



REGULAR KETCHUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
Ketchum City Hall, Ketchum, Idaho

Present: Council President Michael David
Councilor Anne Corrock
Councilor Baird Gourlay
Councilor Jim Slanetz

Absent: Mayor Nina Jonas

Also Present: Interim Ketchum City Administrator Ray Silver
Ketchum City Attorney Stephanie Bonney
Ketchum Director of Planning & Building Joyce Allgaier
Ketchum Assistant to the City Administrator Lisa Enourato
Recording Secretary Sunny Grant

1. The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael David at 5:30pm.
2. **Communications from Mayor and Councilors**
Councilor Anne Corrock hopes to go to the Association of Cities Annual Conference. Councilors suggested Mayor Nina Jonas might be interested in hosting a City of Ketchum booth at the conference.
3. **Communications from Council Liaisons:**
 - **Baird Gourlay – Sun Valley Economic Development:** There are updates on the culinary institute, Olympic training and performance lab, Ketchum Innovation Center (KIC), etc.
4. **Proclamations: Kids to Park Day**
Council President Michael David read the proclamation proclaiming May 17 as the National Parks Trust Kids to Park Day. Ketchum encourages kids and families to get outdoors and visit America's parks on May 17.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

5. **Approval of Wastewater Turbo Blower Installation Contract**
Blowers provide air to the aeration basins in the wastewater treatment process. Ketchum's existing blowers are very old and not very energy efficient. Ketchum ordered three turbo blowers in 2012. This contract is to install the two larger aeration blowers. The lowest qualified bidder is Star Construction. Staff will install the smaller blower into the digester basin.
Councilor Anne Corrock moved to approve the agreement for installation of the aeration basin turbo blower to Star Construction LLC for \$94,614. Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz, and passed unanimously.
6. **2014 BLM/Forest Service Annual Operating Plan and Cooperative Fire Agreement**
City Attorney Stephanie Bonney said Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle could not be present at tonight's meeting. This is a yearly operating plan that sets forth the chain of command and reimbursement process with other agencies, including BLM and the Forest Service, in responding to fires, particularly wildland fires.
Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to approve the 2014 BLM/Forest Service Annual Operating Plan and Cooperative Fire Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz, and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

7. **Presentation from Ketchum-Sun Valley Volunteer Association**
Ketchum Fire Captain Tom McLean introduced the Ketchum-Sun Valley Volunteer Association, a 501(c)(3) legally independent organization comprised of Ketchum and Sun Valley volunteer paid on-call firefighters. The organization is solely and exclusively for charitable purposes, including but not limited to, providing support to the communities of Ketchum and Sun Valley, Idaho and their emergency services. 5:46:49 PM The Ketchum-Sun Valley Volunteer Association is funded through community donations and the Ketchum-Sun Valley Firefighters Ball.
Ketchum Squad Leader Brian Poster said the Volunteer Association paid for him to attend the annual Fire Department Instructor Conference in Indianapolis, along with 33,000 other firefighters from all over the country. Poster said it was a life-changing experience to be part of the firefighter brotherhood. They trained together in firefighting techniques and took leadership and management classes. Poster said it takes a community to provide emergency services, from young

people willing to spend the hours to get the training, to employers who are willing to let their volunteer on-call firefighter employees leave on a moment's notice for emergency duty.

Ketchum Engineer/Paramedic Keith Potter received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Volunteer Association in 2003 to put toward his paramedic certification. Development funds sends firefighters to EMS Expo and Fire Department Instructor conferences, as well as the FDIC in Indianapolis to train alongside the best.

Funds are also used to purchase extrication and backcountry equipment, a multi-seasonal response vehicle and emergency event support vehicle.

8. Communications from the public for items not on the agenda

- Phyllis Shafran suggested Fourth Street be one-way going west from June to September, to provide safer passage for bikes.

Councilor David said the Traffic Authority would discuss this at their next meeting and report at the next Council meeting.

- Gary Hoffman asked Ketchum to consider better signage to promote a more visitor-friendly atmosphere. He said welcome signs at gateways to Ketchum were small and blah. Hoffman said locals' attitudes are just as important, and asked elected officials, media, non-profits, businessowners, churches and others to go the extra distance to actively promote friendliness and courtesy.

Councilors Corrock and David agreed with Hoffman's statement on welcome signs.

