

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2009**

Pursuant to adjournment of the regular City Council meeting held April 21, 2009, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, George Mosher, Dan Powers and Colin Dye, Mayor Louis Christensen, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self and City Attorney Stephen Zollinger. Mayor Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES TO REVIEW

Council Members reviewed the minutes. Council Member Dye voiced additions to the minutes.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 City Council Meeting with the stated additions. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Council members reviewed the claims.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the claims as presented dated April 22, 2009 through May 5, 2009. Council Member Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SCOTT ROGERS – AQUA ENGINEERING – MSABP PLANT

Scott Rogers presented information to the Council. He stated the addendum was completed for the MSABP plant. The next step was to figure out how to fund the plant. His firm would look at the City's budget, rates and other variables to create a table that shows the size of the project and where rates would have to be with different grant amounts. It was important to figure out how to fund the new plant without putting undo hardship on the citizens.

Mr. Rogers stated that there was time to figure out funding as the growth in the valley had slowed. However, there may still be an issue if the lagoon continues to have trouble meeting its permit at times.

Mr. Rogers stated that DEQ in Idaho Falls had approved the technology and the information would be passed on to Boise. Once those in Boise approved it, it would be in the best interest to meet with the City of Victor and see what their "thoughts are," Mr. Rogers stated. There were several options such as involving Victor as either a customer or an authority.

Mr. Rogers continued by stating that what funds a plant of this nature was growth. When growth slows, "it is harder to find funds." He did not recommend that the Council begin

the design stages since information and technology change over time. He stated the design phase would only take approximately 2-3 months.

Mr. Rogers stated that sewer rates would have to be increased. Council Member Mosher stated he would like Mr. Rogers to aid in considering a fair increase. Mr. Rogers discussed with the Council the different types of funding that could be obtained, including bonds and federal grants.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Doug Self stated that the North South Pathway project was underway. Crews were supposed to be out evaluating the pathway possibilities and should have a meeting for design alternatives scheduled in the future. Those involved with the pathway or affected by it would be invited to attend, as well as anyone else interested. Construction of the pathway would begin the summer of 2010.

Doug stated that the approval for the chip seal on Little Avenue was still pending.

The Wastewater Interceptor Evaluation was discussed. Doug stated that the interceptor comes from the parking lot to the east of the Community Center, across Main Street, to the Community Center building and back up to Little Avenue. Reid Rogers, Chairman for the Urban Renewal Agency, would discuss this with the property owners that would be affected. Doug stated that his concern was putting a 21-inch line in. He felt it was not needed and wanted a smaller line put in, possibility being able to run it further.

Doug reported on the neighborhood meeting with those around 100 East. He stated that most were concerned with the gravel pit, Driggs Centre, and the increased traffic. The neighborhoods "did not want that in their front yards." Most felt that R1 wasn't viable because nobody would buy land due to the increased concerns. The Planning and Zoning Commission was working with them on the various issues.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mayor Christensen reported that Jared Gunderson would be out of the office for several days due to an injury to his feet.

Henry McCracken had swept the streets on Sunday.

The Public Works Department and the Sheriff's office were working together to develop a program that would allow people to do community service as opposed to being incarcerated.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Christensen stated he had received a request from the Rotary Club to put a drop box in the Community Center for the food bank. Broulim's had asked that they do not continue with their drop box in their store. Council Member Jones stated that the City needed to help in any way and that the Community Center was a good place to have the

box located. The Council directed the Mayor to allow the Rotary Club to have a drop box in the Community Center for their food bank.

Arbor Day is May 16 and Mayor Christensen asked the Council to be present. He stated that Silver Star Communications would be beginning their program at 9:00am and the City of Driggs would begin their program at 11:00am.

Mayor Christensen stated that the City of Driggs had partnered with the Family Safety Network for Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. He further stated it was important to support the cause and asked the Council to participate.

Reid Rogers has information for the north side of the Community Center. He would like to present the information to the Council. It was determined that next week would be a good time for the Council to meet with Reid to discuss the options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Powers made a motion to go into executive session at 8:07pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f). Council Member Dye seconded the motion. Schuehler took a roll-call vote: Dan Powers, aye; Greer Jones, aye; George Mosher, aye; Colin Dye, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:45pm.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to have the City pursue an appraisal of the Lion's Park property. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council recommended that Mayor Christensen inform Ted Hendricks of ECIPDA that the City of Driggs did not want to be involved in advancing the IFTI building.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

ATTEST:

Sonya Adams, City Clerk

Louis B. Christensen, Mayor