

**CITY OF KUNA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

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
Gordon Law, City Engineer
John Marsh, City Treasurer
Wendy Howell, Planning & Zoning Director
Bobby Withrow, Parks and Recreation Supervisor
Brenda Bingham, City Clerk

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call reflected Council Members Cardoza, Jones, Buban-Vonder Haar and Stear present at the meeting.

Invocation: Chris Bent, Calvary Chapel

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Nelson

Request to Amend the Agenda *(Timestamp 00:01:19)*

A request was made by Mitchell Jaurena, ACHD Commissioner, to amend the agenda to include the following under New Business:

5C. Testimony of Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Commissioner, Mitchell Jaurena

Staff was notified of the request on Friday, February 28, 2014.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar moved to amend the agenda to add item number 5C Testimony of Ada County Highway District Commissioner, Mitchell Jaurena. Seconded by Council Member Stear, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

1. Consent Agenda: *(Timestamp 00:01:41)*

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. City Council Meeting Minutes:

1. Minutes of February 18, 2014

B. Accounts Payable Dated March 4, 2014 in the Amount of \$266,942.30

C. Alcohol Licenses:

D. Resolutions:

1. Approve Resolution No. R17-2014 Accepting Bid of Titan Technologies, Inc. for Trini Crossing in Butler PI Project

E. Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law:

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.

2. Citizen's Reports or Requests:

3. Old Business:

4. Public Hearings: (7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as matters may be heard.)

5. New Business:

A. Approve Resolution No. R16-2014 Adopting Emergency Operations Plan, City of Kuna – Gordon Law, City Engineer *(Timestamp 00:03:48)*

Discussion on the designated order of succession took place in reference to page 33, Continuity of Government. It was the consensus of the Council to appoint Joe Stear as the Council Vice Chairman.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar moved to approve Resolution No. R16-2014 adopting the Emergency Operations Plan. Seconded by Council Member Stear, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

B. February Construction Report (No Action Required) – Gordon Law, City Engineer *(Timestamp 00:15:28)*

The report was reviewed with no concerns noted.

C. Testimony of Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Commissioner, Mitchell Jaurena
(Timestamp 00:17:44)

Mitch Jarena, 7776 S. Old Farm Lane, Meridian, Idaho, ACHD Commissioner District 4, which includes the City of Kuna, stated the following:

Recently allegations have been made by a Kuna resident that suggested our city's residents, businesses, schools, police department, elected leadership, and ACHD have somehow neglected Kuna's true transportation needs in order to pursue yet another plan and that the money could have gotten us sidewalks through the older parts of the city.

Also, this individual incorrectly stated that the current plans, which were collaboratively developed and approved by Kuna citizens, businesses, elected officials and ACHD are unnecessary and that the city won't want it when you see the devastation to businesses and pedestrians. Frankly, this individual is either grossly misinformed or is cloaking their true agenda which I believe is clearly not in Kuna's best interest. Let me state the facts:

- The Kuna Downtown Plan which was approved by the City and ACHD is not a quick fix as alleged. In contrast, the plan provides a comprehensive set of transportation improvements that support Kuna's long term vision for the next 20 years. The hard fact is that the individual who made these allegations was ITD's representative on this plan and had failed to raise any concerns during the very lengthy planning and extensive community involvement process. It is wildly inappropriate that after being invited to the planning table to make recommendations and failing to do so, this person now seeks to openly criticize the work which he himself neglected to engage in.
- Our joint efforts with all of the other stakeholders who readily participated in the process successfully resulted in an integrated plan composed of 14 capital projects and 26 community program projects valued at \$20,300,000 of which, \$6 million are projects that will happen in the next five years. Moreover, in recognition of excellence, Kuna's plan was highlighted in Washington, DC and awarded COMPASS's first place recognition as a stellar example of integrated community planning. It simply does not get any better than that.
- The planned roundabout at Linder, Main and 3rd Avenue is a near-term high priority Kuna City project and a key element of the Kuna Downtown Corridor Plan which was developed after substantial public and business involvement. It is not, as the individual claims, something that will not fix anything. Generally, ACHD approved roundabouts are operating effectively and safely. This individual's accusation that a roundabout was responsible for a child's death in Meridian is not only flat wrong, egregiously insensitive and inappropriate but seems to underscore what appears to be his consistent attempt to erroneously characterize events for his own gain. I cannot let that accusation stand.

As your representative on the ACHD Commission, I want to take this opportunity to clear up any uncertainty and assure you have the facts. The truth is that the City, its citizens and ACHD have been and will continue to be partners in successfully bringing Kuna safe and effective transportation options that reflect what the city and its citizens desire to see in this community.

Clarification was made that money is programmed for projects over a five-year plan and if a project does not get approved then the money goes back into the general fund and goes to the next prioritized project within the county.

Council President Cardoza stated the Mayor and Council are always open to letters from the public for discussion but we have the prerogative to answer those letters that are presented to us. It is important that we keep communications open with our constituents but by the same token, when they present a letter to us then we have the right to rebuttal that letter.

6. Ordinances:

7. Mayor/Council Discussion Items:

A. Employee Leave Bank Discussion – Richard Roats, City Attorney (*Timestamp 00:25:12*)

Mr. Roats asked if there was an interest in putting a policy in place where an employee could donate some of their sick or leave time to a bank that could be drawn from by another employee who is need of leave time for an illness.

Discussion followed regarding the various levels of accruing leave time noting the city does not cash out sick leave time but has paid out for comp and vacation time.

The Council was interested in looking at a policy for further consideration and polling the employees to see if they would be interested in participating.

Kuna Butte

Pictures were shown to the council of the clean-up project at Kuna Butte involving city staff and 100 6th graders.

Bobby Withrow was complimented on how nice the park and greenbelt looks.

8. Announcements:

9. Executive Session:

10. Adjournment:

Council Member Stear moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham

Date Approved: CCM 3/18/14

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.