

STATE OF IDAHO)
COUNTY OF BONNER)
CITY OF PRIEST RIVER)

MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 12/18/23

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING – Mayor Connolly called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 18, 2023, at the Priest River City Hall Council Chambers, 552 High Street, Priest River, Idaho.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Council Member Wagner, Council Member Turner, and Council Member Mullaley. Absent: Council Member Yount.

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas, City Attorney Elsaesser, Director of Public Works Rollicheck, Planning & Zoning Administrator Quayle, and Building & Zoning Assistant Ayers.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER AND RECEIVE TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATION:

THE APPLICANT, JORDAN YOUNT, HAS APPLIED FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW HIM TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING TRI-PLEX BUILDING, REBUILD A SHOP WITH TWO DWELLING UNITS, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE SHOP, IN ITS PLACE, AND TO MAKE TWO CURB CUTS, ONE FOR ACCESS TO THIS PROPERTY, AND ONE NEXT DOOR TO ACCESS HIS PERSONAL GARAGE AT 122 CEDAR STREET.

THE PROPERTY IS GENERALLY LOCATED 110 CEDAR STREET, PRIEST RIVER, ID.

Mayor Connolly opened the public hearing at 5:31 pm. Planning and Zoning Administrator Quayle explained the reason for the public hearing and the applicant’s request in detail. He also reviewed the proposed conditions for approval.

Testimony from the Applicant:

Jordan Yount, the applicant, was present for the hearing.

Questions from the Council:

Mayor Connolly asked if it would be appropriate to have the three units share one meter. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley asked about the setbacks and the square footage of the units. Discussion ensued.

Written Testimony:

Richard & Dixie Howard, 93 Cedar Street, supported the applicant's request.

Testimony from Those Supporting:

Irene Broderick, 105 Cedar Street, supported the applicant's request.

Testimony from Those Uncommitted:

None

Testimony from Those Opposing:

None

Rebuttal from the Applicant:

None

Mayor Connolly closed the public hearing at 5:48 pm. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion that the application and submittals, evidence contained in the file, public hearing testimony, and the Planning and Zoning Report be adopted as presented and discussed as the findings of fact and conclusions. **Council Member Mullaley** seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Turner made a motion based on the City's Comprehensive Plan, Ordinances, and the adopted findings of fact and conclusions, that **Jordan Yount's** Conditional Use Permit be approved subject to the conditions as discussed and as listed in the Planning & Zoning Report. Action to obtain the permit is to complete the conditions as approved. This action does not result in the taking of private property. **Council Member Mullaley** seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CCWS 12/05/23

B. PAYABLES

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Council Member Mullaley** seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

None

6. UPDATES

A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION

Council Member Turner gave an update on the Parks and Tree Commission. Mayor Connolly gave an update on the potential pickleball/tennis courts.

1. TWO RIVERS PARK

No update was available.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT

None

C. PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works Rollicheck gave an update on Public Works.

D. PROJECT UPDATES

Welch Comer provided a written project status update.

Mayor Connolly gave various project updates.

E. BUILDING & ZONING

Planning & Zoning Administrator Quayle gave an update on Building & Zoning.

7. BUSINESS

A. SILVER SPIKE 55+ CUP, PUD, AND SUBDIVISION – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Planning & Zoning Administrator Quayle explained the applicant's request for a two-year extension. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve the extension request for the Spike 55+ CUP, PUD, and subdivision, for one two-year period. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

B. CITY EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued regarding stipends, bonuses, and longevity pay.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve granting a \$250.00 holiday bonus to all employees. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

C. DECLARATION OF ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SEATS

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to accept the Declaration of the City Clerk, declaring certain candidates elected to the Mayor and City Council seats, and cancelling the November 7, 2023 election. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dave VanNatter, 546 Leon Court, asked for a seasonal exception to road closure.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of 12/18/23: _____

Second: _____

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Jeff Connolly
Mayor

Laurel Thomas, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer