

City of Kimberly minutes

City Council
MEETING minutes

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ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Carrie Kimball took roll call:

Tomlinson-Yes

Eisenhower- Yes

Duncan- Yes

Richman- Yes

CEREMONIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS

Kegan Veskermaker from Boy Scout Troop #42 was in attendance to receive his Community Service Relations badge.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

None

1. CITIZEN ISSUES – PUBLIC INPUT –No person shall be permitted to speak from a location other than the public podium. This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Council regarding a City-related issue. In order to ensure adequate public notice, Idaho Law provides that any item requiring Council action must be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting, except for emergency circumstances. Comments related to future

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Public Hearings

None

3. NEW BUSINESS:

None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

- A. DISCUSSION-** Rock Creek Fire District - Development Impact Fee presentation. -
Chief Aaron Zent– DIF packet sent to CC & Mayor on April 22, 2022

Chief Zent- “Thank you Mayor and Council. I have some information here that will maybe answer some of your questions that you might have. Honorable Mayor and Council thank you for letting me visit with you tonight about DIF for RCFD. I believe you had some questions last week, or last month when we met concerning how many responses we had and different types of calls. That big multi page pamphlet I gave you actually breaks down our call volume from last year quite well. If you have anything specific on it, I would be happy to answer or explain. Moving forward with the impact fees, we got support from the other two Municipalities in our District. The County Commissioners are in attendance at this meeting tonight as well. They are here for backing our plan. We just ask for your support. I know this isn't necessarily very favorable to you, but we understand we are looking at a big picture. We are looking at a total of 212 sq miles, not just the City of Kimberly. WE also understand these fees are to be paid through new construction. This isn't a tax on existing houses or properties. However, if we don't pass the DIF we will have no other choice then to go out for Bonds that will raise everyone's taxes. None of us like to do that. This is the lesser of all evils and will provide the district a way to grow with the growth that we are seeing here. So, if you have any questions, I will stand for any questions you may have.”

Mayor- “I know one of the questions Chief was the number of permits you were alluding to in your original package. One of the questions was about the number count broken out of those permits locations.”

Zent- “You bet. I did research that information. I don’t know what you have for permits inside City Limits. I’m sure Craig could get you those numbers. But in the County areas, we really just divide things into three sections by zip code. Kimberly, Hansen, and Murtaugh. I think that is acceptable. Kimberly had 109 permits last year. Hansen had 13 and Murtaugh had 9 last year for building permits.”

Mayor- “I think the question was to the 1100...”

Duncan- “1179”

Mayor- “yes, 1179. It’s the location of those 1179.”

Zent- “I’m going to have Anne answer that one. I’m not 100% sure. Those are estimates made off of growth patterns that have happened in the past 5-10 years. They use those to project future growth, I’m sure. In Kimberly you’ve done your growth projections based off the past and Sub-Divisions and lots available. It’s a little different at the County because we have allot of area that hasn’t been developed and can potentially be developed. I’ll let Anne expand on that.”

Anne Wescott- “Thank you Mayor and Council. These growth projections were based on my analysis of 10 years of past building history for the towns of Hansen and Murtaugh, Kimberly and Twin Falls County. The data I pulled together for all of those put us at about... out of all of the growth that is projected, 45% comes from the City of Kimberly. 30% form Twin Falls County. The remaining got split between Hansen and Murtaugh. Obviously, we just kind of stick with those trends, but also talking with each of the cities with what kind of plots they have in place and what kind of projects they have in place. If you look 10-years ago, its not a terribly good indicator of the amount of demand that you are seeing in the area now. The majority of it is coming from the City of Kimberly.”

Duncan- “Thank you very much.”

Richman- “I have a question; we haven’t talked about this very much. You have a fire station in Hansen?”

Chief Zent- “correct”

Richman- “What are the plans for that?”

Zent- “So that one’s probably going to be down the road. The reason we looked at Murtaugh over the Hansen station for this phase of the road, is because the grants we can also get will hopefully offset some of these impact fees, have to be based of a community. In other words, building the station within the city municipality. Our Hansen station is located at 3200 N 3800 E on Rock Creek Road. That obviously doesn’t fall with in a community. Currently that’s just a storage facility. I don’t actually have an existing station in Hansen.”

Richman- “so you’re not using that now?”

