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City Council Meeting on  
Monday, August 21st at 6:00 pm  
Donnelly Community Center  

MINUTES  

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.  

Roll Call: Councilor Stayton, Councilor Minshall, and Councilor Davenport were present. Mayor Koch and Clerk Hedges were also present. Councilor Getto arrived at 6:18 p.m. Visitors included: Gene Tyler & Callie Smith  

Pledge of Allegiance  

Public Hearing:  

Sign Code 18.95 Amendment  

Mayor Koch opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. and asked for any comments. No written comments were received by clerk. Two individuals were neutral and were ask to speak. Gene Tyler commented as a private citizen living in the Donnelly impact area. He has concerns on the updated sign ordinance. There were a lot of people at the P&Z public hearing and he believes that the P&Z stopped short with the amendments. The amendment does not reflect what the businesses want. Businesses in town are already using animated signs (open) at their businesses. He believes that the changes are narrowly focused and no change. He asked the council what was the harm of a flashing open/close sign in a business? He feels that the City is violating their own policy by the placement of the speed check sign and feels that the City is prohibiting business signage (he supports the speed check sign, just wants to see a change). Currently off-premise signage is prohibited, which he found that it was not prohibited by ITD as the P&Z administrator stated at the P&Z meeting. Why can’t another business advertise for another? For example; why can’t Brundage Realty advertise Hunter’s Meadow on their manual reader board? What harm is it? He stated that there is already an off-premise signage violation that the City is not taking care of. He understands not wanting animated signs not being flashy but the City could regulate this. People look at this as the City not being business friendly. He approves the current changes but against that P&Z did not make more changes.  

Callie Smith commented as a business owner at 283 Main Street, Donnelly. She also attended the P&Z public hearing. She stated that her business is doing well and she is seeing more
walking up and down Main Street, but does under the concerns of the businesses at Roseberry Plaza as no one knows that the businesses exist. She would like to see changes to the off-premise signage and animated signs as well. What does it hurt? She also has seen two off-premise signs that are in violation.

Mayor Koch asked for any further comment, there was none and closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Council members requested to receive more information on off-premise signage, electronic digital signage and animated signage. Clerk will ask that P&Z Administrator to attend the next meeting with more information and to be able to answer questions from the Council.

**Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Stayton** to table to the next City Council meeting. Motion carried.

**Design Review 18.135 Amendment**

Mayor Koch opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. and asked for any written comments. There were none. He then asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Mayor Koch closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Mayor asked clerk to draft ordinance for the Design Review amendment for the next meeting.

**FY2018 Budget**

Mayor Koch opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m. and asked for any written comments, there were none. He asked if there were any other comments.

**Callie Smith property owner at 283 Main Street** stated she contact City Clerk for a set of the detailed budget documents. She said the information was helpful but was still concerned of the increase on the water fund budget. She realized it was for the new water system improvements but how was that going to affect her taxes and water bill. Is it feasible for the City to spend this much money? She stated she approved the budget just wanted clarification.

No further comments.

Mayor Koch closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Clerk explained that the budget included the total water systems project expense as well as the grant funding that was a awarded and proposed loan. As the initial bond passed last year it was indicated that the water bill would increase $10 per EDU, but the City has found other ways to help save the users money.

**Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Minshall** to approve the FY2018 Budget. Motion carried. Clerk will draft the ordinance for the next city council meeting.
CONSENT AGENDA:

Vouchers July 17, 2017 through August 18, 2017
Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Getto to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

City Council Minutes – July 17, 2017 and July 31, 2017
Motion by Minshall, 2nd by Davenport to approve the City Council minutes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

AB 17-40 Review City Council & Mayor Salaries
Clerk presented the current salaries, salary history and salary studies done with other cities of Donnelly’s size. City Council agreed that they were comfortable where the current salaries are.

AB 17-41 City Council Member Mallorie Getto Resignation
Council accepts resignation for the end of September 2017 and requests that Clerk begin to accept letters of interest and resumes to fill her vacancy. Clerk will notify residents of the vacancy.

AB 17-42 City Council and P&Z Meeting Discussion
Clerk presented the idea of merging the P&Z Commission into the City Council. Cities of Donnelly’s size usually do not have a large enough volunteer pool to fill both and it would simplify the processes each month. This would require the council to meet twice a month. A concern would be input from the impact area and we could have a at-large member to help with input. Council requested Clerk to hold a public meeting on this option to get input from others and to be held as a joint meeting with P&Z Commission.

Staff Reports:
Mayor Koch recognized Gene Tyler for his contributions to the City of Donnelly.

Clerk – gave an update on the NWP apartments and will continue to work with the City Engineer to make sure that a punch list of concerns is created and finished with the contractor. There will be a dedication to the new playground equipment on Monday, September 18th from 5-6:15 prior to the Council meeting. Cake will be served. Additional notes in the clerk report part of the packet.

Executive Session:
Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Getto to enter Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.
Consider personnel matter [Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (a) & (b)] & Communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently-likely litigation [Idaho Code §74-206(1) (f)]

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Koch (yes), Councilor Stayton (yes), Councilor Davenport (yes), Councilor Minshall (yes), Councilor Getto (yes)

Exited Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Adjourn @ 8:20 pm:
Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Getto to adjourn until the next City Council meeting on September 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Approved: September 18, 2017