

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2011**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held December 21, 2010, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, January 4, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Colin Dye, and 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 Jones made a correction to the minutes.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 City Council Meeting as amended. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Council members reviewed the claims.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the claims as presented dated December 22, 2010 through January 4, 2011. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

WENDY STARKY – MAIL BOX ISSUE ON CEMETERY ROAD

Ms. Starky was not present to discuss the issue.

PROPANE BID

Mayor Powers explained the various bids that were received and stated that many suppliers stated that a summer advanced purchase was possible and would save money by buying propane at a lower rate, with delayed delivery. Mayor Powers stated that the bid was noticed in the newspaper and V1 Propane did not respond.

Stephen Zollinger stated that the bids appeared to be “somewhat apples and oranges” and believed that the bid request was for “rack plus.” Fall River representatives stated that the different wholesale companies would have different rack rates. He suggested requesting bids again to include the purchase of 5,000 gallons with delivery on January 31st. At that time, a supplier could be chosen based on the best rate.

The exact language in the bid request was questioned. The Council Members, Mayor Powers and Mr. Zollinger began to discuss the details of the various bids and whether they were comparable.

Council Member Mosher questioned if the tanks were owned or leased. Mr. Gunderson stated that the City Hall tank was owned, but the rest were leased. The supplier would remove the leased tanks, if they were not chosen. Council Member Mosher questioned if some suppliers may have higher tank costs.

Council Member Mosher recommended that Ms. Amy Smith review the bids and the bid request to determine whether the bids conform and could be compared. Mayor Powers questioned how to determine the tank rental costs. Council Member Mosher stated he wanted to ensure that all bids were fair and complete for all costs. Mayor Powers felt that the only cost not included was the tank rental, which should be within \$10 or \$20 of each other.

Mayor Powers suggested continuing the existing service arrangement until the summer and then bids could be requested again for the summer 'prepaid' window. He further stated that the bids should be rejected for being insufficiently clear and put the request back out in the summer with a clear, complete bid request, including tanks.

FARM ANIMAL ORDINANCE

Mr. Self briefed the Council on the topic of allowing more permissive agricultural uses. In the residential zones, Mr. Self stated, agricultural uses were allow if not operated as a commercial use on site, providing one horse or farm animal was kept on no less than 1 acre of land. Mr. Self stated that the main interest to change this was for chickens and goats. Mr. Self reviewed the sample ordinance.

Council Member Jones had questions and concerns that he voiced and suggested that the Planning and Zoning Commission should incorporate into their discussions. Mayor Powers asked that noise be included in the nuisance code and that setbacks for barns and shelters be developed.

The Council directed Mr. Self to work with the Planning and Zoning Commission on related zoning ordinance amendments.

TETON VALLEY FOUNDATION BINGO

Cathy O'Conner, the Board Treasurer for the Teton Valley Foundation, presented information to the Council. She stated that the Foundation had a license to conduct Bingo from the State of Idaho and had the equipment to begin. The Foundation would like to do a big fundraiser and see how the community responded to the event. She requested being able to do this in the north half of the Community Center on Tuesday nights, starting January 29th.

Council Member Mosher questioned if the Foundation should be charged rent. Mayor Powers stated that the use would be temporary and because it was a nonprofit, and other nonprofits had use the space for free, the City should let the Teton Valley Foundation use the space for free.

Ms. O'Conner questioned if beer and wine could be served. Mayor Powers stated that it would be allowed. Ms. O'Conner concluded her presentation by stating that the Foundation may hold events on Saturday nights to raise money for other organizations.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Gunderson stated that the ice rink should be completed in the next couple of weeks. He stated that vehicles in the public parking lot behind the Colter building had been given several notices and warnings and the city would begin towing vehicles left overnight in the lot.

Mr. Gunderson stated that the sidewalk on Depot had not been cleared until recently and he found that people still walked in the road so he suggested that the city not clear that sidewalk. Council Member Mosher felt that the lower traffic flow on Depot, constituted that it should not be a priority.

Mr. Gunderson stated that the Peaked Sports vans were being stored in the public parking lot behind the Black Hawk building and he would provide another warning before towing them.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Mr. Self discussed the EECBG grant projects status and the Main Street Project, specifically the agreement from ITD to provide 1000cubic yards of asphalt millings to the city and the concept to stockpile that at the south end of First Street to use on Teton Avenue, a possible pathway to Gemstone, and for improving parking areas at City and Lion's Park.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Powers discussed a proposal to groom a Nordic ski track east of the High School. Council Member Mosher and Dye supported the idea. Mayor Powers stated that Teton Valley Trails and Pathways was ready to start grooming. Mr. Self stated that a draft lease had been emailed to the 40-acre property owner east of the High School. Mayor Powers was a little concerned about allowing dogs, but felt there was a solution that could be worked out.

Mayor Powers stated the deadline submission for the Scenic Byway Project was January 7, 2010.

Council Member Mosher asked for an update on the judicial confirmation. Mr. Zollinger stated that he was unaware of anyone that had asked to see the file.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Jones made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Mosher, aye; and Council Member Dye, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

ATTEST:

Sonya Adams, City Clerk

Daniel J. Powers, Mayor