Chief Zent- “which one? The Hansen station? Yes, we are using it. Its not currently staffed. There are no living quarters there. Its really just an out building. A heated storage for fire trucks. We pick up trucks there when we head up to the South Hills. We have volunteers that also respond out of there.

Richman- “so that’s about 4-5 miles from Murtaugh?”

Chief Zent- “um, about 8. 7 miles to the East and 1 mile North approximately.”

Tomlinson- “Chief, in Hansen and Murtaugh how many fire hydrants are located there and how close are they to residents?”

Chief Zent- “Fire hydrants?”

Tomlinson- “yes sir.”

Chief Zent- “Okay, so fire hydrants are I believe 600 ft apart. Sometimes a little more, sometimes a little less. When we look at new sub-divisions, we usually get with the building departments and we look at those plats. We look to see which is the most feasible way to locate those hydrants.”

Tomlinson- “How many do you have?”

Chief Zent- “total? I believe... man Kimberly added a whole bunch this last year.”

Tomlinson- “I know what Kimberly has. I’m not worried about Kimberly. I’m wanting to know about over there.”

Chief Zent- “Hansen has...”

Taylor Hunsaker- “Hansen has 37 and Murtaugh has 27.”

Chief Zent- “37 and 27.”

Tomlinson- “but how far apart”

Chief Zent- “footage wise, about 600 ft, 4-6 hundred. Some are a little closer than that, and some a bit further.”

Tomlinson- “I have been talking to my insurance company about classifications. They rate it based on distance from the house the the fire hydrant. The further away you get, that’s when it gets up to the 8,9 and 10 ratings. The classifications for both Hansen, Murtaugh, and even Kimberly is 4. There’s not anything you’re going to do to lower that unless you know something more than the Insurance companies.”

Chief Zent- “visiting with the Insurance company last month, I actually visited with Leland who is our rep for Idaho Insurance Ratings: We have actually done allot of things that are going to lower it. Water is only one factor in what lowers your ISO Ratings.”

Tomlinson- “the distance from your fire station is also one of them, I get that. You already have stations in both areas and you don’t seem to be using them. Are those not Fire Stations?”

Chief Zent- “well yes, they are, but we can’t keep anyone out there. The station in Hansen doesn’t even have a restroom or running water at that facility. There’s a well with a spicket, that’s it. I can’t really use that as a staffed station. The Station in Murtaugh, its not much better. It does have a bathroom and a small little office. That’s really the conclusion of that if you’ve been in that station.”

Tomlinson- “so you don’t man that one?”

Chief Zent- “We can’t, there’s not living quarters. There’s not, its jus not designed for it. The design years ago, well we have just out grown it.

Eisenhower- “Chief, so if you were to build a new station out in Murtaugh, what would you do with the facility that is out there right now?”

Chief Zent- “That facility would be sold.”

Eisenhower- Okay. Did you do any leg work to see what it would take in cost to maybe update or expand that current facility to an acceptable place to keep staff and equipment?”

Chief Zent- “how that building currently sits, there is no parking. Its locked in between two private businesses, one on each side. There’s really not an option to renovate it and make it work. The room we would have to take out of the bay space would make it almost unfeasible. The roof there is also too short for allot of our fire apparatus. It would be way to costly to renovate that facility”

Eisenhower- “That may be true, but I’m asking did you do any due-diligence to see what the cost would be?”

Chief Zent- “We didn’t look at cost number. We physically know without tearing that building down we can’t make a Fire Station out of it. It would be inhabitable for staff. It’s too small, there’s no parking, and the ceiling’s are too low.”

Eisenhower- “so I guess the question would be, did you, I understand your answer, but did you see if you could scale your activity for that location to maybe accommodate a smaller rig or truck? I know you have some big designs to build and house lots of equipment and staff out there. But could you not right size that facility?”

Chief Zent- “That station is, I believe its about 4200 sq feet. It’s fairly small, it’s extremely small for a Fire Station. We would have to look at going two story. We have one of our older water tenders parked in there. The ladder truck we have physically will not fit through the door

there. Believe it or not, Murtaugh is where we need a Water Tanker a little more than Kimberly.”

Eisenhower- “Sure, I guess here again the question is that you have a lot fewer residents you have to look at verses here. So do you really need, and again its hard for me to second guess you because you’re the Fire Chief, but do your really need to have all of that for such a small population.”

