



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho

Tuesday, August 02, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER – Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Chadwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Council President Hershey moved to correct the order of the evening's meeting agenda to move Item 7 Meeting Adjournment to be placed after Item 8 Public Hearings with Action Items; Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hershey – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye; Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

### 2. INVOCATION –

Pastor Larry Osborn with LifeSpring Christian Church offered the invocation.

### 3. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Council President Hershey, Council Members Wheelock, Salmonsens, Nielsen and Mayor Chadwick were present.

City Staff present: City Clerk Qualls-Treasurer, Public Information Officer Partridge, Police Chief Hessing, City Contract Attorney Yorgason, Assistant Planner Field, City Engineer Morgan, Sports Coordinator Weston, Sports and Recreation Administrative Assistant Pew, and City Clerk's Office Intern Conly.

### 4. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Ada County Prosecution Contract Presentation - Robert Bleazard

Robert Bleazard spoke on behalf of the Ada County Prosecutors Office to represent Prosecutor Jan Bennets' budget request. He clarified that their office is not requesting any change to the budget; it is the same as the prior year's \$30,000 contract. The contract makes it possible for them to specialize in infractions and misdemeanors. Mr. Bleazard offered to stand for questions; none were offered.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)

#### A. Approval of Claims Provided & Previously Approved

- Council Member Salmonsens moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Hershey seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hershey – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye; Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

### 6. ACTION ITEMS:

See corrective Order of Agenda vote under Item 1.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

See corrective Order of Agenda vote under Item 1.

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**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS with ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **FY 2022/2023 Budget Hearing** - A Public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$14,396,119.73 with a proposed amount \$1,730,572.00 coming from Ada & Canyon County assessed Property Taxes. The hearing will be held at Star City Hall 10769 West State Street, Star Idaho at 7:00pm on August 2, 2022. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed Star City Budget in detail are available at City Hall during regular office hours, City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities related to the budget documents or to the hearing, contact City Hall at 208-908-5452.

**2022-20223 Budget Presentation**

Mayor Chadwick presented the City Budget utilizing a PowerPoint presentation (see City Council Packet). The Mayor stated that in order to prepare the budget, reliable income vs. mandatory expense must be compared and that the City tries to have these two factors match as much as possible. They also compare pass-through income vs. pass-through expenses. Chadwick noted the city is financially healthy as a City with \$14,471,155.94 in its accounts. ITD proportionate funds get used on highways within the City. The final disbursement of ARPA came in in the current fiscal year. He noted that for revenue, one source is property taxes, where there is an 8% increase. The 8% levy goes on new construction.

Council Member Nielsen asked the Mayor for clarification on the tax percentage. Per Mayor Chadwick, the increased value in the City as compared to Eagle and Boise. Star's levy is at \$1,730,572.00 with a foregone of \$663,040.00. Mayor Chadwick showed examples of the levy of residential properties in the Steven Springs and Craftsman subdivisions and clarified the twelve different entities that are part of the property tax pie chart. Chadwick stated that we have a property valuation problem in our state. He also gave examples of how commercial property is valued differently in terms of revenue sharing utilizing BiMart and El Mariachi. For revenue sharing, 11% of sales tax in the state is disbursed from the state to cities.

Chadwick showed a chart of reliable income and how it has grown over time. He explained that impact fees occur every time a house is built, with higher fees in the Canyon County section. Referencing the presentation slides, he noted the proportion share account is in yellow, showing the entities that have paid. Later this year, the Star Road at Canada project will be bid out. Chadwick clarified the building and land use fees; basically, when people ask for a rezone, preliminary plat, etc. He noted that building fees are based on square feet, so that doesn't equate and advised that the City will seek ways to pursue a process change on this in the coming year, with guidance from the City Attorney.

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Mayor Chadwick continued an overview of City revenue, including dog licensing, reservations (baseball, facility rentals such as Star Riverhouse and Blake Park, and cash donations (camp donations, etc.). With respect to ARPA funds, the Mayor advised the City applied for and did not receive a grant for the proposed safety walkway across the road by the middle school. The City is continuing to pursue other grants to be able to pursue the walkway project. Mayor Chadwick noted sports fees for soccer and lacrosse, as well as recreation and camp fees. He noted that the City hired Recreation staff member Annie Pew in May, and that the summer camps she coordinated have been full. He remarked that the Recreation program offering is well rounded.

