

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2020
SALMON, IDAHO**

Mayor Marshall opened the regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Via GoToMeeting due to the Coronavirus.

Those in attendance were:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Jim Baker**
 Jim Bockelman
 Ken Hill
 Neal James
 Robin Phillips
 Fred Waidely

CITY ATTORNEY: **Fred Snook**

Decisions/Action Items

- 1) Council approved renewal of the Hockey Agreement with a \$1,000 increase.
- 2) Council approved proceeding with the Salmon River Days parade, 4 aye, 2 no.
- 3) Council approved opening of the parks and restrooms to the public 5 aye, 1 no.

Consent Agenda

- a) Meeting Minutes June 3, 2020 Special Meeting, Meeting Minutes June 3, 2020 Regular Meeting, Meeting Minutes June 10, 2020 Special Meeting
 - b) Bills for approval
- Councilor Hill made a motion to approve the special and regular meeting minutes for June 3rd and June 10th. Roll call vote: Phillips...aye, James...aye, Baker...aye, Bockelman...aye, Hill...aye, and Waidely...aye.

Public Comments

None

City Achievement Award

Scott Benton was given an Association of Idaho City Achievement Award. The award was for volunteering weeks of his time to do a major technological upgrade by rewiring the Police Department for phones, data, and networking capability. He was nominated for the award by Councilor Robin Phillips who also donated her time and supplies to the project.

Hockey Association Agreement Renewal

Jared Bragg told Council that in 2019 there was a \$1.7 million economic impact to the city due to hockey participants in Salmon. The Hockey Association asked for a \$1,000 increase for services provided.

City Council approved the Maintenance and Operation of the Public Skating Rink Services Contract for the 2020-2021 by a motion from Councilor Hill. Roll call vote: Baker...aye, Hill...aye, Waidely...aye, Bockelman...aye, James...aye, and Phillips...aye.

Salmon River Days Parade Discussion/Decision

Councilor Bockelman said he requested the discussion due to having people gather during the Corona Virus pandemic.

Councilor Phillips stated that the merchants are asking for the parade and the younger families are approaching her telling her how important it has been to their kids. She said it would be a good opportunity to turn around and celebrate our freedoms. If people are concerned about their health and such don't come out.

Councilor Waidely stated that considering everything else that is happening in town that will bring people in and the guidelines for postponing mass gatherings he does not feel that it pertains to a parade where very few people are in close proximity to each other. He sees no reason to not hold a parade.

Councilor Baker stated that everyone would like to get out of this. On the news two of the adjoining states (Nevada and Oregon) are both experiencing numbers in acceleration of the virus. Last week the numbers in Idaho were in the 30's new cases per day. This Monday was 78 and Tuesday was 72. We are not out of danger. By allowing the parade to go forward, which brings large numbers of people (near 1,000) downtown who are congregated and people from out of town, we are inviting problems. He feels the risk is way too high.

Councilor Hill disagrees with Councilor Baker. He does not believe there are dense crowds in any one spot.

Councilor Bockelman has had comments from community members who want the parade and others who do not. We have 1 new case. He does not know if it is a good idea or bad idea. We should recognize the fact that if it starts spreading in our community it may affect us all.

Councilor James thinks the whole pandemic thing is a farce. The corona virus is going to be around for 20 years, 50 years...how long are we going to hide from it. It is not going to

go away and there is nothing we can do to prevent a few people from getting sick. We should allow the parade to go ahead.

Councilor Phillips made a motion to go forward with the Salmon River Days parade. Roll call vote: Phillips...aye, James...aye, Bockelman...no, Waidely...aye, Hill...aye, Baker...no.

Skate Park and City Parks/Pavilions Plan for Re-opening

Councilor James made a motion to open the restrooms and parks to the public. Roll call vote: Phillips...aye, James...aye, Bockelman...aye, Waidely...aye, Hill...aye, and Baker...no.

Informal Discussion/Round Table

Topics for round table were recognition to the administrative staff for their contribution to keeping the city going, the Hone agreement, and recognition to the Police Department for a job well done, and handicap accessibility at the park pavilions.

Committee Meetings / Public Information

- a) Public Works Team – TBD
- b) Parks and Recreation Team – July 10, 2020, 3:00 p.m. City Park
- c) Finance Team – TBD
- d) Public Safety Team – July 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Public Comments

- 1) Scott Benton noted that Mary Benton assisted with some of the work at the Police Department.

Future Council Meeting Agenda Items Future Action Items

- 1) Executive Session Per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) & 1(f) - Request by Councilor Bockelman

Adjournment

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Leo Marshall, Mayor

Mary Benton, City Clerk