



REGULAR KETCHUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
Ketchum City Hall, Ketchum, Idaho

Present: **Out-going Mayor Randy Hall**
Mayor Nina Jonas
Council President Michael David (by phone)
Councilor Anne Corrock
Councilor Baird Gourlay
Councilor Jim Slanetz

Also Present: **Ketchum City Administrator Gary Marks**
Ketchum City Attorney Stephanie Bonney
Ketchum Community and Economic Development Director Lisa Horowitz
Ketchum Police Chief Steve Harkins
Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle
Ketchum City Treasurer/Clerk Sandra Cady
Recording Secretary Sunny Grant

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Hall at 5:30pm.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2013, December 18, 2013 and December 19, 2013 Council meetings.**
- b. Recommendation to approve current bills and payroll summary**

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to approve the Consent Calendar for January 6, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Nina Jonas and passed unanimously.

3. OATHS OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Randy Hall said he and the Council had worked hard over the years to keep the City running efficiently and effectively. Mayor Hall thanked his wife and daughter for their patience during his terms of office.

a. Administration of Oath to Mayor Jonas

Mayor Randy Hall administered the Oath of Office to new mayor Nina Jonas.

b. Administration of Oath to City Councilors

Mayor Nina Jonas administered the Oath of Office to returning Councilor Baird Gourlay.

Mayor Nina Jonas administered the Oath of Office to new Councilor Anne Corrock.

c. Election of Council President

Councilor Baird Gourlay nominated Council President Michael David as Council President. Nomination seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz, and passed unanimously.

d. Council Liaison Appointments

Organizations that are supported by the City of Ketchum have a Council member liaison.

- Councilor Baird Gourlay will continue as liaison to Fly Sun Valley Alliance.
- Councilor Jim Slanetz and Council President Michael David will be liaison for the Ketchum Community Development Corporation.
- Councilor Jim Slanetz will continue as liaison to the Blaine County Housing Authority.
- Council President Michael David will continue as a member of the Traffic Authority.
- Council President Michael David will continue on the Mountain Rides Transportation Authority Board of Directors.
- Councilor Baird Gourlay would like to be on the Sustain Blaine Board of Directors unless there's a conflict of interest since he is in business with Harry Griffith.
- Councilor Jim Slanetz will continue with the Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee Bike/Ped Master Plan Subcommittee.

Councilors decided they would prefer to not designate liaisons to Ketchum City departments. The Association of Idaho Cities recommends that Councilmembers not liaison with separate City departments because it can give a wrong impression that an individual Councilmember is in charge of a particular department.

4. Communications from Mayor and Councilors

- Councilor Gourlay is thinking “snow”.
- Councilor Jim Slanetz thanked new Mayor Jonas and new Councilor Corrock for their willingness to be public servants.
- Councilor David thanked Ketchum City Event Coordinator Sharon Arms for staging a snow “Dump Dance” event in-between Christmas and New Year’s.

5. Discussion on changes to the Ketchum Urban Renewal Board Bylaws

The URA Board has considered changing its composition the last few months. The Bylaws currently say “The agency shall be governed by seven commissioners. Five of those seven commissioners shall be the elected mayor and City Council.” The remaining two positions are reserved for citizens appointed by the Mayor and Council. Terms for the elected mayor and councilmembers are the same as their elected terms. Terms for citizens are four years from the date they are appointed. If an elected (Mayor or Councilmember) URA Commissioner resigns from the URA Board, the URA Board (by State Statute) appoints a citizen to serve the remainder of the term. When a new Mayor and Councilmembers are elected, they assume the URA Board positions. If a citizen commissioner resigns, the Board appoints a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.

As of yesterday, the URA Board consists of Mayor Randy Hall (expires today), Council President Michael David (expires January 4, 2016), Councilor Jim Slanetz (expires January 4, 2016), citizen Trina Peters is filling Baird Gourlay’s term (expires today), citizen Tim Eagan is filling Nina Jonas’s term (expires today), and citizens Mark Eshman (expires November 15, 2014), and Trish Wilson (expires November 15, 2016) are citizen positions.

The URA Board questioned if Ketchum Council wants the entire Ketchum Council on the URA Board, or if Council wants to increase citizen content on the URA Board. Idaho State Statute allows for three to nine URA commissioners. Should the URA Board of Commissioners be separate from Ketchum City Council; or should the URA Board be elected officials who are elected by the people to manage tax dollars? A citizen Board adds another layer of government, but permits the Board to find citizens with divergent expertise.

Councilors discussed having five or nine Commissioners on the URA Board. The downside of fewer Board members is losing the wider variety of expertise, especially if the Board is largely made up of elected officials. Councilors decided to stay with seven URA Board Commissioners, with three elected officials.

