Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho held on Thursday, July 09, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

Present: Marshall Burgin, Mayor
George Linford, Councilperson
Newt Lowe, Councilperson
Tamara Davids, Councilperson
Carl Brown, Councilperson
Canda Dimick, City Clerk

Excused:

Guests: Jon D Thomson, Phil Beeson, Susan Thomas, Jack Fleming, Karen Mendenhall, Tab Mendenhall, Greg, Kelly, Stevens, Darrel Armstrong & Kathryn DeMott

Approval of Minutes:
Councilperson Brown made a motion to approve. Councilperson Linford seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Review and Approve Bills:
Councilperson Brown motion to table bills. Councilperson Davids seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Law Enforcement/Code Enforcement Monthly Reports:
Law enforcement Armstrong in attendance. No monthly reports. He wanted to make sure everyone was pleased with the July 4th operations. They had extra offices in town for the holiday weekend. Pretty good weekend for a holiday weekend no major issues. Extra offices signed on for July 24th weekend and they they’re going to help with the parade. They also will bring down officer and equipment for the special event on July 22nd. Open burn has not been lifted. Greg Stevens questioned the open container law enforcement. There was no tolerance this year. The open container law was enforced and is an education process.

Certified weed control, fire hazard notices have been sent out.

Public Hearing:
Councilperson Linford motion to open public hearing. Councilperson Davids seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Mathews Hill, Keller associates gave a brief presentation on the water facility study. Transmission lines installed in the 40’s are leaking, springs are a critical component to the systems, additional water source not dependent on the fish creek water line, need additional source to augment supply, upgrade 4” lines in town, replace lines that do not meet fire flows, continue maintenance is a problem. Held a couple of public hearings in May, Bond election failed. Judicial confirmation is next step because bond failed.
Expenses will likely go up. Have a 1.75% interest rate available until June 30th 2016. Councilperson Brown motion to close hearing. Councilperson Linford seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Sign Permit(s)
Lava Hot Springs Foundation Hot Pool Directional Sign—North Center Street. Councilperson Brown motion to approve sign. Councilperson Davids seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Therapy in Motion – Wall Painting – West Main Street – advertising their business. Council gave them until the end of the month to remove it. Councilperson Brown motion to approve. Died for lack of second approval. Tanny read. They don’t see anything wrong with it. Is the city going to make this enforcement for the rest of the community? There is some signage that is historical, some that are in bad shape and other that have a meaning behind them. Some of them are partly covered, others the wall is tumbling. They are not an attraction to the community and nothing is being done with them. Kathryn DeMott thinks the sign is being selective enforcement and is very unfair. Jack asked what if we take the business name off it. The question is it art or a sign? Sign requires a permit, art does not. Jack said the recourse is court. George questioned contacting legal counsel.

2nd Quarter Tourism Development Promotion Funding Applications – Lava Chamber of Commerce Web Impakt Facebook Marketing and SEO Campaign for lavahotsprings.org site. Table and ask Corey or Mark to provide a presentation to the council. Councilperson Davids motion to table. Councilperson Lowe seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Business License(s), Alcohol License(s), Coin-Op License(s) & Non-Property Tax Permit(s)
DMX, LLC (non-property tax permit)
Mind Over Body Medicine – Carey Tomich, Owner/Applicant
Mountain Retreat Real Estate – Randy Benglan (Renewal)
Pandoras Baubles & Beads (30 day temporary renewal)
Rocky Mountain Power
RST Properties, LLC – 84 West Elm Street – Residential Monthly Rentals
The Snow Shack Family – Cory & Teiah Truman, Owners/Applicants

List read. Councilperson Brown motion to approve. Councilperson Lowe seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Consider Proposed Tree Ordinance intended to establish a Lava Hot Springs Tree Committee and provide direction in planting and caring for trees. Council will review - Under consideration.

Consider Sidewalk Maintenance/Replacement Ordinance Amendment – Amendment discussed

Outside City Limit Water Hookup Request – Whalan Rife not in attendance

Meetings & Announcements
100th Birthday Celebration – July Events: A week long field day events the week of July 24th. Fire Department, Ambulance crew and police department is looking at hosting an event this week. July 24th will be Birthday celebration at 1:00 pm, The Mayor Speech, letter from the governor, Hot Pot Players, Cake and Hot Beer and July 25th Parade Float (Parade 6 pm).

