

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

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

**MINUTES TO REVIEW**

Council Members reviewed the minute from the previous City Council Meeting. Council Member Mazalewski made a few corrections.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 City Council Meeting. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

**Comprehensive Lighting Regulations**

Mr. Self stated that the comprehensive lighting regulations included commercial, residential, and public works lighting standards. Carl Jordan and various other community members, including Teton County, have worked to adopt an ordinance on lighting standards. Mr. Self felt it was appropriate to begin to place regulations on such issues and stated this action would address the comprehensive plan goals and objectives. He suggested a committee be developed. Council Member Mazalewski felt that a business owner and a resident should be on said committee.

**Update on Planning and Zoning Commission Activity and Grant Projects**

Mr. Self explained the Planning and Zoning activity. He stated that the Fire District had adopted its impact fees and would like the City to do so as well. The Impact Fee Committee would be presented with the new information in December and the change would come to the City Council in January.

Mr. Self explained the enforcement issues that were occurring regarding Lot 8 in the Flying T Subdivision. The property owners would be screening the area. However, fines would begin in 45 days if this screening was not erected or the vehicles were not removed from the property.

The decision had been submitted to ITD to have the Westbrook lights for Main Street. The other street lights had been shipped and should be received and put up by the end of November.

The sidewalk for 5<sup>th</sup> Street, under the Safe Routes to School Grant, was still waiting for a contract from ITD. Mr. Self stated that the property owners were concerned with what

would happen between the road and the sidewalk. He felt a better design should be obtained for the storm water. He asked that Harmony Design, who produced a recent storm water study for the city, to do a design to improvement that area.

### **CLAIMS REVIEW**

Council members reviewed the claims.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to approve the claims as presented dated October 20, 2010 through November 2, 2010. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **Urban Renewal Agency Commissioners Appointments**

Mayor Powers stated he received three applicants for two open seats. He explained the qualifications of each applicant, Lynn Christian, Aaron Little and Grant Moedl. It was felt that Lynn Christian and Aaron Little had "deeper ties to the community." Mayor Powers felt that Mr. Moedl had great experience and wanted to keep him in mind if another seat became available.

Mayor Power appointed Aaron Little and Lynn Christian for the Urban Renewal Agency.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to ratify Lynn Christian and Aaron Little. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Powers stated the State Statutes for the Urban Renewal Agency indicate that the agency should have 3 to 9 members. Mayor Powers felt that the Commission should have 7 members.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to set the number of seats on the Urban Renewal Agency Commission to 7. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY – 7:30PM**

Stephen Zollinger informed the Council that the Public Hearing was to approve the judicial confirmation and the paperwork for \$10.5 million dollars, which was guaranteed by revenue and not by increasing taxes. He explained that a court would review the request and determine if it was an ordinary and needed expense. The changes would include upgrading connectivity between Driggs and Victor and upgrades to the plant facility. Mr. Zollinger stated the dollar amount was based on a total cost from an engineer estimate.

Mayor Dan Powers opened the Public Hearing at 7:30pm. There was no comment and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Mosher reminded those in attendance that the city began this process with an amount of 28 million. He felt there were many who had worked hard to convince the State of Idaho to allow a different type of facility, which dropped the cost by 1/3.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to authorize Stephen Zollinger to proceed with judicial confirmation. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Jared Gunderson explained the bids received from HK Construction. To complete Howard Avenue, the cost would be approximately \$38,000 to replace the old asphalt. The bid for Cemetery Bridge was received at \$30,000, which includes the rail. He felt both bids were lower than expected.

Mr. Gunderson stated the city had budgeted \$7,000 for a truck and \$50,000 for a snowplow. He would like to purchase a ton and a half pickup to use for snow removal in the winter and for road repair or park work in the summer. He said several other cities had purchased a similar truck for \$30,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Gunderson felt a new pick up could be purchased under \$57,000.