Councilors then discussed how to choose the three elected officials to sit on the URA Board, noting that if an elected official chooses to resign his/her term, the URA Board by law chooses a citizen to finish the term. Council decided to word the bylaws that Council will decide among themselves who fills the two URA Council seats, which will have staggered terms.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jim Plomasen said the URA Board currently seats two members who are not citizens of Ketchum.
- Mickey Garcia said there is a lot of expertise in Ketchum. He would prefer the URA Board have fewer elected officials.
- Kingsley Murphy said Ketchum businesses and property are owned by people who’d been part of the community for years but who lived outside the city limits.
- Aimee Christensen said the URA should be able to tap the widest range of expertise for its Board.
- McKinsey Harbaugh agreed that the URA should have a variety of citizens, with a limit on how many can live outside Ketchum, *and* a certain number of elected officials to keep watch on tax dollars.
- Ben Worst said the URA is still in the formation stage. While it is, it’s important that elected officials are on the Board. In time, the Board should be entirely private citizens who live in the City of Ketchum.
- Ed Simon said the number of non-Ketchum residents on the Board should be limited because Ketchum citizens should be heard. He suggested Council consider all the bylaws and get public opinion on all proposed changes.

Council needs to define “citizen”. The bylaws state the number of non-Ketchum members is a proportion of the number of residents. Councilors agreed that there should be a maximum of two non-residents on the URA Board.

6. Request to extend terms of Commissioners Trina Peters and Tim Eagan on the Urban Renewal Board

Council decided that current Commissioners Trina Peters and Tim Eagan should stay on the URA Board while Council discussed potential changes to the bylaws.

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to adopt Resolution 14-002, and change the fifth Whereas to “The City Council desires to extend the terms of Eagan and Peters for a two-month period or until the bylaws are amended, whichever occurs first ...” In discussion, Council President Michael David confirmed that Mayor Nina Jonas will fill the Mayor’s seat on the URA Board. **Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz, and passed with three in favor and Councilor Anne Corrock opposed.** Councilor Corrock said the URA Board was not broken and Council could accomplish the same thing under the current bylaws.

7. Communications from the Public

Sun Valley Mayor DeWayne Briscoe congratulated Ketchum's new Mayor Nina Jonas and Councilor Anne Corrock. He offered his assistance and full cooperation of his administration in working together to find common interests. He suggested both Ketchum and Sun Valley appoint subcommittees to negotiate a joint policy agreement that would include funding the marketing association.

8. Communications from the Press

There were no comments from the press at this time.

9. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Discussion on a lease for the Ketchum Sun Valley Historical Museums at Forest Service Park

The Ketchum Community Library is interested in operating the two museums at Forest Service Park.

Also Present: Ketchum Parks and Recreation Director Jen Smith
Ketchum Community Library Executive Director Cynthia Dillon
Ketchum Parks and Natural Resources Superintendent Juerg Stauffacher
Ketchum Historical Museum Director Taylor Pasley

Ketchum Parks and Recreation Director Jen Smith suggested revising the lease to reflect reality as it exists.

The Library would prefer to be assigned the existing lease which expires September 1, 2014, under its current terms and provisions. The Library would like to operate the museums for awhile, to get a feel for how things work, in order to develop a strategic plan for the museum. Smith said she wanted to clean up the lease, but agreed that working with the new tenant to develop a relationship was in everyone's best interests.

The Library has four requests regarding the lease:

- There should be written notice of intention to extend the lease at least six months prior to the end of the current term. Dillon asked to extend that to July 1, 2014.
- Sentences in the lease make it unclear whether the tenant or landlord is responsible for major structural repairs.
- Will the library be responsible for improvements made for the property by the Historical Society?
- Was a grant received to improve the west warehouse?

Museum Director Taylor Pasley said the museum's electrical system was fairly good. The heating system needed maintenance and repair. There's plumbing in only one building which needs some maintenance.

Councilor Anne Corrock moved to assign the Ketchum Historical Museum lease to the Ketchum Community Library. Motion seconded by Councilor Baird Gourlay, and passed unanimously.

10. Resolution 14-001 Amending the Cafeteria Plan Documents

Also Present: Ketchum City Treasurer/Clerk Sandra Cady

The Internal Revenue Service recently issued a notice allowing a modification of the "use it or lose it" restriction on cafeteria plans that pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses. The IRS now allows plan participants to carry over up to \$500 into the next year.

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to approve Resolution 14-001 amending the Cafeteria Plan documents. Motion seconded by Council President Michael David, and passed unanimously.

11. Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to amend the agenda to discuss Planning and Zoning appointments.

Motion seconded by Councilor Jim Slanetz, and passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Commissioners Steve Cook and Jeff Lamoureux seats expire this month. Ketchum is advertising for and accepting applications from potential replacements.

Councilor Jim Slanetz moved to extend the appointments of P&Z Commissioners Steve Cook and Jeff Lamoureux for two months or until suitable candidates are found. Motion seconded by Councilor Baird Gourlay. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baird Gourlay moved to adjourn at 6:58pm. Councilor Anne Corrock seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ATTEST:


Sandra E. Cady, CMC
City Clerk


Nina Jonas
Mayor