



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
DOVER CITY HALL, 699 LAKESHORE AVENUE,
DOVER

Minutes

Present: Mayor Davis, Council Brockway, Parkin, Strand and Williams. Staff – Clerk, Hutchings

Public Present: Donald Morris, Freda M. King, Alex Lett, Marie Forbes. Others joined by phone. Public was encouraged to attend via phone with Dial-in Number: 1-571-748-4021 PIN: 582-830-188#
Computer using URL: <https://webinar.gomeet.com/582-830-188>

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call vote established all council was present.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**- Clerk received letter from Freda King which was read into record (attached hereto)

III. **NEW BUSINESS** –

1) POAC (Pend Oreille Arts Council) Ancillary Gallery Agreement: **Brockway motioned** to approve the POAC Agreement as presented and authorized Clerk or Mayor to sign, **2nd by Strand**. Roll Call Vote: Brockway-Aye, Parkin-Aye, Strand-Aye, Williams-Aye.

2) 105 4th Street City Property Update – Postal Response: Mayor read letter from USPS into record (attached hereto). Mayor supports an open-house event inviting residents to get involved to talk about alternative uses for proposed multi-use facility, selling the property or other options. Brockway suggested event formatted similarly to Comprehensive Plan workshops in past.

3) Final Audit Review, Authorization for Mayor and Treasurer to sign final closing letter: **Strand motioned** to accept the final audit review as presented and to authorize the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the final closing letter from auditors Anderson Bros. CPAs, **2nd by Williams**. Roll Call Vote: Brockway-Aye, Parkin-Aye, Strand-Aye, Williams-Aye.

4) Authorization for legal fees: **Parkin motioned** to approve the Mayor to authorize legal fees not to exceed \$20,000, **2nd by Strand**. Roll Call Vote: Brockway-Aye, Parkin-Aye, Strand-Aye, Williams-Aye.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS** -

1) Budget Setting Fiscal Year 2021: this item taken out of order and moved to before new business so that budget discussions could continue from earlier meeting.

Sewer Fund: All FY 21 budgeted amounts were agreed upon as presented on spreadsheet with these exceptions.

Capital Expenditures: will be discussed at later meeting after more information has been gathered

CAD Mapping: reduced from \$3,500 to \$2,000

Interest Expense: Treasurer to provide verification of amount

Operations & Maintenance/Buildings & Grounds: will be discussed at later meeting after more information has been gathered particularly paving quote which JUB's Hassell is working on

Software Licensing & Support: will be adjusted to include \$500 for new laptop computer, half of expense (total budget of \$1,000) charged to Water department

Contract Services: Clerk directed to obtain new contract from Water Systems Mgmt. to be included for Council review on 6/11 agenda.

Depreciation Expense: Treasurer to provide any depreciation numbers provided by the auditors.

As approved by Council on 6/11/2020

Brockway requested when Treasurer enters the budget, have one-time payment fees such as railroad encroachment fees and SPOT fees not be spread across budget. Williams agreed to work with Marley for city-owned sewer property details. He'll present to council an estimated value and estimated costs to include closing, title, appraisal, etc. Mayor to work with Hassell of JUB to research issues of possible Brownsfield site, if DEQ authorization is required and other feasibility issues. Strand will work with Converse of JUB to get status and estimates for completing project for effluent reuse.

- V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Brockway informed council Planning & Development fees are noted in “other income and that’s why Planning and Development income is low. She noted health insurance fees increased as of January 2020 and asked Mayor to request Treasurer show components coming out of employee paychecks January through March 2020. Brockway also reminded that IHD (Independent Highway District) billing is behind and to expect our snowplowing and winter expenses in the next month or so. She requested Treasurer provide Council past due reports for utilities including late fees and aging details. Suggested Treasurer read council minutes as they are a useful resource to help with accounting questions. Strand commented on water loss report provided. **Strand motioned** to accept the consent agenda items as presented including Brockway’s comments, 2nd by Parkin. Roll Call Vote: Brockway-Aye, Parkin-Aye, Strand-Aye, Williams-Aye.
- VI. **FUTURE MEETINGS/AGENDA ITEMS** – Mayor reviewed information listed on agenda. Requested Clerk arrange for next budget workshop to be scheduled the first week in June. Parkin applauded Brockway’s dedication and efforts on budget process. Mayor thanked Parkin and resident volunteers for excellent job in restoring City Beach. Brockway asked to add resolution for Mayor’s spending limits to June agenda. Parkin requested discussion for harassment ordinance be placed on future agenda.
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT** – **Strand motioned** to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO BE READ INTO RECORD AT THE MAY 14, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING:

After listening to the audio of the April 9, 2020 Council Meeting, and discussion and decisions made therein, I hereby lodge protest to and refusal to pay for any of the proposed expenditures out of my taxes which are being paid to the City of Dover, for the following reasons:

1. I submitted a costly subdivision plan for my property in July, 2002, which anticipated therein promised City services which were made a part of record upon annexation. My subdivision was not approved;
2. It is now abundantly clear from the discussion at the April 9, 2020 Council Meeting that the City has never had the ability to provide services, nor did they intend to provide services to my property;
3. Diane Brockway has not recused herself from voting for these proposed improvements which benefit Cedar Ridge (her place of residence). The financial outlay for improvements will now be borne by all taxpayers within the City instead of the Homeowners Association's in its by-laws, and thus a financial enrichment for her. She previously voted to annex the Cedar Ridge water system into the City and thus the financial burden for maintenance was placed upon taxpayers;
4. I also object to Bill Strand remaining a Council member because he is no longer a qualified City elector having physically moved his household to the City of Sandpoint (he advised Council of his anticipated move in November, 2019). I have lodged an official challenge to him being considered an elector of the City of Dover through Bonner County.
5. These Council members voted to use taxpayer funds to the detriment of those not having these services.

City government is designed to consider the benefit to the majority in the decisions made, not the benefit of the few at a cost to the whole.

Ruen and Yaeger has designed other failed systems for which all taxpayers are still paying, and now has apparently used inaccurate calculations in designing the water system for which the State of Idaho is demanding the City correct. Instead of the City considering legal remedies for this incompetency, the financial burden has been placed on all taxpayers once again.

I have been paying taxes to the City of Dover for 20+ years anticipating City services which would allow the development of my land; and, instead this entity has ignored my needs, taken the use of my land using zoning ordinances and has used my tax monies to enrich all those who do receive City services.

In January, 2019, I requested de-annexation from the City of Dover back into Bonner County so that I would be able to use my land which was purchased in 1990 for development. The City of Dover was made aware of this fact upon my request for annexation.

The majority of Pine Street residents are now requesting de-annexation. Request for de-annexation was heard by Council at the March 12, 2020 meeting and the Mayor was to meet with us regarding our requests. I hereby demand a meeting and final consideration before the adoption of the 2021 budget.