

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held February 2, 2010, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday February 16, 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 made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 City Council Meeting. Council Member Dye 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 February 3, 2010 through February 16, 2010. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Airport Dirt

Jared Gunderson felt that the dollar amount Lillian Bowen made available regarding the extra materials at the airport was reasonable. However, he stated that at this time there was no demand. He talked with some contractors who stated they would be interested in the material for a trade but would wait until spring. Mr. Gunderson stated he would like to discuss this with the Airport Board and let them know the City would be working to help remove the dirt.

Council Member Mosher requested that Mr. Gunderson review the various projects that the City could use the materials for with the Airport Board. Mayor Powers stated he sent a letter to Ned Thomas stating the plan to remove the dirt and had not heard from him.

Mr. Gunderson stated that Ms. Bowen's concern was with regards to the MD Nursery contract that never was completed. She wanted to know if MD Nursery was going to get charged for the materials that were used, or if the City was going to give them the materials in exchange for hauling it off the property. Mr. Gunderson stated that 820 cubic yards were hauled and it was mostly spoils. Council Member Jones felt that since it was spoils and hauled without the City or Airport Board having to worry about it, MD Nursery should not be charged.

Stephen Zollinger stated that if the City were to set a fee for the materials, a public hearing would have to be set.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to authorize Jared Gunderson to act in accordance with the above discussion. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Parking Island Discussion

Mr. Gunderson stated there were several concerned citizens that had complained about the island in the parking lot to the west of the building. It was determined that it should be marked during the winter. Mayor Powers stated that if it were torn out, the City would have to figure out how to finish the space. Council Member Mosher did not feel it was an issue and questioned if the island was taken out, how the safety would be improved for pedestrians. Several members suggested putting a tree in the island. Council Member Mazalewski stated that should be something that was discussed for Arbor Day.

Mr. Gunderson further stated that he was concerned the ice rink was being vandalized. The last vandalism act consisted of someone placing ice melt on the rink. Discussion of the work that Christa and Brian Pentz put into the rink began. Mayor Powers stated the City should do something for them and suggested giving them 6 months of free water and sewer.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to extend 6-month waiver of water and sewer fees for Brian and Christa Pentz as a gift for improving the City Park ice rink through the winter. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Gunderson questioned what the Council wanted to do with the police vehicle. Mr. Zollinger stated it could not be sold as a marked vehicle. However, if the lights were changed, it could be used for a pilot car, etc. Mr. Zollinger suggested the City surplus the vehicle by Resolution and dispose of it with a bid or through an auction. The Council Members decided to place the discussion on the next agenda.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Doug Self reported that START was applying for a grant to build a metal shed that was fully enclosed with doors. They proposed to build the structure on city property. With the grant, they would be unable to pay for a lease. Mr. Self suggested that the Council provide a lease that would allow START to construct and use the land for 15 years for public transit. After 15 years, the building could become City property. Mr. Self also stated that START was including in the grant items things that would benefit the City, such as fixing the electrical gate on site.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned what would happen to the building if START stopped servicing Driggs before the end of the 15-year lease. Mr. Self stated the City should use the building for public transit but would find out more information. After 15-

years, the City was no longer committed to using the building or land for public transportation.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to create a memorandum of understanding between the City and START to create a lease agreement, which would include making available for lease the land, necessary for a building within the enclosed shop area off of 5th Street for a 15-year period. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

RUDD AND COMPANY – AUDIT REPORT

Brad Reed from Rudd and Company was present. He stated the audit went well and that management was very cooperative. One recommendation was that due to the size of the City and staff there was a lack of segregation of duties. He urged the Council to remain active and aware of the information in the claims reports. The issues from last year had been resolved and there were no other concerns at this time. Mr. Reed reviewed the audit report.

NELSON ENGINEERING – COMMUNITY DISTRICT BLOCK GRANT

Diane Temple from Nelson Engineering was present. She stated that Mayor Powers had been very involved in the process and she appreciated his help. She further stated that the largest component of the grant was the wastewater and wire utility corridor design. Information would be gathered and submitted to DEQ by the end of the week. She stated the project was about 15 days behind, but did not feel this would be detrimental. Ms. Temple stated that after the design was approved, the bid opening should be scheduled for mid-April. She concluded by explained a bit about the other parts of the grant.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Resolution 247-10 F35 US Air Force Selection

Mayor Powers explained this resolution was written for support of the F35 coming to Idaho.

Council Member Dye made a motion to adopt Resolution 247-10. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Food Bank Proposal

Mayor Powers stated that the Food Bank would like a permanent location in Driggs and wanted to use the unfinished portion of the building. Mayor Powers felt that at this point, the City should not commit but stated that if the Council wanted to make space for the Food Bank a priority when planning began that could be done. Council Member Mosher stated he would like to “purse helping and understand we can’t make a commitment but would like to offer support.”

Mayor Powers again questioned if it should be made a priority for the planning stages. Council Member Mazalewski stated he felt it should be included but was concerned that the Food Bank was open for a limited time and did not want to see that space sit empty for most of a week. He hoped the space, if given to the Food Bank, could also be used

for something else when the Food Bank was not using it. Mayor Powers concluded the discussion by stating the Food Bank could not afford rent, but felt they could cover utilities.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Council Member Mazalewski was looking for direction from the Council for the new committee. He questioned if Bylaws had to be developed. Mr. Zollinger suggested establishing a policy that stated how the City would develop committees or have the Mayor appoint committee members. He also suggested that the Parks and Recreation Committee should have a guideline for what they are trying to accomplish. Council Member Mazalewski stated he would like to have 5-6 members on the committee and stated that if Council knew of interested persons, to let him know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Mosher made a motion to go into executive session at 9:00pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f). Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. Schuehler took a roll-call vote: Jay Mazalewski, aye; Greer Jones, aye; George Mosher, aye; Colin Dye, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council came out of executive session at 9:15pm.

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 9:24pm.

ATTEST:

Sonya Adams, City Clerk

Daniel J. Powers, Mayor