

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2010**

Pursuant to adjournment of the Special City Council meeting held April 20, 2010, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, April 20, 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, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, Financial 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 Mosher made a correction to the minutes.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010 City Council Meeting. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 City Council Meeting. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Council members reviewed the claims.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the claims as presented dated April 7, 2010 through April 20, 2010. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SOQ – JARED GUNDERSON

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the point system for the Administrative and Engineering Services with the RFQ. He proposed that the City Council select Eastern Central Idaho Development Company for Administrative Services and Aqua Engineering for Engineering Services, as those two companies appeared to be the most qualified.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve Eastern Central Idaho Development Company and Aqua Engineering and direct Jared Gunderson and Mayor Dan Powers to proceed with negotiations for the bidding process. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

UPDATE ON FORD GARAGE

Ted Hendricks reported to the Council the changes that would occur on the property. Eastern Central Idaho Development Company had received legal possession of the building. At this time, electrical problems were being fixed to ensure that lights inside the building and a few parking lot lights would be illuminated. Trusses that were destroyed by the fire were being replaced and the parking lot would be cleaned up. Mr. Hendricks reported that several tenants were interested in the building and that Eastern Idaho Technical College may be interested in using the space for classes in the Valley. He concluded by stating that the building had been secured and a key had been given to the Fire Marshal for emergencies.

6-MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT – AMY SMITH

Ms. Smith reviewed the financial report from October 2009 through March 2010. She stated that the City was currently at 29% of the budgeted expenditures. The General Fund was doing well except for the Planning and Zoning due to a decrease in application fees and building permits. The administrative expenditures were at 62% of the overall budget and the repairs budget had been exceeded. Ms. Smith invited the Council to review the report after the meeting and contact her with any questions.

TARGHEE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – LYNN SEYMOUR

Mayor Powers stated that Ms. Seymour was not attending the meeting. He further stated that a public forum regarding transportation had been scheduled for May 20, 2010 because there had been a lot of interest from START, TRPTA, Salt Lake Express and various other agencies.

AIRPORT UPDATE – TOM HUNTER

Ash Alexander spoke on behalf of the Airport Board. He stated that he would be attending the IAMA (Idaho Airport Management Association) meeting in McCall. Current discussions with the Airport Board included the snow removal policy and the grass strip landing. The next meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2010.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Gunderson stated he received a request to keep the lights on longer at the Skate Park. He spoke with the Teton County Sheriff who felt the lights should be left on until 10:00pm.

The pre-construction meeting with HK Contractors took place. Detours were discussed and it was determined that if Highway 33 was able to be closed with a detour down First Street to Short Street, HK Contractors could complete the work across the road in one day, versus four days if the highway had to remain open. Council Member Mazalewski requested that business owners be notified of the closure.

Council Member Mosher reported on the Victor City Council meeting. He stated that a meeting on April 26, 2010 at 8:00am was scheduled to begin to create a partnership between Victor and Driggs regarding the sewer issues.

Scott Rogers stated he felt the biggest concern from the Victor City Council was that they be guaranteed capacity. He also felt that Victor City Council did not understand the current agreement with the City of Driggs. Mayor Powers felt that the agreement should be given to the Victor Council Members and then they should make changes as they saw fit, as Driggs City Council did not have a problem with the current agreement.

Mr. Rogers concluded by discussing reasons for having or not having a regional sewer district and the options the City of Victor had in regards to waste water.

Brewery

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Gunderson took a tour of the Grand Teton Brewing Company in Victor. The City of Victor was unaware that the brewery had been connected to the system as the connection occurred after the construction of the building. Mr. Rogers stated that it had not been determined at this time if that was the cause for the high BOD count. Because of a poor drainage system, the brewery was doing a pretreatment as well as shoveling a lot of debris, which was then taken to dumpsters.

