

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 21, 2009**

Pursuant to adjournment of the regular City Council meeting held July 7, 2009, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday July 21, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: George Mosher, Dan Powers, Greer Jones and Colin Dye, Mayor Louis Christensen, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson and City Attorney Stephen Zollinger. Mayor Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES TO REVIEW

Council Members reviewed the minutes.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 City Council Meeting. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Council members reviewed the claims.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the claims as presented dated July 8, 2009 through July 21, 2009. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CHARITABLE EVENT BEER AND WINE APPLICATION

Mayor Christensen reviewed the application.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the Charitable Event Beer and Wine Application. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority in favor.

AMY SMITH – PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW

Amy reviewed the preliminary budget with the Council. She reported that the property tax received was \$40,000 less than anticipated. Amy explained the expected revenues and expenditures and the various funds in each. She stated the Urban Renewal Agency and Airport Board would be submitting draft budgets and the budget hearing would be the second meeting in August. She concluded by stating that she would figure rate structures for an increase in water and sewer rates for the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Powers questioned where cuts in the budget could be considered. Amy responded stating that the new contract for the Sheriff's office and their proposal should be discussed further. However, she felt that the parks department would have the option of "moving things around in order to help with other things."

The Council agreed that the discussion should continue at the next City Council Meeting, after having an opportunity to review the budget.

TARGHEE ANIMAL SHELTER – LEA COLASUONNO

Lea Colasuonno from Targhee Animal Shelter presented a request for \$1000 per month from each of the municipalities. She explained the expenses and stated that no animal can be released from the shelter unless they are spayed or neutered. She stated they are hoping to obtain various other funds as to not “put all of our eggs in one basket.”

Council Member Dye questioned the enforcement of licensing animals. Ms. Colasuonno stated that it was discussed with the sheriff’s office, but at this time they do not enforce leash laws or tag requirements.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Ned Thomas – Extension Request on Preliminary Plat Approval for 100 North Eco Park and 100 North Air Park Subdivisions

Doug Self presented information. He referred to a letter submitted by the applicant stating the reasons for the request, of which included uncertainty about the changes that were occurring at the airport and changes in the economy.

Mr. Self stated he did not have any issues with granting the extension. However, he wanted to understand at what point changes should come back through the preliminary plat process. He stated there would be changes in the development plan and layout of the lots.

Jennifer Zung, from Harmony Design, stated that Ned Thomas might sell some of his land in order for the taxiway to be built. Because of this, the Air Park will either shrink or shift which would impact the Eco Park. She stated there would be no significant changes such as changes in use or density.

Council Member Jones felt that if there were increases in density, changes in use or changes to the roads that may impact others, the application should be sent back to the preliminary plat process. Stephen Zollinger felt the Council could “trust Doug” or base the changes on a monetary percentage.

Council Member Mosher did not feel there would be an issue in granting the request for an extension. Mr. Self stated that if the Council felt the changes were significant, the application could be remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to allow the extension for the preliminary plat for 100 North Air Park and 100 North Eco Park. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Self continued his Planning and Zoning report stating that a temporary use ordinance had been developed and would be seen by the Council once design standards

accompanied it. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission remanded the Creekside Cinema application back to the Design Review Advisory Committee.

Mr. Self stated the North South Pathway meeting with the School District to review the denial of the pathway through the parking lot of the elementary school would be in the near future.

The Main Street project will have plans regarding the water and sewer. Mr. Self reported that between Wallace Avenue and Short Street, a “full reconstruction” would have to take place.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Jared Gunderson stated that the department had been working on the water leaks on Main Street. He reported problems with the line on Wallace.

Mr. Gunderson stated the storage shed demolition had been completed and reported on the lagoon.

Council Member Powers questioned the enforcement of weed control. Mr. Gunderson stated that if weeds are in the right of way, the City is responsible, but weeds on private property are the responsibility of the property owner or the Home Owners Association.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Christensen stated a request from Creekside Meadows Home Owners Association had been submitted for an understanding as to what could be done for stream maintenance. The Army Corps of Engineers should be notified to receive a permit. Mr. Powell would like to create a flood control district along the creeks in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mosher made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

ATTEST:

Sonya Adams, City Clerk

Louis B. Christensen, Mayor