made part of the record.

Council President Gadwa there is a red lined version on the website along with the new version being considered tonight.

Mayor Botti adjourns the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order by Mayor Botti at 6:34 p.m.

Roll call was taken again and all councilmember were still present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Council President Gadwa moves to amend the agenda per Idaho Code 74-204 (4) (b) for Emergency Powers Ordinance, Public Health Emergency Order and Disaster Declaration Resolution due to the public health emergency from COVID-19. Councilmember Cron seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

none

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

none

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

none

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Amy Klinger, currently we have 17 active cases in Stanley. Which puts us in the Orange Level of high cases for our population. Positivity rate for Stanley is 55%, these are alarming numbers. State level 1,158 today and 1,693 cases yesterday, significant increase. November is predicted to be the worst month yet. Hospitals are becoming overwhelmed. Rapid tests are available at the Stanley Clinic. Recognizing the symptoms and staying isolated is important.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

October 8, 2020 Special Meeting and October 15, 2020 Council Meeting. Payment approval report – unpaid and prepaid bills for October/November. Council President Gadwa moves to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Clegg seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

The City Council passed on this agenda item; no report was provided by the Custer County Sheriff's office.

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

none

PIONEER PARK:

none

STREET AND ROADS:

none

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Cemetery: none

Code Review: none

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association: Museum closed. Fall news letter will be coming out soon.

Groomer: none

Chamber of Commerce: Eddie stated that everything is clear on her end with no updates.

BUILDING PERMITS/CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL:

none

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to adopt General Use Regulations Title 17 – Zoning Ordinance #211: Council President Gadwa moves to table draft ordinance #211 for further review. Councilmember Clegg seconds. Clegg would like to see the council set up some additional work sessions prior to any further public hearings. All approve. Motion passes.

Request to adopt Comprehensive Plan Revision – Resolution #2020-06. Council President Gadwa moves to approve the revised Comprehensive Plan, Resolution #2020-06. Councilmember Sentsz seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Stanley Summer Street Dance Series 2021: Councilmember Cron wants to make sure we are only referring to only 1 night a week and what time it will end on each night. Council President Gadwa agrees with Cron and would like to see the stage moved more frequently throughout the summer. Botti suggests under the sections that the City of Stanley responsibilities to include the wording: allow street dance events to occur in 2021 subject to the restriction from the state and COVID-19 response plan or health orders. Councilmember Cron moves to table the Stanley Summer Street Series for 2021. Councilmember Sentsz seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Stanley 2020 Personnel Policy: Councilmember Cron moves to approve the City of Stanley Personnel Policy. Councilmember Clegg seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Disaster Declaration Resolution #2020-07: The resolution will last for 30 days. This resolution is to encourage residents and visitors to wear masks, keep a safe distance and follow CDC rules. Council President Gadwa moves to approve Resolution 2020-07. Councilmember Sentsz seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

City of Stanley Emergency Powers Ordinance #212: Council President Gadwa moves to approve Ordinance #212, and to waive the 3 reading and read by title only, one time only per Idaho Code 50-902. Mayor Botti reads by title only. Councilmember Cron seconds. Roll call vote: Council President Gadwa – Aye, Councilmember Cron

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- Aye, Councilmember Clegg - Aye and Councilmember Sentz - Aye. Ordinance 212 passes.

Public Health Emergency Order #20-002: The City Council agrees with the Public Health Emergency Order.


CITY CLERK REPORT:

The new fiscal year financials have been presented to the council. Due to the 2020 personnel policy passing, it will affect our budgeted number for retirement and health benefits for FY2020-21, more employees will be eligible for benefits under our new employee definition.

Council President Gadwa thanked the community for supporting our Option Tax on the November 3, 2020 General Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Botti adjourns the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



Steve Botti, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Cari Tassano, City Clerk

