



REGULAR KETCHUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
Ketchum City Hall, Ketchum, Idaho

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

Also Present: Ketchum Interim City Administrator Ray Silver
Ketchum City Attorney Stephanie Bonney
Ketchum Director of Planning & Building Joyce Allgaier
Ketchum Special Projects Manager Lisa Enourato
Ketchum Police Chief Steve Harkins
Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle
Recording Secretary Sunny Grant

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nina Jonas at 5:30pm.

1. Communications from Mayor and Councilors

- Councilor Baird Gourlay thanked Councilor Anne Corrock for suggesting Mountain Rides add a bus route from River Run to Warm Springs. He rode that bus twice and there was standing room only.
- Councilor Gourlay suggested Ketchum support the Blaine County Road and Bridge levy. If roads degrade to a certain point, it will cost a lot more to bring them back up to an acceptable level. It didn't make sense to market the resort area if people came and found inferior infrastructure.
- Councilor Jim Slanetz said the roads should be funded by a gas tax for people who use the roads; but the Legislature won't consider raising the gas tax in an election year.
- Council President Michael David agreed that a gas tax would be logical, but the roads could be completely deteriorated by the time the Legislature gets around to a gas tax. The City of Ketchum already told Blaine County they would support the County Road and Bridge bond on the ballot. Local cities will get a percentage of the bond revenue that is collected within each city.
- 5:45:05 PM Councilor Corrock said Ketchum's only responsibility is to educate the voter about the bond issue.
- Mayor Nina Jonas said Ketchum Police Chief Steve Harkins has been promoted to Blaine County Chief Deputy Sheriff. Ketchum thanked Chief Harkins for doing a fabulous job of developing a positive relationship between the police force and the Ketchum community.
The Sheriff will appoint a new Ketchum Police Chief.

2. Communications from Council Liaisons:

- **Council President Michael David – Mountain Rides:** Federal funding this year is based on performance rather than population, and better than expected.
- **Councilor Jim Slanetz – Blaine County Housing Authority –** The BCHA has an innovative new plan to sell deed-restricted units.
- 5:54:09 PM **Council President Michael David and Councilor Jim Slanetz – Ketchum Community Development Corporation –** The Ketchum Innovation Center is open for business and spaces are filling up. The mentor program and speaker series are being developed. KCDC Executive Director Jon Duval is working on bringing a branch of the BSU venture college to the KIC.

3. Communications from the Public

- Sarah Michael encouraged Ketchum to write a letter of support for the Blaine County road levy.
- *Idaho Mountain Express* editor Greg Foley congratulated Mayor Nina Jonas for being its Woman of the Year, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Mayor Jonas thanked the community for providing an environment that allowed women to thrive.
- Mountain Rides Executive Director Jason Miller confirmed that Mountain Rides bus service from River Run to Warm Springs carried 1,637 passengers in only 10 days of service. The route will be added to regular bus service in the future.

- Councilor Slanetz said some buses seemed to run the same route at the same time, and might have more ridership if their schedules were staggered.
- 6:01:57 PM Mickey Garcia encouraged the community to support the County's road and bridge bond issue so the County and City have adequate funding to maintain their roads.

4. 6:06:45 PM Discussion of an amendment to Ketchum Municipal Code 6.04.090 titled "Exotic Wildlife" to restrict the use of exotic and non-domesticated animals in traveling circuses and exhibitions.

The Sage School's philosophy is for its students to learn by engaging in real world issues. Sage School students Devon Brown, Sam Laski, Harrison Blamires, Evatheia Drougas, Kayla Chaffey, and Will Griffith created an independent study project to learn about exotic animals featured in traveling circuses. The students showed a background video depicting abusive treatment of exotic animals in traveling circuses, and presented the results of their research on the circuses' animal training methods.

A – acquire baby animals at a very young age.

B – beat the baby animals into submission.

C – cage, chain and confine the animals.

D – discard animals when they sicken and die as a result of poor living conditions.

The students and their mentor Maya Burrell proposed an amendment to Ketchum's City Code 6.04.090 titled "Exotic Wildlife" that would restrict the use of exotic and non-domesticated animals in traveling circuses and exhibitions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mickey Garcia said this country has laws against animal abuse.
- Jim Laski said the proposed amendment was well written. He asked about the exception for rodeo animals.
- 6:24:45 PM Sarah Michael said *National Geographic* has convincing evidence that elephants in circuses receive cruel and unusual treatment. She supports the ordinance amendment.
- Brennan Rego felt citizens should have the opportunity to see the circus if they wanted to, and suggested the City Council spend its time on budget issues. If Ketchum residents decide to boycott the circus, the circus won't come back.
- Maya Burrell said public safety was also an issue. Exotic animals in traveling circuses have hurt and killed people, and elephants carry disease contagious to humans.

6:29:54 PM Current City ordinance states that circuses have to provide satisfactory assurance that public safety is not jeopardized and that the animals are treated humanely. Chief Harkins said the police would investigate if they received a report or complaint.

Councilors supported the students' efforts and agreed that no kind of intentional or malicious animal abuse was acceptable. Councilors discussed if rodeo animals should be included.

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1116, amending Title 6.04.090, Ketchum City Code, as it relates to exotic animals. Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz and passed unanimously.

