

CITY OF KUNA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho

7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

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:

Gordon Law, City Engineer
John Marsh, City Treasurer
Wendy Howell, Planning & Zoning Director
Richard Roats, City Attorney
Chris Engels, Interim City Clerk
Bobby Withrow, Parks Supervisor
Bob Bachman, Bob Bachman, Bldg. Maint & Insp. /Fleet Mgt.

2. Invocation: Randy Maxwell, 7th Day Adventist

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Nelson

4. Consent Agenda:

(Timestamp 00:01:20)

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 3, 2015**

B. Accounts Payable Dated February 12, 2015 in the Amount of \$248,297.68

C. Alcohol Licenses:

D. Resolutions:

E. Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law:

Mayor Nelson announced the Consent agenda and asked for any additions or corrections.

Council Member Jones asked City Attorney Roats about the reimbursement of employees for personal car use to deliver some documents and what the liabilities to city are.

Mr. Roats explained that he is working on the personnel manual to address the use of city vehicles.. The city could have some issues if the employee's coverage doesn't cover the entire cost of a claim. It is more cost effective for the city vehicles to be used than reimburse personal vehicle use

Council Member Jones asked City Treasurer Marsh about a reimbursement of \$68 and \$53 to an employee for lunch and parking. Lunch is \$44 for 2 days and the other is \$31 for 2 days. Mr. Marsh confirmed there were 2 employees with lunch each for 2 days.

Council Member Jones was concerned about the price and reimbursements for lunches. He thinks employees should take care of their own lunch and thought the costs were too high.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar thought the city had laid out a policy of the distance of a work detail before lunches and those types of expenses were covered. If it is in commuting area, it should be a personal expense.

Mr. Marsh replied that a policy was not established in writing. Previously the IRS policy was followed which took into account distance for a business expense but it has changed to indicate an overnight stay is required for a reimbursed expense. There isn't anything in place to dictate how it works other than a precedent.

Mayor Nelson added that he was working on the issue and had called in 2 employees to discuss the lunch costs. A reasonable lunch is what we expect. At least 1 of the employees misunderstood and a policy will be put in place.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar thought the federal policy could be followed with established reimbursement rates.

Mr. Marsh explained that the IRS per diem rates are used for employees traveling overnight.

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:

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

7. Business Items:

A. Phillip Bowman from Ada County Highway District – Concept study overview of Linder and Deer Flat intersection with recommendation
(Timestamp 00:10:15)

Mr. Bowman apologized for not having his slide presentation but did provide paper copies. He gave the background that Kuna made the initial request to improve the Linder and Deer Flat intersection and worked with ACHD on the a grant application for Federal funding in early 2012. The grant outlined the improvements for the project. It originally indicated a roundabout was included. ACHD made a state and local agreement with ITD for the federal funds.

The funds were awarded and project in in ACHD's 5 year work plan. One of the requirements for the funding is public input. An online survey was done in August 2014. There were 280 responses. Safety, improving traffic flow and pedestrian facilities were the top 3 concerns. An open house was held on November 2014. There were 46 people who attended and 43 written comments. Of the responses received, option 1 was the preferred alternative. Three alternatives were reviewed. The first was a signaled intersection, the second was the roundabout, and the third was a no build with no changes. The current intersection won't sustain future traffic predictions.

January 22, 2015 the options and costs were reviewed and the project team determined alternative 1 is the preferred choice. The next steps will be for Mr. Bowman to present the information to the ACHD Commission for direction. The concept report will be prepared for ITD in early March and coordinate with COMPASS for the actual funding of the project on April 16, 2015 to program the project for possibly 2017 or at the latest, 2020. This could prepare for right of way acquisition in 2016.

Mayor Nelson asked about the concerns of the businesses in the area but was unsure if they had seen the statistics of the intersection. He asked how much property will be acquired.

Mr. Bowman responded they had met with several businesses and the primary concern is the placement of the medians. The medians are part of the design to protect the left turn lanes and prevent conflicts. The current access functions as a full access, when the project is complete the access point will be a right in, right out to protect the turn lanes. He tried to convey to the businesses the project is still in concept and as it moves forward, additional decisions can be made. Most of the right of away is already preserved in the quadrant.

Council Member Jones asked if there will be more public input.

Mr. Bowman indicated there will be another open house at the preliminary design stage with comments being accepted. The scheduled hasn't been defined yet but possibly in the late summer.

Council Member Jones was concerned that the limit of northbound Linder traffic out of the area, will cause cars to Trophy Stree and there is a daycare on corner and increase traffic. Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar added that there are school children crossing in that area also.

Council Member Stear discussed that originally a roundabout was going to be safer than a signalized intersection. He wanted to know that if the public understood the safety comparison between the two options. There is also the concern of high school drivers and pedestrian safety for the intersection.

Mr. Bowman said that roundabouts are safer with vehicles but the project team struggled about finding data for pedestrian safety on multiple lane roundabouts. Input was concerned about school children and pedestrian. The principal from Reed felt he would have to put 4 crossing guards at a roundabout and 2 at a signal intersection for student safety.

