

City of Heyburn Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 05, 2023
3:45 P.M.

Mayor: Dick Galbraith

Council Present: Chad Anderson, Cleo Gallegos, Rose Schmitt, and Rick Tundag.

Employees Present:

Paul Ross, Ryan Bertalotto, Ivan McCracken, and Ashlee Langley. Tony Morley – by phone.

Welcome & Pledge

Meeting conducted by Mayor Dick Galbraith who welcomed everyone to the meeting and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Council Member Joanne Justesen – ACTION ITEM

Mayor Galbraith announced that he has received a letter of resignation from Council Member Joanne Justesen. Mayor cited the reason for her resignation as being related to a PERSI retirement requirement. Mayor also mentioned that Mrs. Justesen intends to run for re-election to her council seat in the upcoming election.

Motion by Chad Anderson to accept the letter of resignation from Council Member Joanne Justesen. Second by Rose Schmitt. Roll-Call Vote: Chad Anderson – Aye; Rose Schmitt – Aye; Rick Tundag – Aye.

Discuss / Appoint Council Member – ACTION ITEM

Mayor Galbraith stated he carefully considered the importance of appointing an individual with prior council experience and a deep understanding of the inner workings of the city. Mayor emphasized that this appointment would only be in effect until the upcoming city election, meaning a term of just a few months. The mayor stated his need for someone who can contribute more than just a vote on the council. Considering this, Mayor stated he reached out to former Council member and Mayor Cleo Gallegos to inquire if she would be willing to temporarily fulfill the position.

Mayor confirmed Cleo Gallegos's willingness to fill the council vacancy and requested the council's approval of his appointment.

Motion by Rose Schmitt to approve Mayor's appointment of Cleo Gallegos as a council member to complete Joanne Justesen's current term. Second by Rick Tundag. Roll-Call Vote: Chad Anderson – Aye; Joanne Justesen – Aye; Rose Schmitt – Aye; Rick Tundag – Aye.

City Attorney Paul Ross cited to Idaho Code provisions outlining this process of appointment and elections for vacated Council seats.

Swearing in of Council Member

Mayor Galbraith turned the time over to City Clerk Ashlee Langley, who administered the oath of office to Cleo Gallegos, officially swearing her in as a Council member.

General Update on Projects around the City

City Engineer Ivan McCracken provided a comprehensive update to those in attendance, touching upon various projects and developments throughout the city. Mr. McCracken's presentation included updates on the potential sewer connection with the City of Paul, progress on grants, and details regarding ongoing and upcoming developments such as ABI, Northgate, Molina, Chocata, Mortensen, and New Heights. In addition, Mr. McCracken informed those in attendance about the emergency sewer line repair currently underway on S Street, situated between 18th and 19th Streets.

Motion to Adjourn - ACTION ITEM

Motion by Rick Tundag to adjourn the council meeting. Second by Chad Anderson.

Vote: Chad Anderson – Aye; Cleo Gallegos – Aye; Rose Schmitt – Aye; Rick Tundag – Aye.

The council work meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Dick Galbraith
Mayor

Ashlee Langley
City Clerk/Treasurer