Communications from Staff

5. Campaign Finance Disclosure Discussion

6:41:18 PM Public comment at the last City Council meeting suggested the Council consider requiring candidates to disclose campaign financial statements. Under Idaho law, cities with a population of at least 5,000 are required to file campaign finance information. Ketchum can adopt a non-binding resolution that would encourage candidates to disclose campaign finance information, but cannot mandate finance disclosure. City Attorney Stephanie Bonney said it is an administrative burden, and she didn't know of any small Idaho cities that supported a requirement for campaign disclosure.

Ketchum could choose to ask the state to lower the population minimum to require disclosure, or allow an opt-in provision for cities with less than 5,000 population, or require all cities to provide campaign financial disclosure.

6:45:03 PM Councilor Corrock would support a resolution on a voluntary basis. Councilor Gourlay said it was hard to get good candidates for elected office, and this was another burden on candidates. Councilor Jim Slanetz said it didn't make sense to request it if there wasn't enforcement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 6:51:48 PM Gary Hoffman said he thought there had been some irregularities in past elections and extravagant amounts of money donated to Ketchum candidates. He asked Council to consider a resolution to incorporate some kind of legal responsibility for accuracy in filing a voluntary financial statement. Hoffman said no City money should be spent in such a way that any candidate, particularly an incumbent, could benefit.

- 6:55:47 PM Mickey Garcia has run for office many times, and claimed to be the least corrupt candidate based on the amount of money he's spent on his campaigns.

6:59:48 PM City Attorney Bonney said it is not illegal for the City to publish a newsletter that tells citizens what a great job City Hall is doing, even if it's prior to an election.

Councilors were willing to support some kind of volunteer or opt-in effort to name donors and donations, but a resolution without enforcement was just another campaign tool. Councilor Corrock said citizens might be interested to know what it costs to run for office.

6. Presentation of the Draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Objectives

Also Present: Ketchum City Clerk Sandra Cady

At a budget workshop the end of March, Ketchum Council adopted the following budget objectives for FY2015:

1. Adopt a balanced general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15.
2. Initiate planning process for construction of a City Hall, and/or fire station and police station.
3. Evaluate and consider utilization for a multi-departmental code enforcement staff.
4. Begin work on adopting and implementing environmental initiatives such as water conservation, energy conservation and natural resources.
5. Restructure economic non-government organizations to more effectively use and coordinate resources.
6. Update the Zoning Code and make it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
7. Pursue fire services coordination/consolidation with Wood River Fire and Rescue and Sun Valley where possible.
8. Maximize the utilization of available social media through the city's communications program.

7:07:48 PM Council invited public input on the budget objectives.

- Sarah Michael, District 4 mobility manager, suggested an objective to maintain and preserve existing multimodal transportation services and Mountain Rides.
- Sarah Michael agreed that environmental initiatives, including wildlife habitat, should be a priority.
- Mickey Garcia supported planning for a new City Hall or fire station.
- 7:13:27 PM Councilor Corrock strongly supported enforcing codes that are already in place.
- Councilors agreed that supporting multimodal and public transportation is a subtopic under a balanced general fund budget.
- Mayor Jonas asked if the planning process for a city hall should include something like a convention center/civic center that would augment hotels and the guest experience. Councilor Gourlay cautioned the City against expanding beyond its expertise.

7. Communications from the Press

Brennan Rego asked if Ketchum elected officials would like to voluntarily disclose their campaign contributions.

Councilor Corrock – under \$5,000.

Councilor Gourlay – guessed about \$7,000, with \$1,500 left over that went to the Hunger Coalition.

Mayor Jonas – about \$15,000.

Councilor David – about \$1,500 two years ago.

Councilor Slanetz – about \$1,150 two years ago.

Brennan Rego said he'd spent about \$600 in his run for office.

8. Resolution 14-011 Establishing a One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) rebate to water customers converting their water service off the Ketchum Springs Water System

7:25:48 PM Public Works Director Robyn Mattison recommended Council pass a resolution to establish \$1,000 rebate to water customers who convert their private water line off the Ketchum Springs Water system to the city system. There's over 200 water customers still on Ketchum Springs Water. The \$1,000 rebate encourages customers to convert to the City system, which costs about \$2,500.

Mattison said it's expensive to maintain two water systems. The City spent \$80,000 last year to repair water system breaks, most of which were in the old system.

Councilor Anne Corrock moved to approve Resolution 14-011 establishing a One Thousand Dollar rebate to water customers converting their water service off the Ketchum Springs Water System. 7:32:50 PM. Motion seconded by Council President Michael David, and passed unanimously.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of minutes from the March 31, 2013 Special Council meeting and April 7, 2014 Regular Council meeting
- b. Recommendation to approve current bills and payroll summary

c. **Approval of the 2014 Liquor, Beer and Wine License: See list**

d. **Recommendation to revoke certain LOT tax permits due to delinquency**

7:34:21 PM Councilor Gourlay questioned the high city attorney bill.

Councilors felt the P.O. Box for the Air Service Board should be borne by the Air Service Board.

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz. Motion passed unanimously.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION for Land Acquisition

Councilor Anne Corrock moved to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(c) at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz. Roll call: Council President Michael David yes, Councilwoman Anne Corrock yes, Councilman Michael David yes, and Councilman Jim Slanetz yes. Motion passed unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Council President Michael David moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Councilor Baird Gourlay seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Michael David
Council President

ATTEST:



Sandra E. Cady, CMC
City Clerk