

Parma City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 9, 2015

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Council Members Keith Vickers, Jim Smith, Oney Eguia, Doyle Fisher, Angie Lee, and Tom Smith

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Brian Taylor, Canyon County Prosecutor; Jill Holinka, City Attorney; Beth Campbell, Western Canyon Chronicle; Jake Naylor, Litigation Attorney; Ken Steinhaus, Public Works Supervisor; Albert Erickson, Police Chief; Angie Mejia, City Clerk

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting were read for approval. Tom Smith moved for approval. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CANYON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION - BRYAN TAYLOR: Mr. Taylor presented his annual presentation to Council. Mr. Taylor provided a quick overview of crime trends and civil matters that his office represents the County on. Overall, crime is down to one of the lowest rates ever seen in Canyon County. The number of felony filings are down slightly. There is a rise in burglaries as a result of different philosophies regarding the treatment of repeat offenders for the lesser offense of theft.

Statistics for the County show that the murder rate is up significantly and there is an increase in gang and motorcycle club activity. Vigorous prosecution has contributed to the rise in L&L charges.

The City of Parma has a rise in felonies and Mr. Taylor believes that its geographic location (along with Notus and Wilder) contributes to the drug trafficking in the region. The majority of the increase is attributed to narcotics and drug-related offenses. The prosecutor's office has a great working relationship with the Parma PD.

Regarding civil issues, the federal government, after several years, presented the final conservation plan for Lake Lowell on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The document is several hundred pages long. It is available online. Mr. Taylor encourages the Mayor and Council to look at it and provide input to the Canyon County Commissioners because the lake is an asset of the County.

Additionally, the current legislature is considering the legalization of certain cannabinoid oils and marijuana. From a law enforcement and prosecutorial perspective, he hopes that Canyon County representatives will shut these efforts down.

Finally, the jail is always an issue. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent to handle the current facility. Everyone seems to agree that the County needs a new facility but no one seems to come to a consensus on how to get there. The debate continues. The Sheriff is more than happy to hear input from the various communities.

Mayor Leigh asked Mr. Taylor to describe the SAUSA (Special Assistant United States Attorney) program. A Canyon County attorney is deputized and works out of the United States Attorney's office. The primary objective is to deal with and assess gangs and violent criminals within the Treasure Valley. The cases are related to complex organized crime and once the individuals are tried and convicted, they don't reside in the state of Idaho. The US government houses them in various locations throughout the US. This works well because instead of doing time with their "buddies" in the Idaho State Penitentiary, they are scattered throughout the US and unable to maintain their relationships and culture. It has been very successful.

#### POLICE REPORT - CHIEF ERICKSON:

February had a lot of calls to the school with most of the calls being drug related. The cars had standard maintenance and one flat tire. This is an improvement over previous months.

There were 215 calls for service, down from 227 in January. This could be a result of the month being short. They also did security checks on 120 businesses. They responded to: 14 animal complaints, impounded were impounded 10, 6 delivered to the Canyon County Animal Shelter, 6 battery complaints, 8 theft or burglary, 5 drug offense, 2 child abuse, 1 DUI, 4 ordinance violation, 1 weapons offense, 1 traffic accident and 8 warrants were served.

There were 32 citations for 16 violations including: 2 DWP, 5 battery, 10 drug offense, 2 fail to register, and 1 speed. There are no full-time openings.

The Dedication Ceremony for the memorials at Old Fort Boise Park will take place Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Raul Labrador will be the guest speaker. Chief is sending out invitations.

Council asked Chief about the "spider" house and the progress of the Parking Ordinance. Chief is working on nuisance issues with the former and there has been no progress on the latter. Council continues to have issue with parking on sidewalk areas and 72-hour parking limit.

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - KEN STEINHAUS:

Prior to the Council Meeting, Pharmer Engineering met with Council to go through the Wastewater Facility Plan. Ken touched on a couple of topics such as the Sandhollow offset and asked if the Council understood everything that Russell Brooks had gone over with them. There is a meeting Friday to discuss the phosphorus trading. The City will be watching the Dixie Drain project.