- Greg Martin, member of the Wood River Bicycle Coalition, agreed with Shafran that Fourth Street is not currently bicycle safe. Some tourists come to Ketchum with little experience in how to bicycle on city streets. Some get scared and end up on the sidewalk, which is worse.
- Olin Glenne, Sturtevant's owner, said a comprehensive look at bike travel would be a good idea for Ketchum.

9. Fly Sun Valley Alliance funding request

6:16:38 PM Fly Sun Valley Alliance requested the second installment payment for their Contract for Services. Air service MRGS were very high last summer due to the Beaver Creek Fire. FSVA's contract with the Air Service Board began in March, and they have received only one small payment so far. LOT funds will be used for non-MRG operational expenses. Council appropriated \$50,000 to FSVA last fall for FY2014, but didn't want to pay the full amount at that time.

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to recommend that the Mayor authorize the second installment of \$25,000 that was allocated in November 2013 to Fly Sun Valley Alliance. Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz, and passed with three in favor and Councilor Anne Corrock abstained since the decision was made prior to her seat on the Council.

10. Presentation of the Boulder-White Cloud Monument and consideration of resolution language

6:25:04 PM Idaho Conservation League Central Idaho Associate Dani Mazzotta said the Idaho Conservation League is a leading advocate for designation of the Boulder-White Clouds as a National Monument. Mazzotta related the history of attempts to legislate protection of the Boulder-White Clouds, starting with attempts to make it a national park in 1970 to the most recent effort, the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act (CIEDRA), to protect the area as wilderness. CIEDRA has been introduced to Congress seven times and is still before Congress today.

There are currently 108 very diverse national monuments, which are protected under the Antiquities Act. National monuments are managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, BLM or Fish & Wildlife Service, or some combination. National monuments are legislated by Congress or by Presidential proclamation. Once designated a national monument, a long term management plan is prepared for the area. Idaho has two existing national monuments, The Craters of the Moon and Hagerman Fossil Beds. Idaho's Organ Mountains - Desert Peaks may become a new national monument.

A number of stakeholder meetings on the Boulder-White Clouds have taken place this last summer, resulting in a coalition of supporters—The Wilderness Society, The Nature Conservancy, ICL, sportsman's groups, business groups, The Wood River Bike Coalition and The International Mountain Biking Association. Meetings have produced preliminary maps and a proposal to preserve wilderness characteristics and landscape while recognizing recreation and multiple uses. Blaine County passed a resolution in support, Custer County passed a resolution in opposition and Lemhi County passed a resolution addressing an overlap with the Idaho Roadless Rule. The US Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior will likely meet in the area this summer.

National monument proposals include objects of interest as the reason(s) for the designation. Boulder-White Cloud stakeholders want to see long-term certainty and improved landscape local management protection, including compensation for grazing permits and compromises for motorized use in the area.

ICL asked Ketchum to continue to support comprehensive preservation of the Boulder-White Clouds, recognizing the area's importance to the Wood River Valley's tourist-based economy, as well as its wildlife resources, clean water, and

unique backcountry recreational experience. The Boulder-White Clouds can and should complement the SNRA and Idaho Roadless Rule.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 6:44:00 PM Bruce Smith doesn't support the ICL's plan for national monument designation until they actually have a plan, and asked Ketchum to do the same. He thought the Boulder-White Clouds should have a comprehensive management plan, development concept plan and an environmental impact statement. Smith said the Antiquities Act was created to protect historic and scientific landmarks and structures. The Antiquities Act says parcels of land, in all cases, shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.
- Mickey Garcia said Congress has had its chance for years to protect the Boulder-White Clouds and remains gridlocked. He encouraged Ketchum to support designation of the national monument, even without knowing the details and which bureaucracy would manage it. What matters is setting it aside.
- Olin Glenne went to Washington, D.C. last fall as a member of the Idaho Outdoor Business Council to support the proclamation. He's glad the Idaho Conservation League and Wood River Bike Coalition are working together, since cycling has a big future in the Wood River Valley. The area needs some conservation and management. He encouraged Ketchum to support the proclamation.

Councilor Gourlay, an avid cyclist, is encouraged by the collaboration between the bike community and ICL. The area needs conservation, and also recreational access. Councilor Gourlay agreed that maps are incomplete and it would be good to know what's going to be available for what purposes.

