

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho held, Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Lava Hot Springs Senior & Community Center, 150 North Center Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho. The purpose of the meeting was for the City Council to attend the open discussion Bannock County Community Engagement Meeting scheduled at that time.

Present:

CITY OF LAVA HOT SPRINGS

Jon Thomson, City Council President
Brian Hinz, City Councilperson
Lisa Guthrie, City Councilperson
Rickey Frandsen, City Councilperson
Canda L. Dimick, City Clerk

BANNOCK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

John Regetz, President & CEO

SOUTHEAST IDAHO COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENT

Michael Patton, Community Development
Specialist

BANNOCK COUNTY

Ernie Moser, County Commissioner
Steve Brown, County Commissioner
Terrel Tovey, County Commissioner
Lorin Nielsen, Bannock County Sheriff
Stephen Herzog, Bannock County Prosecuting
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Sherri Davies, Bannock County Assessor
Jason Dixon, Bannock County Clerk
Ely Taysom, Bannock County Coroner
Jennifer Clark, Bannock County Treasurer
Dan Argyle, Bannock County Sheriff Captain
Doug Armstrong, Bannock County Sheriff
Patrol Supervisor

Guests attending: Joel Rogers, Corey & Dorothy Leishman, Les Bocek, Richard Guthrie, Brenda Hatfield and Marci Kramer.

Jon Thomson, City Council President, welcomed everyone and asked Bannock County commissioners and elected officials in attendance to introduce themselves. Jon introduced the City Council members and City Clerk.

After introductions the floor was open for comments from guests. The following topics of concerns and/or comments were expressed.

Red Fox Road Maintenance

Joel Rogers addressed desires and needs for Bannock County to consider maintaining Red Fox Road located in the Indian Falls Recreational Development Subdivision off of Pheasant Drive. Last year a property owner fractured his hip trying to put chains on his tractor to plow the road. Ambulance wouldn't go up Red Fox because of conditions and he had to be transported in the loader of a tractor with a fractured hip to where the ambulance was stationed on Pheasant Drive. Mr. Rogers explained that new homes are being built and assessed values are going up. Red Fox is owned by the home owner's association. The association would be happy to turn the road over to Bannock County.

Blazer Railroad Crossing

Joel Rogers addressed concerns with the growth of the subdivisions in the Pheasant Drive area and the need for two ingress and egresses. There is a bridge and road leading to the tracks where Union Pacific removed a crossing that was initially the second access to the development. Mr. Rogers expressed that he would like to see the railroad track crossing reinstalled in the future and suggested that plans be completed so that it could be eligible for shovel ready federal funding in the future. The home owner's association is willing to give Bannock County an easement if needed. There are about twenty-five (25) houses in the subdivisions now and they are still growing. County Commissioners expressed that they did not feel that Union Pacific would cooperate to build the crossing. Commissioners were asked to investigate the situation and work on it. It was suggested that possibly developing a frontage road to share the next closest crossing may be a solution.

East Maughan Road Speed Control

Brenda Hatfield asked if there was a possibility to slow traffic down on East Maughan Road where it enters City limits. She is raising her granddaughter, the City Park is right by the area and so is the local Fire Station. Traffic needs to be slowed down for multiple reasons. It was mentioned that digital signs seem to help make motorists aware of their rate of travel and the speed limit. City will work with Bannock County on placing a digital sign in the area. Bannock County has a roving sign that can be used for short periods of time.

Dempsey Creek Pedestrian Path

Les Bocek mentioned that he is working with Bannock County Commissioner Brown on a pedestrian path project along Dempsey Creek Road. He asked that any help anyone can do to help out on the project to please do.

Community Engagement Meetings

Ernie Moser, Bannock County Commissioner, reported that the Commissioners plan on scheduling community engagement meetings in each community twice a year. Commissioners want south county residents to feel involved. The next meeting will most likely be in November if everything stays to the same schedule.

Tourism

Les Bocek commented that Lava is being visited by over four hundred thousand (400,000) tourists a year and that Lava needs help to accommodate the tourism growth. Tourism is Lava's main business economy.

Motion was made by Councilperson Hinz and seconded by Councilperson Guthrie to adjourn. All voted aye – unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Jon Thomson, Council President

Canda L. Dimick, City Clerk