Chief Zent- “Councilman I appreciate your question; we are not planning on building a Taj-mahal fire station. The numbers that we budgeted it off was from what Twin Falls currently just paid to get their station up. It was \$1.5 million over what they had estimates for. The construction costs on commercial building is currently high. We are looking at a 2-3 bay fire station which is equivalent to the parking area that we have now. It will have living quarters and an office for us to work out of there. Its not extravagant. It’s not going to be a brick-and-mortar facility. Its more of a steel structure. Its more economical and something we can afford to house our stuff out there. Murtaugh is not going to have a Taj-mahal fire station. We can’t afford it.

Tomlinson- “how much equipment are you putting out there. How many staff?”

Chief Zent- “minimum staffing for any fire station should be at least two people. That’s a safety precaution. So probably two guys to start and then from there we can add additional crew 10-years 20-years down the road depending on our rates of calls.”

Tomlinson- “your number of calls there from last year, for the city were only 31. Verses the 515 here and 99 in the county. I’m having a real hard time, ill be honest with you trying to justify the amount of money you want to spend for 3 calls per person out there in other words. They have what 2000 people there in Murtaugh? Not even that.”

Chief Zent- “probably less than that.”

Tomlinson- “probably more like 900.”

Chief Zent- “so, again, the reason we are in need of this station. If we compare this to a Police Department, why don’t we have every single Police Officer riding in a minivan. Just put all 4 officeres in the minivan per shift.”

Tomlinson- “that a bad analogy. That’s terrible.”

Chief Zent- “No, it’s because you want your officers to be able to respond to multiple locations at one time.”

Tomlinson- “well that’s not what you are showing me. I’m sorry, I just can’t justify that in my mind. That’s why I keep asking you these stupid questions.”

Eisenhower- “Nancy, I don’t know if you have, I think you brought this up at one point too. Part of what the impact fees are, again from my understanding and I could be wrong, what I read is that these fees are based on mew construction, but they are intended for new growth. To support and service new growth. If you’re projecting only 20% new growth in Hansen and

Murtaugh, and if we said specifically Murtaugh its going to be less. You're looking to spend 50-60% of your impact fees

Duncan- "more like 75%/"

Eisenhower- "okay, 75% on only 10% of what's being serviced out there. I think that's not what this is intended for. It's intended to put together projects to service the areas that are growing. Again, I have to be selfish here to some extent. I have a responsibility to make sure what we put out there for revenue, services our community to the best of our ability. Proportionately. What I have seen so far is a very dis-proportionate spend for a station out in Murtaugh where that's not where the growth is expected. I have trouble with that. I get it, you're looking at the big picture. I could probably get behind a project of a smaller scale out of Murtaugh, but not the majority of the funds at 50-60% of them. That's where I am kind of stuck."

Chief Zent- "Council I appreciate those comments. I understand your position and your thought process on this. Let me remind you again how this District was formed. The members in the City of Kimberly were the last to join back in 2012. In fact, when we started building this fire station, you guys didn't pay for it. It was members of the district those that lived in Hansen and in the County area that paid for that. It wasn't you. So, if we are talking about financial equality, you haven't paid for equality. You haven't."

Duncan- "I may beg to differ with you in the ensuing years, and at that time Rock Creek was doing only fire calls."

Chief Zent-"in the early years absolutely. Still the majority came from the County, the second biggest is the City of Kimberly. Kimberly wasn't the biggest, it's the County portion."

Tomlinson- "at the time your station was being built, this was the station."

Duncan- "at one point it was the service station down on the corner."

Chief Zent- "yep"

Tomlinson- "so we already had a Fire Department. We weren't a part of Rock Creek to begin with."

Chief Zent- "correct, I guess moving forward we need to be productive. I guess I'm looking for recommendation. I spoke with Craig and he advised that I go to you about recommendations on what would you like to see."

Eisenhower- "back to what I just said, id like to see a smaller scope of a project out in Murtaugh that is more proportional to the plan. That's what I'm looking at."

Chief Zant- "Councilman, I also need to purchase a few more fire trucks in the next few years. The newest one I own is a 2012."

Eisenhower- "the ladder truck is 10-years old?"

Chief Zent- “yes, it was not brand new. It’s actually a 2003. Only new to us. So, if those fees are designed to pay, as the Police Department has probably told you, as Craig has told you, as you add more to population, you’re adding more wear on your cars. Maybe we look at a restructuring of this and maybe take the money to buy or replace Fire Apparatus, and I’ll use my regular Budget to pay for that scope in Murtaugh. Would that be palatable to the Council?”