Chadwick spoke on further revenue sources, including court fines, youth scholarships, and General Fund transfers (park impact, ITD, and ARPA), and noted the total projected revenue. With respect to Law Enforcement, Mayor Chadwick stated that the number one priority is making sure public safety is high. A sergeant is being added to the staff, necessitating the chain of command update of the Chief to a Chief II. The Mayor reviewed a slide pertaining to the Executive leadership (Mayor and Council) and noted staff payroll and expense. The Clerk's office is adding a staff member. Chadwick noted on the chart that all in orange is contracted, blue is appointed by state regulation, and green is an active committee. EXP slide: Ada County vs. Canyon County hasn't grown as much yet. For City Attorney Services, \$48,000.00 is allocated for Chris Yorgensen; there is also additional Legal. Brian Morgan, City Engineer, is planned to come on full time with funding to stay with the city. Mayor Chadwick also called out IT costs and ICRMP insurance costs.

Mayor Chadwick described various upcoming and in-progress improvements to City parks, including the Blake Haven playground rubberized playground surface that will aid in ADA compliance; the Pavilion Park proposed splash pad, pickle ball, and basketball courts; the Hunter's Creek skate park shade project; and the Dock Project near the Star Riverhouse. He also mentioned two proposed future parks located at Trident Ridge and Roselands.

Mayor Chadwick asked Council Member Salmonsens to describe the work of the Parks and Beautification Committee. Council Member Salmonsens mentioned that they run program throughout the year, and highlighted some upcoming projects including streetlight banners, holiday lights for street poles, a monument rock for the dog park, kiosks at local parks for info-sharing, a volunteer appreciation event, and the proposed placement of some fitness equipment at a small City Park near Hunter's Creek Sports Complex. Mayor Chadwick thanked Council Member Salmonsens, and mentioned the Transportation Committee, Historical Committee, and Mayor's Youth Council.

Mayor Chadwick presented a slide on Building Expenses, noting percentages on building inspections and noting that the City may need to consider bringing in house/land use bonds (pass-through). He described impact fees and that the City is working on fee structure.



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Continuing the presentation, Chadwick described the Sports and Recreation department and the cost to do business. He stated the goal for Sports and Recreation is to meet salaries but noted the need to keep programs affordable.

For Planning, Mayor Chadwick noted a focus on the western portion of Star. He also mentioned a capital expense for resealing the surface of parking lots.

Mayor Chadwick concluded his presentation by stating the city has zero debt, no bonds, police paid for, Capital Improvements in the parks paid for by Impact Fees, and that the City is on track every year with the goal to let growth pay for itself.

Mayor Chadwick asked for Council questions and comments.

Council Member Nielsen commented that the Council has had budget workshops and have asked questions previously.

Mayor Chadwick made an announcement on the Police Department/Fire Department volleyball tournament.

### **Public Testimony:**

Mayor Chadwick opened the Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:49 p.m. and called for Public Comment.

There was none from members of the public in attendance onsite at the meeting. City of Star PIO Dana Partridge advised that Star Fire Deputy Chief Victor Islas was present online and verified that no one online had requested to offer comment.

Mayor Chadwick closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

### **Council Deliberations:**

The Mayor clarified that the budget is proposed but is not yet an ordinance.

Council President Hershey agreed with Council Member Nielsen that he too was happy with the evolution of the budget preparations and said he was satisfied with the process.

Council Member Wheelock stated the budget plan looks more detailed than he has ever seen as a citizen, and he is happy to support it.



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Council Member Salmonsens added her appreciation for both budget workshops, and stated she was excited for next year.

- Council President Hershey moved to tentatively approve the proposed FY 2022/2023 budget with Council approval by ordinance at a later date; Council Member Nielsen seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hershey–aye; Wheelock–aye; Salmonsens–aye; Nielsen–aye. Motion carried.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

/s/ Trevor A Chadwick

/s/ Jacob M Qualls

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Trevor A Chadwick, Mayor

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Jacob M Qualls, City Clerk / Treasurer