

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held January 19, 2010, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday February 2, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: George Mosher, Jay Mazalewski, Greer Jones and Colin Dye, Mayor Daniel Powers, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, Financial Official Officer Amy Smith, and Public Works Director Jared Gunderson. Mayor Daniel Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES TO REVIEW**

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the City Council Meeting. Council Member Jones and Council Member Mazalewski made corrections to the minutes.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 City Council Meeting, as corrected. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CLAIMS REVIEW**

Council members reviewed the claims.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the claims as presented dated January 19, 2010 through February 2, 2010. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**Sewer Discussion**

Scott Rogers, from Aqua Engineering and John Millar, Public Works Director for Rexburg, were present. Mr. Rogers stated that the water sample results for the City of Driggs did not make sense and he proposed the problem might be with the labs that are reporting to EPA. He explained that Mr. Millar had an in-house lab with two full-time employees and was certified in waster water. He suggested the City of Driggs use this lab instead of the lab in Idaho Falls, since some samples also had to go to Helena, Montana, which might be causing the flux in results. Mr. Rogers stated that Rexburg would be willing to work with the City of Driggs and would charge the same amount to test samples. He concluded by stating that he felt the change in labs would result in faster results from a lab that had more experience.

Mr. Rogers then began discussing the proposed sewer plan. He felt the next step, after resolving the issue with the samples, was to meet with the City of Victor and determine how the project would go forward. Funding for the project was discussed and Mayor Powers and Mr. Rogers explained options, including one from the USDA.

Council Member Mosher questioned the time frame of development for the new plant. Mr. Rogers explained that the permit could be approved at any time and would be good for 5 years. Another round of stimulus money was being awarded soon and Mr. Rogers suggested the city receive a firm proposal for design. Council Member Mosher stated he was in agreement to use the reserve funds to move forward as Mr. Rogers explained that some grants would reimburse cities for costs previous incurred. Mr. Rogers stated he would get a professional proposal submitted to the City with a list of tasks through the bidding process.

Mayor Powers stated that there would be a meeting with the City of Victor on February 9, 2010 at 4:00pm. He requested that a member of the Council be the Liaison for the sewer project. Council Member Mosher volunteered.

Mr. Rogers concluded the discussion by stating that the new plant might be in the wetlands and may need to get the Army Corps of Engineers approval.

### **Gravel Discussion**

Jared Gunderson gave the Council information regarding the dollar amounts for each type of material that was available at the airport, according to Lillian Bowen. He stated that he took that information to several gravel pit owners in the Valley and they have expressed interested in the material. Mr. Gunderson stated that the City might also need material for the lagoon, the pathway and various other projects. He will attend the Airport Board Meeting on February 17, 2010 to discuss this issue with the Board.

Mayor Powers stated that the extra materials at the airport were “ultimately still part of the airport contract” and that the City was only trying to help remove the materials. He also stated that any funds received from those that want to purchase the material would go back to the Airport Board.

Greg Sutton, Sutton Excavation, spoke to the Council. He felt the most economical way to clean up the materials was for it to be sold. He began to discuss costs involved if the City decided to have it hauled and stated he may be willing to store some materials at his pit if the City needed the space. He concluded by stating that the City should “take advantage of all options that are offered to you.”

Mr. Gunderson then gave an update regarding the work of the Public Works Department, which included plowing roads and general maintenance.

### **WATER RATES DISCUSSION**

Mayor Powers explained to the Council the information provided by Amy Smith. He stated that the City would need an overall percent increase of 33% if full depreciation was to be funded and a 6-7% increase if the Council did not want to fund any depreciation. He also stated that the three scenarios had previously been discussed and the Council needed to decide if they wanted to fully fund the depreciation and where the increase for the water rates should be.

Council Member Dye stated that he felt the water allowance should remain the same and that the base rate should be raised 5%. Mayor Powers felt that was not enough of an increase and Council Member Dye responded by stating he felt that dropping the water allowance was not going to encourage people to conserve water.

Council Member Mazalewski stated that the City should raise the rates 33% over the course of several years and suggested a 16% increase this year. He further stated that the public needed to be informed of reasons for the increase.

The tiered rate structure was discussed and Council Member Mosher did not feel that conservation would be achieved with this method. He further stated that with this method, the high water users were being penalized.

