

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held January 18, 2011, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, February 1, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Colin Dye, George Mosher and Jay Mazalewski, 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 Dye made a motion** to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 City Council Meeting. Council Member Mazalewski 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 January 19, 2011 through February 1, 2011. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**TETON VALLEY COMMUNITY RECYCLING TRASH BASH – BEER CHARITABLE EVENT PERMIT**

The City Clerk recommended the Council approve the permit with the condition that it would be released after the appropriate licenses were submitted to the city.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the Beer Charitable Event Permit for Teton Valley Community Recycling Trash Bash. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**RAD PROPOSAL**

This item would be discussed at a future meeting.

**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY / CITY PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS**

Mayor Powers referred to the Prioritization of Urban Renewal Projects. He stated the number one priority, the Main Street streetscape, would be included in the Main Street project beginning this summer.

Discussions of the Depot streetscape began as the Council felt this project should be a high priority. This project would include sidewalks, streetlamps and benches and would connect the Courthouse to the downtown area.

Mayor Powers felt that the property acquisition for the transit station facility concept design should be a higher priority. He stated that if the Plaza eliminated parking spaces More spaces would need to be provided. Council Member Mazalewski did not feel the facility itself should be a priority but did agree that the purchase of the land should be considered.

The Council reviewed the other projects and discussed how the road levy could assist with some. Council Member Mazalewski felt that Depot Street should be a high priority and also suggested having a WiFi hub in the downtown area.

Mayor Powers stated that Reid Rogers suggested using Urban Renewal funds for the Main Street water line and save the Community Development Block Grant for the plaza. Isabel Waddell, Secretary for the Urban Renewal Agency, stated that the budget had not included this project. She reminded the Council that Mr. Rogers was not on the Urban Renewal Agency Board and should not be acting on behalf of the Commission. Mayor Powers asked Ms. Waddell about the line of credit being researched. Ms. Waddell stated that the Urban Renewal Agency Commissioners wanted to review the projects and priorities before pursuing a line of credit.

The priorities decided upon were 1) Main Street Waterline, 2) Depot Streetscape, 3) West Little and Main Street to Front Street reconstruction, 4) Transit station, and 5) Short Street from Main to First Street reconstruction.

#### **VALLEY CENTRE DRIVE**

Mayor Powers stated that Valley Centre Drive was not being maintained. It was a private road in part of a subdivision that does not have a Home Owners Association. The current road does not meet the city standards. Mr. Gunderson stated that there appeared to be about 1 ½ inches of asphalt and should be 3 inches with a curb. Mr. Self reminded the Council and those in attendance that the road had never been offered to the City.

Scott McKague spoke to the Council. He questioned why the road was not inspected by the city when it was in the area of impact and being developed. Mr. Zollinger stated that the developer elected to build a private road and therefore, the city had no jurisdiction of the road.

Mr. McKague felt that since his land was annexed into the city, his property taxes had increased. He stated the city should have the responsibility to take care of minimal services once property was annexed. Mr. Zollinger stated that the city could not exercise the ability to change the road from a private to a public road. He stated that all the property owners would have to give their permission. He further stated that if the city plowed or maintained the private road, it would become liable.

Mr. McKague questioned what benefits he should receive after his property was annexed. Mr. Zollinger explained the benefits and stated that the property taxes may have been increased, but were done so for everyone in the county, not just those that were annexed.

Mayor Powers was concerned that applying another LID would not be wise for the city as it was hard collecting on the current LID. Council Member Mazalewski felt that the subdivision should begin to develop a homeowners association. Mr. Zollinger stated that once an association was developed, it should be researched to see if an LID would be less expensive as it may benefit the property owners to upgrade the road under the association.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

Doug Self stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission was reviewing the land use tables to be more competitive and reduce barriers and the Outdoor Lighting Standards Committee had met. Mr. Self stated that the new streetlights were saving the city about \$150 a month, the solar panels at the lagoon about \$230 a month and the heating costs for the north end of the building about \$230 a month. The Main Street Project bidding would begin next week. Mr. Self concluded his report by stating the Joint Area of Impact meeting would be February 17, 2010 at 5:30pm at the county building.

#### **DRIGGS AIRPORT – SHERIFF / INSURANCE CHARGES**

Mayor Powers began by stating that he was upset because he felt that some believed these fees were “slipped in” when in fact they were in the Airport Board budget. He stated that if the Board did not feel the charges were fair, it should be discussed as such.

Ash Alexander was present, representing the Airport Board. He questioned why the Board was expected to contribute to these expenses, as it had not clearly been explained to himself or the Board. Mayor Powers stated that the Board was charged 10% of the insurance from ICRMP but upon further research that charge should be closer to \$400. He stated the 5% sheriff fee had been estimated from the total budget and the value of the airport assets.

Mr. Alexander stated that several people felt they were being charged multiple times for the sheriff services. Mayor Powers began to explain stating that the sheriff charge was also coming from the sewer and water funds. He further stated that a portion of the sewer bill, a portion of the water bill and a portion of the airport board fee was going to the sheriff fee.

Mr. Alexander requested the present of the Mayor at the next Airport Board meeting to further explain the issue.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Mr. Gunderson discussed the purchase of a jet truck for which most could be covered with a grant from DEQ. He explained the snowplowing plan, stating they would plow and sand the streets as needed.

The issues of the leaking roof were discussed. Mayor Powers explained the plan to fix the leaks and stated it should be resolved in the next few days.

Mr. Gunderson explained the continuing education that each public works employee would need for the future.

Council Member Dye questioned if something would be done with the speed bumps on 5<sup>th</sup> and Ross. Mayor Powers stated that was in the budget. Council Member Mazalewski stated he would rather not spend the money to tear up the road and felt the money could be better spent on other road projects.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Powers referred to a letter from Rocky Mountain Environmental regarding the water rights and the Teton Creek Well. He felt there was some progress being made. The ownership rights should be changed and the filing of the additional claim on the high school well.

Mayor Powers stated Bingo was well attended and that the Teton Valley Foundation would like to continue to do each session on Tuesdays. He stated that staff felt there was enough impact that a charge should be developed. Council Member Dye felt that \$50 each week was reasonable. Council Member Mosher stated that during the session, the heater was constantly running and he didn't have a problem with charging \$75.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to authorize the Mayor to discuss weekly charges with the Teton Valley Foundation for the Tuesday night Bingo sessions. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to go into executive session at 9:34pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Mosher, aye; and Council Member Dye, aye; Council Member Mazalewski, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council came out of Executive Session at 9:44pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m.

ATTEST:

Sonya Adams, City Clerk

Daniel J. Powers, Mayor