Mazzotta said decisions about specific trails and roads would be made as part of the management planning process; and local organizations will be part of that process. The public process will go through National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and all public comment is welcome at that time. Organizations realize they are all stronger if they unite with a common voice. ICL continues to form its position based on productive comments from both Blaine and Custer counties. ICL wants to take a proactive approach to guiding the proclamation.

There are currently three separate management plans for the proposed Boulder-White Clouds area—the Sawtooth National Forest, the Salmon-Challis National Forest, and the Challis BLM Field Office—and no mandate to coordinate them. Supporters of national monument status are advocating for continued U.S. Forest Service management as lead manager with one plan for the entire area, but cooperative management which would allow continued hunting and fishing.

Concerns consistently expressed are the expense of emergency medical services, maintenance of county roads, resource extraction, and perceived contradiction with Idaho Roadless Rule.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

11. 7:13:31 PM Ordinance 1116: Amending Title 6.04.090, Ketchum Municipal Code, as it relates to exotic animals

City Attorney Stephanie Bonney removed the reference to rodeos at Council's request.

Councilors have received letters opposed to the ordinance, although not from anyone local.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mickey Garcia felt the public should be able to see the opposition letters. He said this ordinance was bizarre and totally hypocritical. Blaine County and Ketchum were up to their eyeballs in dog and cat animal abuse, and there is an ongoing argument about rodeo animals. Garcia said animal rights was not Council's job.
- Brennan Rego said this really isn't necessary since a circus hasn't come to town in years. It's not a problem that Ketchum needs to legislate its way out of.
- Maya Burrell said people think exotic animal abuse is only when there is a bad circus or bad trainer. In fact, scientists say the entire industry of exotic animal circuses is abusive because these animals can only be "trained" by humans using methods that are abusive to them. People are ignorant of the real problem because they do not have access to the animal training, and it is difficult to get evidence of the abuse.
- Burrell noted that the camel in the Wagon Days Parade is part of its family and is not totally restrained or abused.
- The Sage School students who presented their case at the last Council meeting were unable to attend this meeting because they were presenting to the Hailey City Council, which has a circus permit before them.
- Fiona Harris related that a Sun Valley Councilman told the students it was right and proper for them to stand up for what is right. He asked them to return to Sun Valley Council in 10 years as citizens and present their concerns at the time.

Councilor Corrock said it was good to involve the students in the government process, but felt Ketchum's current law is sufficient. She asked about stories of exotic animals that are in recovery.

- Burrell said there is a center in Thailand for elephants that have been rescued from unhealthy environments and cannot be returned to the wild. There is also a center in Kenya where baby elephants are reoriented to being wild and are then released into the wild.
- Burrell said testimony under oath confirms that animals in circuses and other human environments are trained by taking baby animals away from their mothers and “tamed” into believing that human masters are more powerful than they are.

Councilors suggested the opposition emails should be public record on the website. Councilor Gourlay said he'd googled all the email writers and been unable to find anyone who was real. City Attorney Bonney agreed that a letter she'd seen seemed like a form letter.

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance 1116 amending Title 6.04.090, Ketchum City Code, as it relates to exotic animals, and schedule a third reading and adoption on May 19, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz. In discussion, Councilor Anne Corrock asked that language referring to camels, bison, llamas, etc, be excluded and include “animals with a successful history of non-violent domestication”. Councilors agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESS

7:49:06 PM No comments from the Press at this time.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approval of minutes from the April 21, 2014 Council meeting
- Recommendation to approve current bills and payroll summary

7:49:31 PM Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz. In discussion, Councilor Anne Corrock questioned the engineering cost of S₂O Design Engineering under Community Planning. Ketchum Parks and Recreation Director Jen Smith said \$50,000 (100% donor money) was used to hire a NEPA review contractor. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Baird Gourlay left the meeting at this time.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION for pending litigation

Councilor Anne Corrock moved to go into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m., pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(f), to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz. Roll call: Council President Michael David yes, Councilor Anne Corrock yes, and Councilor Jim Slanetz yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Anne Corrock moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Council President Michael David. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Jim Slanetz moved to approve the Fire Chief spending up to \$75,000 from the General Fund contingency to repair the wiring at City Hall. Motion seconded by Councilor Anne Corrock, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Michael David moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Councilor Jim Slanetz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Michael David
Council President

ATTEST:


Sandra E. Cady, CMC
City Clerk