

CITY OF KUNA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013
Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho

7:00 P.M. REGULAR 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
Wendy Howell, P & Z Director
Brenda Bingham, City Clerk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call reflected Council President Cardoza and Council Members Buban-Vonder Haar, Hoiland and Stear present at the meeting.

2. Invocation: Stan Johnson, Kuna Life Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Nelson

Request to Amend the Consent Agenda *(Timestamp 00:01:28)*

(The council must move to amend the agenda per IC 67-2343 Effective July 1, 2009.)

Amend the Consent Agenda originally posted on May 31, 2013 to include the following under New Business:

8C. Approval to Sign the Acceptance of Service for Diane R. Schmillen and Toni Miller Regarding Water Leak on 4th Street – Richard Roats, City Attorney

Staff was notified of the request on Monday, June 3, 2013.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar moved to amend the Consent Agenda to reflect item 8C, Approval to Sign the Acceptance of Service for Diane R. Schmillen and Toni Miller Regarding Water Leak on 4th Street. Seconded by Council Member Stear, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Brenda Bingham explained the amendment was intended for the Agenda and not the Consent Agenda. The previous motion was retracted.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar moved to amend the Agenda to reflect item 8C, Approval to Sign the Acceptance of Service for Diane R. Schmillen and Toni Miller Regarding the Water Leak on 4th Street. Seconded by Council Member Stear, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Consent Agenda: (Timestamp 00:03:52)

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on with one motion by the City Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless the Mayor, Council Member, or City Staff requests an item to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be placed on the Regular Agenda under Old Business or as instructed by the City Council.

- A. Approve Minutes of May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Accounts Payable Dated June 4, 2013 in the Amount of \$159,048.24
- C. Approve Resolution No. R17-2013 Authorizing the Mayor to Executed the Idaho Non-Criminal Justice Agency Access Agreement

Council Member Stear moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Citizen's Reports or Requests: None

6. Old Business: None

7. Public Hearings: (7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as matters may be heard.) None

8. New Business:

- A. Discussion on City of Kuna Employee Water and Wastewater Certification Testing – Richard Roats, City Attorney (*Timestamp 00:05:47*)

Attorney Roats explained the sewer and water employees are required to hold a valid license which is acquired by passing a written exam. Regardless of the number of times the employees failed the exam the City has been paying the fees each time they took the test.

Mr. Roats proposed a change to the policy that would require employees to pay the testing fees and then reimbursement by the City would take place once the test was passed.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar moved to adopt the City of Kuna Employee Water and Wastewater Certification Testing Policy as presented. Seconded by Council Member Stear, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discussion on Non-Profit Organizations – Richard Roats, City Attorney (*Timestamp 00:15:21*)

Attorney Roats reported he received a call last week from Council President Cardoza who had a visitor from a minister who indicated concerns regarding the City's treatment of non-profit corporations, specifically the local churches. It was obvious malicious rumors were being spread and it was suggested an article be written for the paper to publish to let the City know that we as a municipality support our non-profit corporations, specifically our churches.

C. Approval to Sign the Acceptance of Service for Diane R. Schmillen and Toni Miller Regarding Water Leak on 4th Street – Richard Roats, City Attorney (*Timestamp 00:25:20*)

Attorney Roats updated the group on the 4th Street water main break. A tort claim was filed so this is a request for Attorney Roats to sign the Acceptance of Service which will then be forwarded on to Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP).

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar moved to allow City Attorney Roats to sign Acceptance of Service in the Schmillen and Miller matter. Seconded by Council Member Stear, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Ordinances: None

10. Mayor/Council Discussion Items:

Southwest Gateway Project (Avalon, Bridge & Shortline Streets) (*Timestamp 00:29:27*)

Wendy Howell reported a walk-through of the project took place today with Ada County Highway District (ACHD). Concern was noted on completing the installation of curb, gutter & sidewalk prior to Kuna Days 2014. No drainage exists on the site so it would need to be designed. Installing an extruded curb with asphalt for the pedestrian area was suggested. The Council liked the idea with the desire for a nice safe pedestrian thoroughfare.

Water Shortage - Pressurized Irrigation (PI) (*Timestamp 00:33:52*)

Discussion took place on recent PI shut off to take advantage of the rain received to lengthen water season. Gordon Law asked for Council direction on how to stretch the water year out. It was noted the City has no vote on when the Irrigation District decides to shut it off for the season. A variety of options were discussed including one week on and one week off.

Mr. Law pointed out the following for short water years:

1. Odd/even approach for watering.
2. There is a wide disparity of usage between nighttime and daytime which means water runs over the weir and into the drain ditch during the midday and afternoon because everyone thinks they should water in the evenings. For our system, it works better if it

is spread out with two-thirds of the people watering during the nighttime and one-third during the daytime with longer settings.

It was suggested to turn PI off for 3 – 4 days per week with importance placed on informing the citizens of what we are doing and allowing them enough time to plan for it.

Mr. Law will talk to the water department staff to receive feedback on the idea and will report back to the Mayor and Council for any adjustments that may be needed. Once decided, the information will be placed in the paper and website. Consideration will also be given to sending letters to Home Owner Associations.

Fine Screen Project - North Wastewater Treatment Plant (Timestamp 00:57:23)

Gordon Law gave an update on efforts being made to protect the membranes at the sewer plant. He wanted the Council to be informed of the situation because purchasing the proper retrofit product from a reliable manufacturer will cost \$100,000 more than what was estimated. Pros and cons for each of the options will be evaluated for future consideration on the matter.

New Crosswalk

Mayor Nelson thanked Greg Holverson, ACHD Representative for Kuna, for the recently installed crosswalk from the park on 2nd Street.

New Website

Appreciation expressed to staff on the New Website.

Home Owners Association

Discussion on importance of HOA's to understand what they can and can't do regarding dissolving HOA's.

11. Announcements:

Drug Workshop

June 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Kuna City Hall Council Chamber

Governor Otter

Council Member Stear announced the Governor will be at his shop 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, to film a public service announcement on hiring Veterans.

Kuna Chamber of Commerce

Now have gift certificates valid at any Kuna Chamber Business.

12. Executive Session:

13. Adjournment:

Council Member Stear moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham
Date Approved: CCM 6/18/13

An audio recording of this meeting is available at City Hall upon request or it can be accessed at the City of Kuna website www.cityofkuna.com.