Mayor- “Well I know one of the big questions that Council has had is that right in your paperwork that Anne put together was...*these are one-time fees that’s established by a local government to provisional of Capital Improvements, growth and development.* That’s one of the questions councils has. If the growth and development is located here, why are we going over there?”

Duncan- “I will speak only for myself. Everybody here knows I’m a supporter, I’m a real big supporter of RCFD. That goes without saying. I will share with you what my heartburn is. The proportionate share is designed to ensure that impact fees are calculated by measuring the needs created by Capital Improvement with Development. The Capital Improvements are to benefit those that pay the impact fee. So, my issue, is because its RCFD, crap if I had a million dollars Id give it to ya. When I’m here, we represent Kimberly so we have to look out for ours. My issue Chief is, if the majority of the growth is here, these improvements aren’t going to benefit the people that live and build in Kimberly. You’re not going to roll a firetruck from Murtaugh to fight a fire in Kimberly. You don’t have that much time. You’ve already shared about the mileage. I’m being way open with everyone that is here. I’ve read every word of this packet. So, when I reduce it down, that is my concern.

Richman- “has there been any thought about the Rock Creek station in Hansen? Improving that fire station there?”

Chief Zent- “we have had a discussion on that. We just don’t qualify for any grants with we go that project. We have to build in a municipality.”

Eisenhower- “but you could use these fees to cover those costs, couldn’t you?”

Chief Zent- “we absolutely could. If that is something that would be higher on your Wishlist then maybe we need to have a workshop and discuss what you would like to see.”

Eisenhower- “Again Chief, its not our Wishlist. We are trying to represent our tax payers and our developers building in Kimberly. And keeping those DIF that accumulate in the City of Kimberly. That is where the majority of the money is coming from. As Nancy just read, this is intended to be for those who are paying into it. So again, for me, I’m not opposed to doing a project in County, Murtaugh, or Rock Creek: but it has to be proportionate or closer then 75%. Its not our Wishlist. We are telling you where we are coming from. Making sure its equitable to our paying citizens. That’s really where it comes down to, I think.

Chief Zent- “Sure Councilman. Um we have discussed this quite a bit amongst our staff. Looking at growth over the next 10-years. We are going to have to at least replace 3 fire trucks. The small er trucks are approximately \$500,000.00 and \$750,000.00 for our bigger ones. A ladder truck is about twice that.”

Eisenhower- “Tim, is there a distinction between Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment? It does specify in here Capital Improvement.”

Time Stover- “You know Jim, I can’t exactly answer that right this second.”

Eisenhower- “sorry to put you on the spot.”

Ann Westcott- “State statute was amended last year to specify apparatuses.”

Eisenhower- “very good, thank you.”

Chief Zent- “so anything over 10-years, which we always get 10-years out of our apparatus, those get (not audioable), it considered a fixed asset.”

Eisenhower- “I want to echo Nancy. All of us in here have great respect for RCFD and what you do for our community. You are fearless champions everyday with what you do. I just have to really look at the City of Kimberly.

Nancy- “Anne spoke on it last time she was here about why to build in Murtaugh, I would like to hear the line of logic again please.”

Chief Zent- “great.... Would you like to hear it from me or Anne?”

Nancy- “I don’t particularly care who, go ahead your fine.”

Chief Zent- “anytime you have a structural fire, like over in Twin Falls. Obviously when you have a full structure fire you always need more equipment than what you have at one station. The minimum number of firefighters that I have to have at a structure fire is 17. Otherwise, if anybody gets killed or hurt, I’m held responsible, I could even do jail time. So, in order to get those 17 firefighters, it’s very difficult at times. Right now, we’re getting them through agreements with Twin Falls, and our volunteers. That last structure fire we had here back in March, that was a very large structure fire and we actually had firefighters all the way from Filer on that one. So, we have working agreements with other departments. However, what we are seeing is the number of people we call upon are decreasing. Our number of volunteers are decreasing. So, when that first truck goes to the fire, that second truck is going to be following short after. When we have a medical call, about a third of our calls are overlapping calls. That means we have two calls going on at the same time period usually those are medical calls. Occasionally they are car wrecks or even brush fires. Those are very common this time of year. If we have multiple stations, we will be able to hire more people. That means they can respond to multiple calls at the same time. How it would work, would be it would be a move up scale. So, if the Kimberly unit was out on a call the other unit would start to head this way and maybe stay in Hansen so it was still centrally located. They could then go to the second call if one comes in. They would then return back to Murtaugh when Kimberly is done and is back at their station. So, by having multiple stations, we can respond to more situations in our district with a quicker overall response time. We look at hazard assessments in our district. Our biggest hazard assessment really isn’t in Kimberly. I’m not really afraid of what can happen in Kimberly. We don’t have the large hazards here. The South Hills on the other hand that makes me nervous.