Payroll Service Contract Update - $1.60 per check from the intuit auto deposit, this was not included in the contract agreement.
For Cause Personnel Policy – Council members still reviewing.

Portable Toilet Rentals & Garbage Service for Tourist Season – Need more or get someone dump during the weekend to avoid overflow on 3 day weekends. Check on TPD and Mountain Mayhem concerning portable toilets. Canda to check if 4J’s will dump on Saturday, if they won’t need to see about getting more Toilets.

Decorative Street Lights – Lights out - Blubs need replaced.

Fire Hydrants Annual Flushing – Done

L Maintenance & Lights – The “L” is painted, looks great. Light bulbs are not here, ordered LED. Canda asked Tony to follow up on order.

Miscellaneous

Projects
Wastewater System - Buffer Zone Plan submitted.


Buddy Campbell Memorial Park Expansion Project – Sent an email to Curtis at alliance to get property Fagnant purchase agreement moving.

Pedestrian Bridge Project – Special meeting with engineer(s) is scheduled for July 17th 9:00 am. We got the Sun contract for the funding. The State has taken over the project and will make all arrangements and pay bills for the project. Their design review process can take up to 3 to 4 months to complete.

Buddy Campbell Park - Baseball Diamond ADA Compliance Project - Still waiting to hear back from Bonner to see when he will start. Riley Tillotson’s Senior English Project – Not sure if completed, he has done a lot of work. Tony is checking on status.

Veteran’s Park Restroom - The help is requesting a toilet in the men’s bathroom due to plumbing issues. The problem is they run out of toilet paper and use paper towels. Purchase locked toilet paper dispenser to see if that takes care of the problem with paper towels being used. If not, consider purchasing a commercial toilet for men’s room.

Fire Station Sewer Line Extension – Bannock county utility easement. Needs signature Canda will get copies to the Council.

Water Improvement Project Funding Options/Status Report - Meeting to adopt judicial confirmation resolution schedule for August regular council meeting.

Storm Drain Maintenance Report – Clean boxes this year and see where we are at.

Street Trenching/Pot Hole Maintenance – Next Tuesday they will be repairing.
North 1st West Proposed Storm Drain System – Billy and Tony checked the storm drain on Portneuf Street and believe is off about 40 feet. Mayor Burgin talked with Kody Tillotson and he is fine with leaving Portneuf street where it is at. Kody is willing to get a survey done to find his property line. This way he will know where his property line is at and in the future can build on it. 1st West after Portneuf Street it is half vacated and the City owns the other half and it’s drainage. Kody would be willing to split the cost with the City to put in a box, storm drain system. Councilperson Brown made a motion to hire an engineer and proceed. Councilperson Linford seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Discussion
Council Brown asked about Building and Fire Inspector. Linford is still working on getting an appointment setup.

Council Brown asked Black Mountain Software will get it on the budget for approval.

Council Brown asked Solar System – being reviewed by Rocky Mountain Power.

Council Brown asked about year-end audit. It is done and everyone received a packet.

Council Brown asked about the Trailer, the owner of the trailer relinquishes ownership to the owner of the property as of May 15th, Steve Jones. A neighboring owner is leasing the property from him. Canda will follow up on the deed transfer. Who is responsible to remove the trailer?

Council Brown asked bike racks. Tony is still looking at price.

Council Brown asked the about Riverside outdoor seating. It’s against City Ordinance to serve alcohol outside and operating a business on public property. They can serve food on their property. Canda will check if there is a survey already done.

Council Brown asked about budgeting city hall expansion for more office space.

Tad Mendenhall questioned property next to him. The property is not a rehab center, it is a monthly rental and is open to anyone wishing to rent. Some of the renters could be graduates from the rehab center.

Adjournment
Councilperson Lowe made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Amantha Sierra, Transcriber               Marshall N. Burgin, Mayor