The Public Works crew has been busy hauling sand, putting up new signs, grading, taking samples from Well #12, installing man gates at Well #12, put in a new motor at Well #9, and did meter readings and shut-offs.

Dumpsters are set up for the entire week of Clean-up week. Other cities only have free dumping on Saturday only. He called Transystem about the mud at Sinclair. Staff dug out the ditch at the

beet dump. The Sheriff's Inmate Labor Detail cleaned up leaves at the City Park. Staff is using the trackhoe to dig up pit run and sprayed sterilant to eliminate weeds. Manholes were checked and there was a bad E Coli sample with follow-up with the EPA. Equipment is being prepared for the Parks as the weather improves.

#### CITY ATTORNEY- JILL HOLINKA:

Jill Holinka brought up a couple of changes that were brought up by staff that had been previously discussed but not changed in the final draft including meter accessibility and continuing to charge the monthly minimum fees after a lien has been filed.

WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE # 574 - Keith Vickers moved to waive the three reading rule, and have the ordinance read by Title Only, one time. Doyle Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried by roll call vote: Keith Vickers - yes, Jim Smith - yes, Oney Eguia - yes, Doyle Fisher - yes, Angie Lee - yes, and Tom Smith - yes.

Motion was made by Jim Smith to adopt Water and Sewer Ordinance #574, and read by Title only. Doyle Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried by roll call vote: Keith Vickers - yes, Jim Smith - yes, Oney Eguia - yes, Doyle Fisher - yes, Angie Lee - yes, and Tom Smith - yes.

UTILITY BILLING RESOLUTION #2015-3- Staff had a couple of minor changes adding "weekend" in several places. Keith Vickers moved to approve Resolution #2015-3 by title only. Doyle Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried by roll call vote: Keith Vickers - yes, Jim Smith - yes, Oney Eguia - yes, Doyle Fisher - yes, Angie Lee - yes, and Tom Smith - yes.

#### MAYOR REPORT

Library Board - Jim Smith presented information to Council regarding the Library Board's selection of the new Library Director that will replace Laura Nepl. There were several applications submitted and the board considered four of them. Jim Smith moved to accept the appointment of Glenys Rasmussen as the new Library Director. Keith Vickers seconded the motion, motion carried.

Kathy Finley will be resigning from the Library Board effective June 2 or as soon as a replacement can be found. There are a few names that have been brought up as replacements. The Library Board will make a decision and present the appointment to City Council.

Planning & Zoning Open Seat Appointment - Mayor Leigh presented Norman Miller to Council for consideration for the open seat on the P & Z Commission. Motion was made by Jim Smith to accept Norman Miller for a 2-year P & Z Commission appointment. Keith Vickers seconded motion, motion carried.

#### AMEND AGENDA:

Jim Smith moved to amend the agenda to include the discussion of the water and sewer rates that was tabled from the last City Council Meeting. Doyle Fisher seconded motion, motion carried.

#### WATER & SEWER RATES:

Doyle Fisher recommends that the Council consider raising the base rate for water and sewer by \$9.00 each and leave the \$1.58 per gallon usage after 4,000 gallons (instead of 3,000).

Keith Vickers would like to see the rates increase by \$9.00 for water and \$10.00 for sewer and raise the gallons to 4,000 at a rate of \$1.58 per 1,000 gallons.

Ken Steinhaus believes that the increases are necessary to maintain the current system and have any hope of future improvements. The Council agreed would like to set up the Public Hearing before the Regular Council meeting at 6:30pm on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The rate increase amounts will be discussed further at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting. Legals will be sent to the Clerk and the Canyon County Chronicle as required by law.

#### MONTHLY BILLS:

Monthly bills totaled \$22,417.32. Angie Lee moved to approve the bills. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jim Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 8 :50pm as provided in Idaho Code, Title 67-2345(1)(f): litigation. Keith Vickers seconded the motion, motion carried by roll call vote.

Council came out of executive session at 9:17pm. No action taken by Council.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Angie Lee moved to adjourn at 9:18p.m. Oney Eguia seconded the motion, motion carried.