Tomlinson- “Chief, the South Hills, doesn’t that get covered by BLM?”

Chief Zent- “yes, the actual South Hills are covered by them, but we cover the houses leading up to there. We go up and helped often, but those are not in our district. We had a very large fire out there about three weeks ago. That could have been worse. We actually had every fire dept from Twin Falls out on that one. So, by having more stations and more staff it helps our calls so much.”

Tomlinson- “you mentioned about your volunteers dwindling, is it because you’re not soliciting them, or you don’t want them, or they just aren’t interested?”

Chief Zent- “I don’t think any of those are the actual reasons. The amount of training that is required now compared to when I started 20-years ago has just phenomenally increased. The amount of time that is required, just for them to go to a house fire is over 140 hours of training. Council Eisenhower knows, his son was a volunteer for quite some time. He went through that whole training and got certified. Its no small feat, it really isn’t. Allot of people just don’t have that kind of time to dedicate when you done see an immediate payout. Craig is probably very familiar with that. This isn’t a RCFD issue, its actually nationwide. The generation today is different the generations in the past. There’s not as much pride in the community. Travel has contributed. People don’t necessarily live in the community where they work. Their employer isn’t letting them leave work to go fight a fire that’s not in their community. Most employers won’t let them leave work to travel Jerome or even here to fight a fire. Their attitude is it’s not my town, whys it my problem. We will be starting another academy maybe this Fall to train another group of volunteers. Seems like out of every 10 applications we get, we might get 1 out of them.”

Tomlinson- “I’d volunteer Chief, but I’m to old.”

Duncan- “I second that.”

Chief Zent- “I appreciate that, Councilman.”

Craig- “Mayor, Council, Chief... Again, this City greatly appreciates you coming down here. Going through the process, DIF’s are not easy to do. Anne has done a bunch; I have done several. I think what we are finally starting to piece together are the pieces we have been looking for tonight. That is the proportionate share that we have talked about. What’s justifiable, and the developments that are actually causing the need for the Capital Improvements. Whether it’s the vehicle or the structure. Thank you, Anne, for giving that update there, because that’s what’s included in ours: infrastructure and vehicles. As you know Mayor and Council, going through this cities DIF, Chief Perry and I spent almost a year going through where are the calls for service, where is that impact coming from. Our impacts are not coming from my new development, its coming from our original townsite. The increased need for law enforcement and the vehicles. So, my new expenses are not coming from my new growth. We have to really lay this out, because again, I have to come back to this Council and say now here is what I want out of this and what’s driving it. I appreciate where we are tonight and we are finally moving into that and what is justifiable. I know we look at the Fire District as being this massive amount of land for the district. We break it all out and 80% is EMS calls that

don't, well where it comes down is where the rubber hits the road. As we have all heard here it's the impact, the impact that's driving the need for these Capital expenses. And so, I hope that we can kind of sit down with Aaron here and go through some of these Capital purchases. Maybe there's a way Aaron, that if it shifts into equipment that benefits where the growth is. That's what you guys are saying here loud and clear here, I get it, you get it Aaron. Maybe you can find a way to do some shifting for the improvements or whatever you're going to need to do it that. The building you need in order to apply for the Grants like you said needs to be in a jurisdiction that is incorporated. So, when you step out of that, that's why you're struggling there with the Hansen Rock Creek building not being in city limits. So, there is funding, there are Grants that I've seen build numerous Fire stations. I've seen it in Bliss, and a couple of others here. You have to have the right setting. I'm hoping we can get this thing into the right track. There's some matching, there's some funds and things that happen for Capital Improvement and Purchases that that we don't have one second question in our mind (not audible). Coming from the Assessors side of it, which is some of my past as you know, the costs. So, when I add \$2000.00 for water, \$2800.00 for sewer, \$238.80 for construction water. And \$1000.00ish for a Kimberly DIF, then adding in another \$2800.00 or whatever it was those costs are built into the cost of the home. The cost are not just a one time building permit, they are a built into the financing of the home. There are figures on that, we all just got some figures from the County today. So those values are plugged into there because those folks sell that property and sell it for what they paid for it. That's where all of this finally comes back out, is the tax payer is going to pay it. Now I've bought 14 homes, God bless my poor wife, so I know all about getting all of the Impact Fees, I've been there. So, I think we are on the right track. So, I hope after tonight's meeting, Mayor, I fully intend in sitting down with Aaron and go through the figures here then hopefully YOU, Mayor and Council will get behind and support.

