

**CITY OF KUNA  
CITY COUNCIL AND KUNA SCHOOL BOARD  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.  
Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho**

**WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**Kuna City Mayor & Council:**

Greg W. Nelson, Mayor  
Richard Cardoza, Council President  
Briana Buban-Vonder Haar, Council Member  
Joe Stear, Council Member  
Pat Jones, Council Member

**City Staff:**

Richard Roats, City Attorney  
Bobby Withrow, Parks Supervisor  
Brenda Bingham, City Clerk

Wendy Howell, P&Z Director

**Kuna School Board of Trustees:**

Carl Ericson  
Michael Law  
Ginny Greger

**Superintendent & District Staff:**

Devan DeLashmutt, Asst. Superintendent  
Melanie DeLashmutt, HR Manager  
Bryan Fletcher, Business Manager  
Layne Saxton

**Others:** Mark Barnes, Kuna Melba News

**AGENDA**

1. Update on Economic Development (*Timestamp 00:01:03*)

The entire Economic Development Committee which is a combination of the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Kuna has been reorganized. Contacts are being made to invite businesses to locate in Kuna. Two industrial type businesses are showing interest in our area. Access to a railroad spur is being checked into with efforts being made to see how to assist businesses with various needs.

2. Purchase of Diesel and Gas Jointly (*Timestamp 00:10:18*)

Combining partnerships with city, school and fire district for distribution of diesel and gas for the fleets were discussed in an effort to save costs. Investments of larger storage tanks for the fuel could be considered if a partnership was established to see if it was feasible. Grants for alternative fuel type vehicles were also mentioned.

3. Energy Savings (*Timestamp 00:15:01*)

Cities are negotiating with Idaho Power and adopting specifications so they can buy from same sources to get lower electricity costs. Kuna is looking into doing this same thing and would change lighting in city buildings to energy saving bulbs. Interest was shown in implementing solar panels.

Incorporating fiber optics within the city was discussed. Research is being done to see how smaller communities have accomplished this. This would be a benefit to our city and would help with economic and housing development.

4. Community Development - New Regulations Being Considered - Parks and Street Lights (*Timestamp 00:25:35*)

Subdivision parks and common areas were discussed with the desire to omit parks from future subdivisions and to use impact fee funds to put in better parks throughout the city for all to use.

Interest was expressed in changing subdivision lighting to LED street lights.

5. Ada County Court and Kuna Schools – Devan DeLashmutt, Assistant Superintendent (*Timestamp 00:29:31*)

The school is pursuing a partnership with Judge Manweiler so juveniles can have alternatives before directly entering the court system. Research shows that more students are being more successful if they have interventions and options in place to keep them out of the typical court process. The program would provide the school, student and legal system some alternative recourse for resolving problems with student's behaviors.

It was reported that Kuna High School is bringing on the first Air Force ROTC program in Idaho this year which will provide an outstanding opportunity for the students. The program will allow for 150 participants and 107 students have already signed up. More information will be reported at a future meeting.

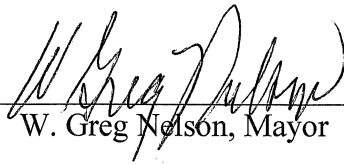
It was noted Brian Graves is the new Principal at Kuna High School.

6. Growth (*Timestamp 00:42:30*)

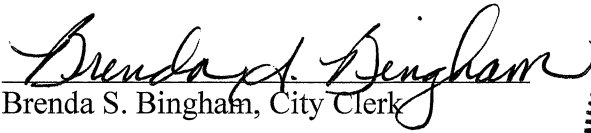
Wendy Howell reported a total of 107 building permits were issued for the last quarter, 31 were for new home permits, other permits were for remodels, additions, move on buildings, commercial improvement and other miscellaneous permits. She also reported there are 666 lots in process with 1 multi-family project of 134 units. Kuna Caves Storage permit is ready, McDonalds permit will be ready soon and Ultimate Heating & Air is moving into the industrial area.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

  
W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

*Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham  
Date Approved: CCM 8/19/14*



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