Council President Cardoza asked about the sidewalk, curb and gutter. He asked what ACHD would be doing to prevent accidents and if most of the changes are for pedestrians.

Mr. Bowman indicated there will be additional lanes for turning movements by separating thru lanes from left and right turns. The crash data showed rear end collisions are elevated without the separated turning movements. Part of the design will enlarge the intersection.

City Engineer Law explained the current lane usage shares turning movements but after the intersection is improved, the turning movements will each have their own lanes. Mr. Law thought this was a good intersection that the city can learn from and use as an example going forward.

Mayor and Council agreed.

Mayor Nelson asked Police Chief Dusseau what the biggest accident causes are.

Chief Dusseau explained he understood the concerns of the businesses but he was concerned with safety. There are a large number of vehicles and children going to school and work in the intersection and feels it needs to be addressed to prevent bigger problems in the future.

Council Member Stear asked about further down Linder Road where the kids cross to go to school, sometimes the crossing guards run the kids across in multiple succession and then the traffic backs up. He wanted to know if there is way to coordinate the lights with cross walk.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar added she thought the light was unpredictable and lasted for a very long time.

Mr. Bowman explained it is a push button signal and the signals can be coordinated. During observations, it is thought that a right turn into Reed will be helpful. The high school movement is contributing to the backing up of traffic into the intersection and both need to be addressed.

Mayor Nelson thanked Mr. Bowman for his presentation and thought the project was in line with the feedback he has received from the community.

- B.** Consideration to Approve Resolution R08-2015 Authorizing Execution of Reimbursement Agreement With Corey Barton Homes – Gordon Law, City Engineer
(Timestamp 00:44:22)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,482.37 WITH COREY BARTON HOMES, INC. DBA CBH HOMES

Mr. Law explained it pertains to the reimbursement of oversizing of pipeline that occurs at times with the development of subdivisions. This is for Arbor Ridge subdivision oversized sewer line.

Council Member Jones asked if interception fees are kept in line with the other fee increases.

Mr. Law said that he does.

Council Member Stear commented to Mr. Law he appreciated the graph that explains the sewer pipe size and what is needed is very helpful in reviewing the materials.

**Council Member Stear moved to approve Ordinance Resolution R08-2015 Seconded by Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar with the following roll call vote:
Voting Aye: Council Members Cardoza, Jones, Buban-Vonder Haar and Stear
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion carried 4-0.**

- C.** Consideration to Approve Resolution R09-2015 Authorizing Operation and Maintenance Costs for Street Lighting Modification – John Marsh, City Treasurer
(Timestamp 00:47:21)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KUNA, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO PROCESS PAYMENT OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR A PROPOSED STREET LIGHTING MODIFICATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF TEN MILE AND BOISE STREET IN KUNA, IDAHO.

City Treasurer John Marsh presented a graphic to show the intersection and how the light changes would display light. There were concerns of the lighting safety of the intersection. It is proposed to move the 250 watt high pressure sodium vapor light

from the northeast corner to the southeast corner with a 160 watt LED light. The light on the northwest corner would change from a 100 watt to a 250 watt. The light will still be owned by Idaho Power and the city would pay the consumption costs. The city would own the southeast corner light and pay the consumption costs.

Council Member Stear noted that was the intersection where a child was hit because it was dark and thinks the change is appropriate.

Council President Cardoza asked if instead of going from the 150 watt to 250, why not go 160 on both sides with LED.

Mr. Marsh responded that it was considered to add a new LED light in the area but due to the power lines, it has to remain an Idaho Power pole. Idaho Power won't consider LED lights on their poles.

**Council Member Stear moved to approve Ordinance Resolution R09-2015 Seconded by Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar with the following roll call vote:
Voting Aye: Council Members Cardoza, Jones, Buban-Vonder Haar and Stear
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion carried 4-0.**

8. Ordinances:

9. Mayor/Council Discussion Items:

(Timestamp 00:52:25)

Council President Cardoza said a gentleman who is wheel chair user approached Council President Cardoza to say he feels he is harassed by the Frisbee golf players. Another lady spoke to him that she was sitting on a concrete pad and was told by a player that she couldn't sit there. He hasn't seen the players doing any harassment but perhaps the players could be asked to remember it is a public city park.

Mayor Nelson thought a sign reminding everyone it is a multi-use park and to be courteous and asked the Parks department to work on the design.

Council President Cardoza asked Mr. Marsh about the Historical Museum bills that some of were paid by a grant but some of them weren't consistent in the coding. Mr. Marsh explained the grant funds were used first and then the budgeted funds were used is which is why there are different fund numbers.

Mayor Nelson said that a lady in a wheelchair told him she has nearly flipped on two of the intersection ramps and asked for ACHD to be aware. (Unidentified ACHD speaker) Boise and Marteson had some damage according to Mr. Bachman and he reported it to ACHD and it is to be repaired.

10. Announcements:

11. Executive Session:

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Council Member Stear moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Seconded by Council President Cardoza, all voting aye. Motion carried 4-0.

W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chris Engels, Interim City Clerk

*Minutes prepared by Chris Engels
Date Approved: CCM 03.03.2015*