Duncan- “Well I would whole hearted support, what you suggest is have a workshop with all of us. And I'll say I'm heartened, and maybe I didn't listen the first time: That if we had a fire ripping Kimberly, we would have a truck immediately dispatched to Kimberly.”

Chief Zent- “Absolutely.”

Duncan- “so you're not going to be able to man a station in Murtaugh 24-hours a day.”

Chief Zent- “not today, that's going to take years. But before I can man a station, I have to have station.”

Tomlinson- “so is the station that's already over there not in the city limits?”

Chief Zent- “no its dead center in the middle of town. The one is Hansen is not, its 5-miles south of Hansen.”

Tomlinson- “so you're not going to try and do anything with that one?”

Chief Zent- “not at this time.”

Tomlinson- “so you're only wanting to do a new one in Murtaugh then. I think as we talk in a workshop, we should look at updating the existing properties rather than purchasing and building a brand-new piece.”

Chief Zent- “I’d be happy to give you a tour of the facility. I’d love to give you a tour.”

Eisenhower- “Chief, I think a workshop is a really good idea. I think we have moved in a positive direction tonight based upon some of the things I have heard tonight. I think we need to have a proportional discussion. I’m not exactly where I want to be with this but I think I’ve moved a little more in that direction. Hopefully that’s a positive for you. Let’s get together and have some constructive dialog.”

Mayor- “Craig do you have something to add?”

Craig- “so nope, just concluding, job well done with the Rock Creek fire. Spent about an hour with the men across the street. Hoses were on the ground before the house caught on fire, but they couldn’t get to it. That’s tragic. They couldn’t get through everything to get to the house. It was videoed, you can see it all. Kuddos to your department.”

Mayor- “I failed to mention that we have all 3 County Commissioners here with us tonight. I’m going to let Commissioner Hall speak, he has a few comments to make.”

Commissioner Hall- “Mr. Mayor and Council thank you for allowing me just a couple of minutes. Ill try to make this quick. I’m going to try to give you an understanding with my comments on where the County sits. Before I was a commissioner an before I was a Council Member, or a Mayor, or a Police Officer: I was a Fire Fighter. I spent 3-years in wild land firefighting. 1-year on the Angeles, 1-year on the Tahoe, and then my last year of firefighting was on the Sawtooth. I was one of the Hot Shots there. When I was in the Marine Corp. I was a Fireman. Crash fire and rescue. We called ourselves crispy critters. So, I have a few years of experience in fire and so these are my perspectives. Not only from that, but from my Police time as well as my Community Leadership that I have been involved in. One is that we hear this all the time about growth, and needing to pay for growth. We hear that from our community all the time. Impact fees are a way to have paid for growth. It’s an assessment on those coming to our community, moving in, causing more needs for services by the Police, Ambulance, and all those things. And so, I support Impact Fees. I don’t like Taxes. I don’t like Fees, but we have to have those if we are going to live in a society that has those services that we so need. The last thing I really want to emphasize is, I think the Chief did an excellent job of trying to give you a sense of Mutual Aide. But, let me give you, my perspective. My police service, my fire service all those things. Your Police Department is not big enough to serve your community. There are times your Police Department has to call for Mutual Aide. Other Departments have to come in and help. When I was a Sgt. With the Twin Falls Police Department, I called YOUR Department to come help me sometimes because of some of the scenes that we had. We can not do these things by ourselves. Our communities are not stand-alone communities. One must support the other. Mutual Aide made that happen. So, I’m in full support of this. If there’s a big fire here, The Chief said it; the Murtaugh Station is coming here. I’ve seen the Twin Falls Police Department and Fire Department go to Jerome and many other communities. Its that partnership and Mutual Aide. Each individual area can’t afford to have adequate services for that area, that’s why we have Mutual Aide. I would encourage you to look at this very closely and support these fees. They do pay for the growth. I have another meeting to go to, so thank you Mr. Mayor and Council for allowing me to say my piece.