Council Member Mosher questioned the urgency for the truck. Mr. Gunderson replied, stating he was unsure as to how long the sanding truck would last. Discussion of future removal of snow in the downtown core area began. Council Mazalewski felt that the city would have to start removing snow instead of just plowing it in the future as downtown became more pedestrian friendly.

Council Member Mosher felt it was more reasonable to go with a vehicle that was new than to purchase one that had been used. Mr. Gunderson was going to research the issue further and bring new information to the next Council meeting.

Discussion began regarding the cop vehicle. Mr. Zollinger stated that Ucon may be interested in purchasing the vehicle or the city could use it for staff use (i.e. to take samples to Idaho Falls, post notices, etc.). The Council asked that Amy Smith look into this possibility.

### **SCENIC BYWAY RFQ**

Mayor Powers stated the RFQ had been sent back to ITD for final approval. Council Member Mazalewski questioned if there should be any requirements for professional licensure for both the architects and engineers.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to approve the Request for Qualifications for Professional Services Architectural Consultant Services for the Scenic Byway with the changes mentioned. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT UPDATE**

Mayor Powers stated that he discussed the water line with the Department of Commerce. He did not feel it was likely to take place and so all monies would go toward the sewer project, which would reduce the indebtedness on that project.

In the current block grant there was approximately \$18,000 for grant administration, \$28,000 for engineering and \$121,000 for the construction. Estimates for the southeast parking lot was \$45,000 for construction, design and administration with \$5,000 as an Urban Renewal match. If this project were to be completed, \$127,000 would be available. Mayor Powers felt that to pull this project would not be feasible. The remainder of the money was supposed to go toward the Scenic Byway Plaza. This could also go toward burying the power lines, which would be approximately \$62,000.

Council Member Mosher felt that the water line was more important as burying the electrical lines was more esthetic. A Hazard Mitigation Grant would also be submitted and could go toward the water line, Mayor Powers stated. Mr. Gunderson stated the upgrade would be to a 10-inch water line.

Council Mazalewski stated it appeared that Reid Rogers and the Urban Renewal Agency felt the parking lot should be placed on hold. Council Member Mosher stated he was under the impression that the parking lot would be paved and if funding needed to be obtained for the water line, maybe it should be put on hold. Council Member Mazalewski suggested continuing with the parking lot project through the design process. He felt if that was completed, funding could be obtained more easily if needed in the future.

It was determined that approximately \$100,000 could be put toward the plaza or the water line. Council Member Mosher felt that a plaza could be obtained with little effort and the water line should be a bigger priority. The Council determined that a small portion should be left for landscaping of the plaza. It was discussed to put \$40,000 from the parking lot funds and \$22,000 from the Scenic Byway be put toward burying the power lines. Council Member Mazalewski then stated he felt the \$105,000 for the plaza should be split evenly for the landscaping of the plaza and for the water line budget, if the Department of Commerce would allow that change.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **Water Service Disconnection**

Mayor Powers stated that staff did not feel charging a new connection fee to someone whose meter had been pulled was fair. At this time, he had not researched the procedure Fall River took in a similar situation. Council Member Mazalewski felt that buyers should beware of these types of situations and questioned how much it cost to connect to the main line. There was an additional fee for the meter box, which was approximately \$500.

Mr. Self stated that if the meter were to remain, a property owner would be charged only \$18 a month. He felt the City should charge the lesser of the two amounts, including the

meter installation fee. Council Member Dye suggested tabling the discussion until it was determined as to what other communities do in this situation.

**Winter Water Allowance**

Mayor Powers stated that when the Resolution was adopted for the new water fees, there was no mention of the winter water allowance. The minutes from that meeting were reviewed. Mr. Self stated there was a winter allowance in the original resolution, which was not deleted when the new resolution was made. He felt that if the map were published, water usage during the winter months would increase because people would assume they needed to run water, whether they did or did not.

The Council determined that staff should determine if people need to run their water and to educate those that do not need to run their water (i.e. Shoshoni Plains, Calico Sky).

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Dye made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sonya Adams, City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel J. Powers, Mayor