Mr. Rogers stated he did not want to shut the business down and wanted to “paint a good picture of cooperation for DEQ.” He felt it would be very difficult for the brewery to do more pretreatment of the waste and suggested setting them up on a surcharge and charge them for what was put into the system. He further stated that the City might need to start tracking grease dumping from restaurants and create an ordinance to enforce this.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned what needed to be done at the present time. Mr. Rogers suggested a physical treatment at the plant to temporarily fix the problem until the new plant was built. He explained the wastewater filter that could be installed and suggested drying up the last two ponds at the lagoons. He stated that the ponds were not lined synthetically and would probably not be accepted when the new plant was built.

Mr. Rogers also stated the City could consider testing samples themselves. He felt that to set up a lab would be approximately \$100,000 and could be done at the City Public Works Building. Mr. Gunderson explained the cost savings to do this. Council Member Mazalewski questioned if this could be considered a capital improvement. Stephen Zollinger stated it could and that the City of Driggs could charge the City of Victor for a portion of the improvements. Mayor Powers requested that a cost analysis be done to see what the actual cost of a lab would be.

Mr. Rogers also reported to the Council that the City of Driggs ranked 4th in the state for funding through DEQ. In order to get funding, the city should be “shovel ready” with the sewer plant plans.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

2nd Reading of the Sign Ordinance Amendment

Council Member Jones stated he had some business owners discuss their concerns regarding the strictness of the sign ordinance. He felt that the Planning and Zoning Commission had addressed some of those concerns. Council Member Mosher stated the

City should create a feel so people would want to stop and he didn't want to have "strip mall USA signage."

Council Member Mosher made a motion to consider Ordinance 310-10 seconded read. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAYORS REPORT

Mountain Bike Festival

Randy Blough, from Teton Valley Trails and Pathways, spoke to the Council. He stated that a mountain bike festival was being planned for the Valley from July 23-25, 2010. They were planning different venues for different events and would like to have the main area in the plaza of the Community Center. This would be for registration, music, and a place for food vendors and after-ride parties. The Committee would also like to have camping close to town for those that want to take advantage of it and questioned if the land around the Public Works Building and Skate Park could be used. He stated that Teton Valley Trails and Pathways would clean up all areas after the festivities.

Mayor Powers felt that this area was a good place and a discussion of what needed to take place to make the land camping-ready began. The Skate Park should remain bike and alcohol free and there should be signs posted at the edge of the property indicating there shall not be any camping on neighboring properties. An alcohol permit should be obtained if there was to be any alcohol in the plaza.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the use of the City Community Center Plaza to be used July 23-25, 2010 for the Wydaho Mountain Bike Festival and the space around the Public Works Building for camping. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Economic Development Coordinator

Teton County, City of Victor, and the City of Driggs met to discuss a grant that would provide the ability to hire an economic development coordinator. The three entities would need to give \$12,000 each year for 3 years and must provide office space. Mayor Powers felt that the City had office space they could commit to providing and suggested that the City of Driggs pay \$2,000 a year and provide office space. After 3 years, the economic development coordinator position should be able to sustain itself. An advisory board should be developed to direct the coordinator with ideas to try and develop businesses in the area.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate for \$3,000 or \$2,000 and office space for the economic development coordinator. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Community Center Forum

Mayor Powers stated a forum needed to be scheduled to discuss uses for the north side of the Community Center and suggested this be done in early June. Council Member Mosher stated that Doug Self had been involved in a lot of community forums and felt he

would do a great job on this as well. Mr. Zollinger stated the Council should have a focus or direction and decide what would be appropriate before the forum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to go into executive session at 9:44pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f). Council Member Dye seconded the motion. Schuehler took a roll-call vote: Council Member Mazalewski, aye; Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Mosher, aye; and Council Member Dye, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council came out of executive session at 9:57pm.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to direct Mayor Powers to proceed with rent negotiations with Ned Thomas with a limit of \$6,000 for rent for his property through the end of this year. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

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 9:58pm.

ATTEST:

Sonya Adams, City Clerk

Daniel J. Powers, Mayor