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**City of Stanley
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY: Mayor Herb Mumford, Councilmember Laurii Gadwa, Councilmember Lem Sentz, Councilmember Melinda Hadzor, Council President Steve Botti and City Clerk Doug Plass.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mumford called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None.

MAYOR COMMENTS/UPDATE:

Mayor Mumford attended the Eastern Idaho Legislative Forum, and reports that the proposals to eliminate the personal property tax dominated the discussion. The Governor wants to see the tax eliminated, but many communities are anticipating a great deal of trouble dealing with the loss of revenue. A local option tax for non-resort cities is being considered, but those resort communities who have a local option tax report that passage by the voters is rarely a shoe-in, anyway. There was a great deal of discussion about this issue.

The Sawtooth Outdoor Bonspiel, put on by the Boise Curling Club, will be held on the weekend of January 24-26, 2013. Come out and cheer the curlers on.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Keith Reese reports that due to the success of the Library fundraising efforts, the Stanley Square will be pursuing the process of converting the ownership to condominiums soon. Within the next month or so, the submissions will be made. Mayor Mumford asks if there will still be flexibility with respect to owning versus renting. Keith Reese states that there will be no differences from the earlier plan that was submitted. Council President Botti asks if there will be changes in how it is used. Keith Reese reports that some offices could be used for small studio apartments, as providing offices with a studio apartment in it may be more affordable than larger units. Keith also would like to bring the subject of a city parking plan up for discussion. He notes that the portion of the state highway used for vehicle traffic is 24 feet wide, and that is all that we would need for traffic on Stanley City streets. This would leave plenty of room for perpendicular parking. Traffic tends to slow down in a perpendicular parking situation, and it would just require a change of habits.

Charlie Thompson reports that there is a Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon on January 15th in the City Meeting Room, and that anyone is welcome to come on by. He also encourages the Council to, when considering parking in the city, to think about the difference between winter and summer parking. He would also like the Council to discuss the personal property tax, as he is afraid that its loss would mean other taxes would increase. Mayor Mumford reports that at the conference he attended, no one was happy about seeing the personal property tax go away.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:

The current CAIL was distributed to the council.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

The December 6th Council Meeting and Workshop Minutes and the Payment Approval Report for December/January is presented to the council. Councilmember Gadwa notes that the December 6th Council Meeting Minutes should be corrected to state that the Council gave her the go ahead to pursue expansion of the Cemetery. Councilmember Gadwa moves to approve the consent agenda with the noted correction. Council President Botti seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Mumford reviews the Sheriffs' report, noting little activity in Stanley.

Councilmember Hadzor asks what the current status of police hiring in Stanley is. Mayor Mumford says that we would like to get an officer who can work full time in the summer and part-time in the winter. We have received a few applications, and one of them is still interested. However, housing is an issue. The City has discussed constructing housing for the police officer in the past, but in the meantime the Mayor would like to consider offering an efficiency apartment. He would like the Council to think about doing so.

Jen Hettum asks what is required to send someone to POST. Mayor Mumford says that going to POST isn't a problem, rather ensuring that the officer receives the required level of post-graduation training is the difficulty that we encounter, as we have no one to give the training and supervision. Jen asks if someone wanting to go to POST and training with Custer County could be our cop next winter. The Mayor says that they could, but they would have to do it themselves. Charlie Thompson asks if the Sheriff has been consulted about contracting for City of Stanley police coverage. The Mayor reports that Custer County is not interested in doing so, and that the arrangements that the County has with other cities has left all parties unhappy with the arrangement.

STREETS AND ROADS

The Mayor reports that the lack of snowfall thus far this winter has left the Streets and Roads budget in good shape.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery: (Councilmember Gadwa) No report
- CEDA Report: (Mayor Mumford) There have been no meetings in November and December, but one is expected in January. Because of Thompson-Creek Mine reducing operation, a concern is that the Challis community is in need of jobs. CEDA would like to work on developing jobs locally. On January 17th at the Y-Inn, there will be a discussion about how best to accomplish this. Also, expect an open house for the new Challis Community Center to occur in February sometime.
- Chamber of Commerce: (Charlie Thompson) The C of C is working with an ad agency to update the website using some grant money that needed to be spent prior to the end of 2012 or it would be lost.
- Code Review: (Council President Botti) A work session was held evaluating the penalties in the SMC with the intention of determining whether some ought to be lessened. Also there remains work to do on building permits

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regarding their terms and renewal processes. The Council would like to see whether there is an opportunity available to make the process work better.

- Sawtooth Association (SIHA) (Gary Gadwa): The Shaw Cabin restoration plan is in the works. Advertising for summer naturalists is beginning, and the positions should pay better this year than in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sign Permit 0107131 (Stanley Community Library) – Councilmember Gadwa moves to approve. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

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CITY CLERK REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Plass)

The FY12 audit is ongoing, and nearly complete.

Our map cabinet is arriving in the next week, thanks to the help of the Stephensons. There will be some major office reorganization after it arrives.

The City Engineer reports that there will be a draft of the park plan available on 1/11.

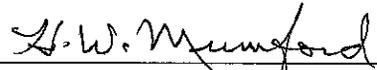
The City Office will be closed on 1/21 for Martin Luther King Jr. / Human Rights Day.

OPTION TAX REPORT/TREASURY REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Plass)

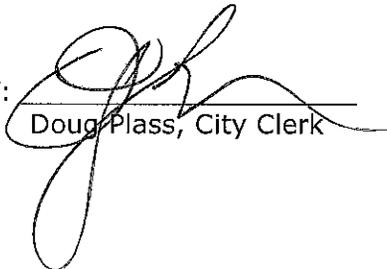
The current financial documents are presented including the Option Tax report, Local Government Investment Pool statement, Check Register, Accounts Receivable Report, and Budget to Actual Comparison Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mumford adjourns the meeting at 6:59 pm.



Herb Mumford, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Doug Plass, City Clerk

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