Mayor- “Jack.”

Commissioner Johnson- “Don got to go first because he has another meeting to get off to. Mayor and members of the Council, thank you. We as a County have been looking into this for quite some time now, and have been ready to move on this for about a year now. But this is a District. Its not Kimberly, Hansen, Murtaugh. It’s a District, and because it’s a District, our Legal, Anne, and some other folks says we can’t move forward on this as a District with Impact Fees unless all of our Municipal partners are a part of that decision. We have other Districts, Twin Falls Rural District that we are going to be moving forward with. Filer, their Rural Fire District wants to move forward with it and those Councils are ready to go. But we would like to do it all as one package, instead of all of these separate entities. Commissioner Hall was really right on, when he was talking about Mutual Aide. Those of you that know, my previous life was dedicated to Law Enforcement. I worked hand in handed with the Fire Department for all of that time. We joked back and forth about who was more important in life. But, at the end of the day they are both lifesaving services. I actually live on the East end of the County, not in the City of Murtaugh, I live out in the County. To me, as a county resident these are starting to become Life Safety things, we can’t have the proper apparatus on the East end of the County to service the residents on the other end of the County. I don’t know if that’s a Fire Station, that’s not my call. The Impact Fees are for future infrastructure. I think that’s up to the 3 Fire Districts to decide where those resources need to go. We are here to help get them those resources. If it’s a Fire Truck, or where it’s stored at; I’m not the professional. But, as a District, we need to work together to pick up these big Capital expenses. To touch on the Fire station in Murtaugh, that’s not a Fire station, that thing is ready to crumble. It’s not, it’s a, well to build a steel structure, I think would be much more economical price wise verses trying to do something with that building over there. Again, to me its not about a Forestation in Murtaugh. Its about providing the right apparatus, the right location, and where that is, I’m not the professional in that area. But we ask that you seriously consider this. I think a work-group is a good avenue to go on, but the sooner we can all get on board with the district, the sooner they can move on and start getting these funds moving in. I did allot of research. I talked to 3-4 developers about this, its not a big deal to them. I know we as home buyers, if I were to build a new home, we are going to be paying for that in our 40-year loan, but those builders pay it up front. They seem to be okay with it, paying it up front as long as they know that the funds are going to the appropriate place. That wea pretty much the comments I got. So, any questions for me?”

Duncan- “no.”

Commissioner Johnson- “Thank you, have a great evening.”

Commissioner Reinke- “Thank you for your support in this economy and that school here in town. Its wonderful. Thank you for that. And, congratulations on your Kimberly Good Neighbor Days. You did a great job. Its always a pleasure to come over and be a part of that. Just to give you an idea of what’s happening on the West end, Commissioner Johnson mentioned Filer. We have support in Filer and Buhl as well, so this is something we are working on County wide. We all need to work together and get the job done.”

Tomlinson- “as I understand Buhl and Filer are not a part of RCFD and yet you’re including them?”

Commissioner Reinke- “Filer is acting now, and we have some work to do over in Buhl.”

Duncan- “they are their own Districts over there.”

Tomlinson- “I understand that, but it sounded like it was all encompass when he said that.”

Commissioner Reinke- “oh no, the West is separate. From a Mutual Aide stand point we are all connected.

Tomlinson- “well I understand that. So is Jerome and all of those are. It was the same way in Houston, that’s where I came from a few years ago. I understand each side helping each other. There’s alot of that.”

Commissioner Reinke- “for example the Magic Valley has just put an ambulance in Filer because of all the accidents and activity on 93. They are finding they are able to cover the West End better from the Filer station.”

Commissioner Johnson- “just to clarify when I was speaking, those are separate Districts. The Impact Fees would stay in those Districts. The point is, they are ready to move forward in their Districts with the DIF. They are completely different Districts, and those monies would stay separated.”

Mayor- “Thank you Commissioners.”

