

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2009**

Pursuant to adjournment of the regular City Council meeting held December 16, 2008, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, January 6, 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, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, and City Attorney Stephen Zollinger were present. Mayor Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES TO REVIEW**

Council Members reviewed the minutes.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 City Council Meeting. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS REVIEW**

Council members reviewed the claims.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the claims as presented dated December 17, 2008 through January 6, 2009. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**DRIGGS CENTRE PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Doug Self presented information regarding the Development Agreement. Improvement plans and an estimate of cost were shown to the Council. A Will-Serve letter had been issued and the plat had been accepted.

Instead of replacing the sewer line, a 10-inch line was run along the existing 8-inch line. The line travels from Fremont Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Ski Hill Road, along Ski Hill Road past Mountain Vista. At this time, the line is of “no use and is not serving a development or anyone else.” At man hole at Aspen Pointe the line was again run along Cemetery Road. The 10-inch line will have to be extended along this “gap” in the future and the city could collect interceptor fees at that time.

The Development Agreement states that the City of Driggs will accept all improvements between the sewer treatment facility and the man hole (MH7) at 100 East and Cemetery Road. A corrected set of as-builts needed to be submitted to the city.

Council Member Mosher questioned if Doug Self and Jared Gunderson felt comfortable with the Development Agreement. Doug responded that the agreement was only for Phase 1 of the project and Jared felt the agreement allowed for direction to get necessary items completed.

Council Member Powers questioned the advantage for approving the Development Agreement without current as-builts. Doug responded stating that the agreement required as-builts to be submitted and did not allow the developer to hook into the sewer system until an agreement was approved. He went on to state that improvements to the area needed to be complete, such as the fences and the ground cover should be reclaimed to it original state prior to excavation.

**Council Member Powers made a motion** to approve the Development for Driggs Centre Phase 1 amending it to include that ditches need to be cleaned, fences need to be fixed and the ground cover needs to be reclaimed. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – TETON AIR RANCH ANNEXATION – 7:30PM**

Doug presented information to the Council. He stated the application consisted of two parcels north of the Middle School off 100 North. The parcels are included in the Teton Air Ranch Subdivision. Currently there was not a lot of demand on city services.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with the designated zoning of M1.

Mayor Louis Christensen opened the Public Hearing at 7:43pm. There was no public comment and the Public Hearing was closed.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the annexation for Teton Air Ranch. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 302-09 by title only. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. Schuehler took a roll-call vote. Dan Powers, aye; Greer Jones, aye; George Mosher, aye; and Colin Dye, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Louis Christensen read Ordinance 302-09 by title only.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve Ordinance 302-09. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

The Idaho Transportation Department was doing mobility planning and holding a workshop in Rexburg on January 7, 2009 at 8:30am to discuss transit and pathways.

The corridor planning for Highway 33 was concluding and Doug felt the highway was a priority for the state by widening the shoulders, improving access management, constructing a trail between Driggs and Tetonia, and improving intersection turn lanes and crosswalk. The design allocation was not adequate at this time, he felt.

Doug was concerned with snow removal on the sidewalks in the center of town and did not feel the snow removal ordinance was being enforced. He drafted a letter that could be sent to business owners stating snow needed to be removed within 24 hours or a fine would be assessed. Doug felt a snow summit should be devised to deal with the issue.

A discussion of what streets should be addressed began. It was determined that from Main Street to First Street on Wallace and from Short to Ashley on Main Street. The property owners on the south of Ross Avenue should also be included. Council Member Mosher wanted to include a letter to the School District asking if they could assist property owners in snow removal on Ross Avenue. A list of contractors that could aid the property owners in snow removal would be attached.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Jared Gunderson presented information on the high school well usage. Council Member Powers stated that the new fee schedule for water and sewer should take into consideration the peak months and stated people should be given credit for zero-scaping and using less water.

Jared stated the road grader will be fixed by Friday and that maintenance on the plows was increasing due to their age.

There was a conversation as to what should be discussed with the City of Victor regarding wastewater and the direction that the City of Driggs felt would be taken.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Board of County Commissioners was making changes in assignments and had asked Kathy Rinaldi to sit on the Urban Renewal Board in place of Larry Young.

**Council Member Powers made a motion** to approve the appointment of Kathy Rinaldi to the Urban Renewal Board. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

A property owner came to the Mayor asking if the City may be interested in buying property south of Suburban Propane. The Mayor would like an assessed value on the property but stated that several opportunities could come from owning the land and requested the Council begin to “think about” that option.

The auditors will be in the office all week.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to go into executive session at 8:48pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f). Council Member Powers 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 8:58pm.

**FAA SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT**

Mayor Louis Christensen presented a memo from the FAA regarding the use of the snow removal equipment located at the airport. This equipment was to be used off the airport property only in the case of emergencies.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn at 9:03p.m. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Sonnie Adams, City Clerk

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Louis B. Christensen, Mayor