

**CITY OF KUNA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor W. Greg Nelson
Council President Richard Cardoza
Council Member Briana Buban-Vonder Haar
Council Member Pat Jones
Council Member Joe Stear

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Richard T. Roats, City Attorney
John Marsh, City Treasurer
Gordon Law, City Engineer
Wendy Howell, Planning & Zoning Director
Chris Engels, Deputy City Clerk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Roll call reflected Council Members Cardoza, Jones, Buban-Vonder Haar and Stear present at the meeting.

2. Budget Workshop

John Marsh explained the object of the meeting is to provide budget information for consideration in preparation of the August 5, 2014 meeting when the Tentative Budget will be presented.

(Timestamp 00:01:19)

Gordon Law reported the budgets are not balanced at this time and include many requests for council consideration. He informed the council the building permits for new homes dropped off in late April through June. The projections for new home permits were 175 but the estimated amount is around 117 which significantly impacts the budget revenue.

Parks Budget:

The total of 203,169 is projected of new funds or discretionary spending.

Mr. Law reviewed the various park expenses and indicated equipment could be cut back.

Arbor Ridge Park and some of the funds that may be able to be obtained from Cory Barton were discussed.

Mayor Nelson explained a meeting will be held next week to discuss drainage issues to move forward with rehabbing the athletic fields.

A request for new employees in the Parks Department was noted converting the Recreation Director from a part-time position to a full-time position and also to add one additional part-time position.

A. Late Comers Fee Fund *(Timestamp 00:28:45)*

Mr. Law explained the funds from the Late Comers Fund are based on agreements the City has entered into to reimburse developers for over-sizing. He didn't have any additions to the budget other than the goal is to retire them in 10 years.

B. Well Mitigation Fund *(Timestamp 00:30:24)*

Mr. Law explained the Well Mitigation Fund is a reserve fund to cover any mitigated expenses from water rights. In 2017, the obligation under the agreement will be concluded and the funds will be transferred to the Water Fund. The 2014 Fiscal Year End cash is \$250,912.

C. Water Fund *(Timestamp 00:31:32)*

City Engineer Law explained that revenues are \$500,000 short of expenses. The Master Plan Amendment can be cut and he listed the projects he feels are important. The PI Pond will have to wait until funding is available. He reported that there are some electronic communication issues between City Hall and the Waste Water Treatment Plant noting there have been discussions about installing fiber optics.

Mayor Nelson indicated that fiber optics will help with economic growth. He found out that Pocatello has fiber optics and he is getting information from the person in charge to learn how to expand and maintain it. He hopes to partner with the school on fiber optics but is still researching costs and implementation but feels it is important to start budgeting for it.

The purpose of the Chapparosa/Waters Edge PI Pond was explained to help with irrigation water shortage years. The costs of \$600,000 are a rough estimate and could be spread out over several years.

There is a shortage of parking at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for staff and customers. There is a project budgeted in water, sewer and pressure irrigation to increase the parking area.

Mr. Law clarified he is looking to cut \$300,000 from the Water Fund Budget.

D. Sewer Fund *(Timestamp 00:44:47)*

Mr. Law explained the Sewer Fund is underfunded by \$500,000 with \$200,000 in Contingency. The Extend Master Plan item for \$100,000 might possibly be cut. There is a problem with the blower at the lagoons that needs to be replaced at a budgeted amount of \$240,000.

E. Local Improvement District (LID) Fund

There is no LID to discuss.

F. Pressure Irrigation Fund (*Timestamp 00:50:48*)

Mr. Law noted there was a shortfall in this fund as well. The Extend Master Plan item could be cut in this fund as well as some equipment purchases.

G. Solid Waste Fund (*Timestamp 00:51:57*)

A discussion on park restrooms took place noting there are currently five parks that do not have restrooms.

Council Member Jones is interested in looking at the cost of fees for renting items versus purchasing them.

Mr. Jones also asked for clarification on the proposed additional full-time employees.

(*Timestamp 01:06:07*)

John Marsh updated the Council with the property tax levy for last year. He noted the revenues and the various reductions and increases in the various line items.

It was noted revenues for County Fine Distribution are going down every year with no explanation known at this time. Senior Center rental fees are also down due to the church no longer renting the facility. Building permits have also tapered down for the past few months.

The carry over fund balance is \$717,340 at this point and the Community Fitness Endeavor Donation from Tim Eck is \$113,795 with \$4,444.00 for Health & Welfare make up the Fund Reservations. He explained the amount available in the Fund Carryover balance after the Fund Reservations is \$599,101.00.

Mr. Marsh reviewed various revenue and expense items line by line referring to the explanation information for each budget request.

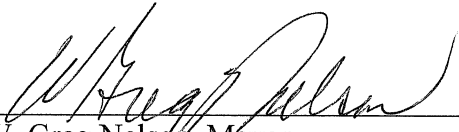
Mr. Marsh explained the tax levy amounts that are available and optional Mayor's items for consideration.

He reviewed the franchise fee and potential increase for J & M Sanitation.

Tim Gordon from J & M Sanitation provided a proposal presentation about the cost increases that have occurred over the years and the associated rate increases.

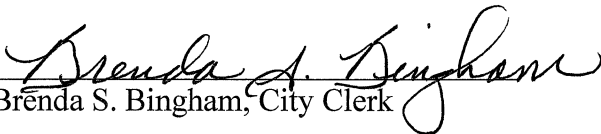
3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham
Date Approved: CCM 8/5/14



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