

**CITY OF KUNA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013
Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho**

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Richard Roats, City Attorney
Gordon Law, City Engineer
John Marsh, City Treasurer
Mike Borzick, GIS Mapper
Brenda Bingham, City Clerk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call reflected Council President Cardoza and Council Members Buban-Vonder Haar, Hoiland and Stear present at the meeting.

2. Discussion Regarding City of Kuna Pressurized Irrigation Policy

Mayor Nelson reported on various areas of town that do not have access to the pressurized irrigation (PI) system. Subdivisions were annexed into the Kuna Municipal Irrigation District (KMID) but PI lines were not constructed at the time of development and still are not presently available. Butler, Oasis, Plateau Subdivisions, Swan Falls business Park and an area in the old portion of the city were discussed as possible projects for consideration by the Council to install PI.

Concerns were noted on costs for using potable water verses costs of installing irrigation lines. A subsidized rate of \$.33 per 1,000 gallons has been allowed for irrigating with potable water noting the normal rate is \$1.57 per 1,000 gallons.

A meeting will be scheduled to provide information to the resident of the affected subdivisions and to receive their feedback on suggested projects. The projects will be dispersed throughout several years according to the availability of funds.

Gordon Law reported the 2013 budget for pressure irrigation contained a capital allowance for a project amounting to \$162,000. In addition, a contingency amount of \$150,000 was also

budgeted. This money could be dedicated to a specific project of bringing an un-served portion of town into service. The money was originally budgeted for a project to extend the end of the PI line at the end of Boise Street to Kay Street and then south of Kay Street to the Tomorrow pump station off of Kay Street.

More discussion followed regarding water rights, connection fees and current costs of providing potable water for irrigation purposes and demands on wells.

Consideration was given to install irrigation to the Butler Subdivision (located at School Street and Boise) containing approximately 90 homes out of the current fiscal year budget.

The Mayor suggested the irrigation billing sent out this year to those who were not previously being billed be rescinded until PI services are provided to their subdivisions.

Details of the plan and cost for the projects will be put together for further consideration of the Council.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Stear moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham

Date Approved: CCM 4/2/13

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