
**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1:
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Work Session to order at 9:04 a.m. Council members present were Linda Leeuwrik, Corey Mangum, Josh Mansfield, Brent Nichols and Hayden Paulsen. Council member Rick Cheatum arrived via GoTo Meeting, on online platform, at 9:58 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2:
CITY PARK NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Parks and Recreation Department staff members and representatives of Bonneville Neighborhood Association were present to discuss a proposal to change the name of Bonneville Community Park to Purce Park in honor of John and Idaho Purce.

Anne Butler, Parks and Recreation Director, was joined by Bonneville Neighborhood Association representatives Alfreda Vann and Janeal Kaneaster. Ms. Butler explained that “Bonneville Community Park” is located on the corner of 7th Avenue and East Fremont Street, near the Senior Activity Center. She added that “Bonneville Park” is located at Bonneville Street and 19th Avenue. Ms. Butler stated that the proposed name change would help alleviate confusion between the two locations. She stated that new signage costs could be absorbed by the Parks and Recreation Department. In response to a question from Council, Ms. Butler clarified that the location would be “Purce Park” to honor the community contributions of John and Idaho Purce. She added that Idaho was instrumental in the creation and historical accuracy of the book “The Triangle”, and the family has served the community for many years.

Council members expressed appreciation and shared their support for the request showing appreciation to the Purce family, who have been valuable citizens and advocates for Pocatello residents.

Ms. Vann announced that a plaque with information about the Purce family and the Triangle Neighborhood would be installed at the park. She added that the annual Triangle Neighborhood Festival would be moved to Purce Park, as it is a comfortable location with many amenities and ample shade.

Mayor Blad asked staff members to bring the request to a future Regular City Council meeting for Council consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3:
FY2024 FIRE DEPLOYMENT SEASON AND CAPITAL PROJECT PRESENTATION –
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Department members were in attendance to present information to the Mayor and Council regarding FY2024 Wildland Fire Deployments and receive feedback pertaining to a capital project purchase of a wildland engine, as presented during the July 11, 2024 Work Session.

Ryan O'Hearn, Fire Chief, and Jordan Van Every, Fire Union President, highlighted the following items regarding FY2024 Fire Deployment:

- 2024 was the busiest wildfire deployment season, generating revenue and providing essential personnel training.
- Deployment details included assignments in Twin Falls, Nevada, and the Emmett Paddock Fire, among others, covering 190,000 acres.
- Wildland deployments provide financial benefits, as each incident covers personnel wages, lodging and compensation for equipment use.
- Revenue from equipment use significantly contributes to funding a new brush truck.
- The Department has been saving in Fund 78 to purchase a new engine, estimated for late summer delivery.
- The purchase will not impact the 2024 budget, as funds from previous years' deployments will adequately cover procurement costs.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. O'Hearn stated that storage solutions for vehicles are currently being considered.

Mayor Blad asked staff members to bring the purchase request to a future Regular City Council meeting for Council consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4:
CITY HOUSING PLAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PRESENTATION – PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Planning and Development Services staff members were in attendance to present information and receive feedback from the Council regarding a request for proposal for a City of Pocatello Housing Plan.

Brent McLane, Planning and Development Services Director, Becky Babb, Planning Manager, and Jim Anglesey, Long-range Planner, were in attendance.

Mr. McLane gave an overview of the proposal and highlighted the following items:

- The Plan aims to assess Pocatello's current housing stock, identify shortages, and develop strategic planning recommendations.
- Pocatello has one of the oldest housing inventories in Idaho, necessitating updated policies to support housing development.
- The Plan will aid in removing development obstacles, revising zoning ordinances, and streamlining development standards.



- The study will also support the City's eligibility for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.
- The estimated cost of \$75,000 may be funded from existing professional services allocations.
- The Plan will align with Comprehensive Plan 2040 and aid in future housing-related decisions.
- The study will incorporate input from community non-profits, Idaho State University and other community stakeholders.

Council members discussed the importance of the Plan to address local housing challenges and asked staff to move forward with the process to issue an RFP.

Council member Cheatum began participation in the meeting via GoTo Meeting, an online platform, at 9:58 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

This time was set aside for the Mayor and Council members to give an update regarding recent advisory board activities.

Council member Cheatum stated that he did not have any updates at this time.

Council member Leeuwrik stated that the Audit and Investment Committee would meet later in the month and that the annual audit is nearing completion. Bannock Transportation and Planning Organization (BTPO) meeting was not held, as there was no quorum. Pocatello Development Authority (PDA) discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to close the Naval Ordnance Plan TIF District ahead of schedule.

Council member Cheatum left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Council member Nichols stated that he did not have any updates at this time.

Council member Paulsen stated that he did not have any updates at this time.

Council member Magnum reported that NeighborWorks Pocatello continues the "Avenues for Hope" fundraising campaign, showing an increase over last year's campaign.

Council member Mansfield reported SICOG meets quarterly and the Board of Directors discussed the Small Business Administration microloan program as well as the current revolving loan program in cooperation with financial institutions. These loan programs may help those who struggle to qualify for conventional loans. He acknowledged staff's efforts to secure Brownfields Grant funding and SICOG's recognition as a grant recipient for mold and asbestos abatement. Mike Steele was introduced at the SICOG meeting as the Tribe's new governmental affairs representative.



Mayor Blad stated that he did not have an updates at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6:
ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

APPROVED:



BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:



KONNI R. KENDELL, CITY CLERK