5. CONSENT CALENDAR- Discussion - Action -The consent calendar includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar in order that it is discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the Council agenda packet regarding these items and any contingencies are part of the approval.

A. Approve Minutes for July 12, 2022

B. Accounts Payable for July 13, 2022 – July 26, 2022

General Fund	\$ 63,984.39
Water Fund	\$ 38,624.69
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,368.46
Library	\$ 782.14
TOTAL	\$105,759.68

Mayor Davidson called for a motion:

Councilman Eisenhower motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Councilman Tomlinson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Tomlinson-Yes

Eisenhower-Yes

Duncan- Yes

Richman-Yes

6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS –

Ordinances and resolutions are formal measures considered by the City Council to implement policy which the Council has considered. Resolutions govern internal matters to establish fees and charges pursuant to existing ordinances. Ordinances are laws which govern general public conduct. Certain procedures must be followed in the adoption of both ordinances and resolutions; state law often establishes those requirements.

None

7. ADMINISTRATIVE / STAFF REPORTS -

Officer Wells- Officer Wells gave the report on behalf of Chief Perry. Wells reported the the staff was still busy working cases. The team is being very proactive with patrol. He stated it was business as usual.

Craig- Updated Mayor and Council that he had received final figures that day from County. He will have those at the Budget Workshop. He made note of the MPO handout he passed around (see attached). It is an itemized Budget for them, and that we have been gearing up for about 3-years now for that to be \$20,000.00-\$30,000.00 a year. He made note that they have listed it as a PERSI position, but it is fact not. The position does carry an alternative retirement plan and the budget totals \$180,000.00. Craig mentioned that it has been talked about being around \$144,000.00, but has been bumped up. He made note of the budgeted \$105,000.00 for an MPO Director. This is an increase of \$40,000.00 and expected to increase by 5% each year. The fine tuning has been fine tuning the members and who was in that. There was an outreach for some of the Filer and Buhl area, but they didn't appear to respond or attend. Looks to be moving forward with the members that are on the list. Census has been delayed, expecting to get new boundaries in January of 2023. That does not change how things are moving forward. Twin Falls County has determined they are not required to be a part of this group. They have run it past their Legal Counsel and there are no findings that they have to be a member. It will be their choice to participate or not. The offer that Twin Falls City is still looking at hosting the office space for this position at City Hall to get it up and running is still in place. He noted that the lease for a vehicle is only listed at \$1,000.00 for the year. Looks like that could be a typo. Craig noted from past experience that its quite the job for this person to reach out for all the grants for the different entities is extensive. Reaching out for Kimberly, Twin Falls City, Twin Falls County Highway, ITD, and Twin Falls County. He believes its up to about 9 now. Craig will be going aggressively for the light at 3400. Craig feels the budget is a little short. He wants to keep Council updated the best he can. Moving forward to the actual ending of who will be the voting members. Keeping it small was smart of you Council. It's been clarified over and over that there are only X amount of dollars. He will keep everyone updated.

Duncan- asked if the MPO will be \$25,000.00, Craig replied yes, as it has been talked about and budgeted for.

Mayor- stated we would be getting more into this at the Budget workshop.

Commissioner Johnson- interjected “Can I clarify Twin Falls Counties involvement Mr. Mayor. We have taken a decision on this. I think we are probably going to be part of the MPO. We wanted the question asked, “Do we have to be a part of the MPO”, and is there an exit strategy is at some point we don’t do roads and bridges. I think we are probably going to be a part of it, but we wanted to see if there was an option or not.”

Craig- ended with stating we are at a 9-member group, lets get projects done.

Brian- He stated the crew is very active out in the field. The scrubber was down at the Stonegate PI station. Its back online and working. The ally project has been advertised and hoping to get some good bids in. The crew will be starting on the preventative valve projects. There will be a boil advisory next week for some residence. He will get the word out the best he can. Centennial Sub-division has started and he likes what he is seeing so far. Its going great. Ballard’s III has started compacting to put roads in.

Carrie- Reported that Utility accounts were looking good with only \$1636.00 in outstanding bills for June. Gearing up for the Budget Workshop next week.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS –

None

9. MAYOR COMMENTS –

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEM- Certain City-related matters may need to be discussed confidentially as a matter of law subject to applicable legal requirements; the Council may enter executive session to discuss such matters under Idaho Code 74-206(1)

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor, Burke Davidson

City Clerk, Carrie Kimball