

**City of Castleford
Council Meeting
June 11th, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mayor, Cliff Lockhart. Those in attendance were as follows: Cliff Lockhart, Pansy Pettit, Justin Clark, Timmie Fabela, Sadie Austin, Jane Bantea, Kristina Scott. Public: Victor Keen, Aaron Easterday, Terry Edson, Jason Scott, Jeanne Gauouette, Cheryl Sample, Diana Schlund.

1. **Opening of meeting, and establishment of Quorum-** Jane established a quorum of the City Council.
2. **Minutes from May 14th, 2024, meeting-** Justin motions to approve the minutes from May 14th, 2024, Sadie 2nd, motion passed.
3. **Roberta Jones – Present Work on Home –** Roberta was not present. No action taken.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Public Hearing to Consider Public Comment Regarding the Institution of a Fee Increase of More than 5% for Public Utilities – Idaho Code 63-1311A-** Public Hearing began at 7:06pm. The council heard comments from the public regarding the proposed increase for utility billing that would go into effect for Fiscal Year 2025. The council explained to the public that the city has gone many years without raising rates more than 3%, and the cost of inflation has put the city in a position where increasing rates was non-negotiable to provide services as required by the city. The council also heard ideas from the public to generate business for the city and suggests that a committee be made so members and the public can gather and brainstorm ideas to implement in the future. Pansy motions to move forward with the proposed increase and add to July's agenda and consider lowering the allotted water usage, Sadie 2nd, Roll Call Vote: Pansy-aye, Sadie, Aye, Timmie-aye, Justin-aye, motion passed. Pansy motions to close the Public Hearing at 8:00pm, Timmie 2nd, motion passed.
 - b. **FY2025 Budget Finalization to move to Public Hearing-** Kristina presented to the council in years past, the budget was not properly balanced and suggests moving money from the water fund to balance out the street and general funds. Timmie motions to move \$11,000 from the water fund to the street fund, Sadie 2nd, Roll Call Vote: Timmie-aye, Sadie-aye, Justin-aye, Pansy-aye, motion passed. Timmie motions to move \$31,000 from the water fund to the general fund, Sadie 2nd, Roll Call Vote: Timmie-aye, Sadie-aye, Justin-aye, Pansy-aye, motion passed. Pansy motions to approve the budget for FY2025 and move forward with the Public Hearing in July, Justin 2nd, motion passed.
 - c. **Chickens and Rabbits within the City-** The council reviewed Ordinance NO.215. Pansy motions to set all fees and penalties by resolution, Timmie 2nd, motion passed. Justin motions to change the number of allowed chickens to 10, Sadie 2nd, motion passed. Pansy motions to send all residents within the city a letter stating that the city will begin penalizing all violators, Sadie 2nd, motion passed.
 - d. **Discuss City's Banking Options-** Kristina provided material for the council to review from First Federal Bank. She states that with Farmers Bank, the city is accruing .4% annually and by switching to First Federal Bank, the city could accrue 4.12% annually. Justin motions to switch the city's bank to First Federal Bank, Pansy 2nd, Roll Call Vote: Justin-aye, Pansy-aye, Timmie-aye, Sadie-aye, motion passed. Justin also motions to put on July's agenda investing options, Pansy 2nd, motion passed.
 - e. **Review and Consideration of Ordinance NO.234 – Designation of City Finance Institution-** Pansy motions to approve Ordinance NO.234, Justin 2nd, motion passed. Pansy motions to bypass the 3-reading law, Justin 2nd, motion passed. Pansy read the ordinance by title in full. Clerk to publish Ord. NO.234.
- * **Discussion/concerns for future agenda-** The council decided the city should work together with the public and hold a fundraiser or event to generate business in the near future.
- * **Public Comment:** none.

Financial Statement – Monthly Bills- Pansy motions to pay the bills, Timmie 2nd, motion passed.

Adjournment- Sadie motions to adjourn, Pansy 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.


Jane Bantea


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Approved on