It was determined that a 16.5% increase would be agreeable. Council Member Mosher felt that the majority of the rate increase should be seen in the base rate. He also suggested charging .80cent per gallon over the 6,000-gallon allowance. Council Member Mazalewski felt the water allowance should remain at 10,000 gallons. Council Member Dye suggested keeping the 10,000-gallon water allowance and increasing the overage use to \$1.00 for every 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to schedule the water rates for a public hearing with a raise in the water rate base to \$27 with a water allowance of 10,000 gallons, charging \$1.00 for every 1,000 gallons over the allowance. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

### **Broken Spur Development Agreement**

Doug Self explained that the Broken Spur Development Agreement was approved in July of 2009. However, that was before the property was annexed into the city. Mr. Self explained the proposed development agreement had removed Teton County as a third party. Besides the errors Stephen Zollinger spotted and making sure that the City was not accepting any underground lines without easements, the Development Agreement could be approved.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** authorizing the execution of the amended Broken Spur Development Agreement. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Self continued his report by stating that the Safe Routes to School Task Force would meet for the second time. He stated there were several people in attendance at the previous meeting and had decided to have the 5<sup>th</sup> Street project be the focus. Mr. Self would include something in the utility bills, informing the public of the next meeting.

The Energy Efficiency Grant and the Music on Main proposal had been submitted. Mr. Self reported that the Calvary Church on Depot Street was agreeable to having Music on Main and alcohol distribute in proximity to their church. Stephen Zollinger presented the

Council with the State Statute regarding the sale of alcohol in proximity to churches and stated that the City Government could override the statute but it was not needed since the Church was in agreement.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **Temporary and Mobile Vendors**

Mr. Self explained that he made some changes to the foundation language and the categories were now based on that changed language. Council Member Dye questioned the length that a mobile vendor could be at a location. Mr. Self suggested keeping the time to one hour because a mobile vendor should be someone classified as a hot dog or ice cream truck, constantly moving through the City and should not be stationary.

Mr. Zollinger felt the language could better be defined with the preamble. Mr. Self stated that if the Council was in agreement with the revisions, a new notice would be sent.

### **Work Committees**

Mayor Powers stated he would like the Council Members to be more involved in projects that are going on within the community. He stated that he would like to start a Parks and Recreation Committee with various citizens. Council Member Mazalewski volunteered to organize that committee. Mayor Powers stated that the Centennial Committee was currently active but he requested that a Council Member be involved. Council Member Jones volunteered for that committee. Council Member Mosher volunteered to provide information to the community regarding Public Works and to help get facts and information to the community before public meetings regarding water and sewer. Council Member Dye stated he would like to remain the liaison for the Airport Board.

### **RFQ for Scenic Byway**

Reid Rogers requested the Council to determine if they wanted to see parking in front of the building as part of the RFQ. Mr. Zollinger stated he was concerned that Mr. Rogers was "mixing up the RFQ and the RFP" and stated that parking should not be part of a RFQ. Mr. Self felt that Mr. Rogers was beginning the RFP process and "mislabeling it."

Council Member Mazalewski stated he felt the City buildings should follow the Design Review Standards. He stated that the City enforced those standards and should also follow them, "If we don't meet our own standards then how can we expect others to do so?" Mayor Powers felt that it would be a good direction to take and would make requirements for the project very clear.

### **Ski Hill Road Chip Seal**

Mayor Powers explained that the County was applying for a grant to chip seal Ski Hill Road from the entrance at the sewer lagoon to the state line. 30% of that was in the City Limits and in order to get the grant, the City had been asked to fund the design. Mayor Powers stated an engineer would have to be hired. Mr. Zollinger felt the requirements were extreme for a chip seal project. It was suggested that the Mayor talk to LTAC to find out the exact requirements for the grant.

Mayor Powers was concerned that the grant money would be lost if the Council did not approve this, as it was needed before the next meeting. He stated the City had budgeted \$50,000 to do this project and felt this proposal would be much cheaper.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to authorize a partnership with the County to go ahead with the previously budgeted money for the Ski Hill road project to chip seal through the City Limits. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### **License Plates**

Mayor Powers stated that there was a proposal to have a mountain biker on the state license plates and the funding would go to any trail that could be accessed by a bicyclist. He questioned if the Council would like him to write a letter of support. The Council Members agreed this should be done.

#### **F-35**

Mayor Powers explained a proposal to bring the F-35 to Mountain Home as explained at AIC. He again questioned if a letter of support should be sent from the City of Driggs. Mr. Zollinger stated that this would bring approximately 2 million dollars to the general fund of the state, which may trickle down to the cities. The Council Members agreed a letter should be written.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:49pm.

ATTEST:

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Sonya Adams, City Clerk

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Daniel J. Powers, Mayor