

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 6, 2010**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held June 15, 2010, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, July 6, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Jay Mazalewski, Greer Jones, Colin Dye and later in the meeting, 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 minutes from the City Council Meeting. Council Member Mazalewski and Council Member Dye made corrections.

**Council Member Dye made a motion** to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010 City Council Meeting. Council Member Mazalewski 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 June 16, 2010 through July 6, 2010. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVEAL OF A ONE-TIME BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR GAME ON**

**Council Member Dye made a motion** to approve the application for a Beer and Wine Catering Permit for Game On. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

Doug Self reported on the poll that was in the utility bills regarding improvements. He stated that Main Street was a clear favorite. Behind that were 1000 North and the pathways around Cottonwood Corner and Howard. Improvements for Short Street were not as important to the approximately 90 participants.

The City had been awarded the Safe Routes to School grant for next year.

The North/South Pathway would not be completed as thought. ITD and the Engineer were unable to get the environmental documents for the wetlands submitted in time and therefore, the pathway must stop at Creekside and begin again at Short Street. There would be an improved bike lane with the 2011 Main Street Project, but Mr. Self felt another path needed to be implemented.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Jared Gunderson stated that the Council needed to approve a pay request from HK Construction. He further stated that change orders had been kept to a minimum. There was a minor incident regarding miscalculations, which lead to a change in elevation for the pipes. The pavement on the west side of City Hall would be completed, as HK Construction was able to do so. The reduction for the manhole costs would be shown on the next change order, Mr. Gunderson explained to the Council.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to approve the Contractors Application for Payment #1 for HK Contractors. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Gunderson stated that the State would pay for the asphalt to cover the pothole at Little Avenue and Main Street.

Mr. Gunderson stated there was a proposal to put fog seal over Johnson Avenue, which was about \$10,000. The proposal could include the pathway that would be along Little Avenue after the chip seal was complete. Mayor Powers explained that if all of these projects were done at the same time, there would not be added costs for freight charges, etc. Council Member Mazalewski questioned when this might occur. Mayor Powers felt this may take place in September and Mr. Gunderson stated he would receive more proposals for this at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Gunderson stated that the County would not get the chip seal funds for Little Avenue. However, they may obtain it in the next 3-4 years.

Council Member Jones questioned if the Parks Committee had made a decision on the “carry in carry out” policy. He stated that after big events the parks were very dirty and he had been cleaning up trash the last couple of days. Mayor Powers stated that with bigger events, the users of the park would be asked to provide extra dumpsters and port-a-potties.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DECUMENT (EID) CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITY PLAN FOR THE Teton VALLEY REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY- 7:30PM**

Eric Sahm, from Aqua Engineering, spoke to the Council. He stated that an addendum for the wastewater plan needed to be done. He explained the options for the plant and that most exceeded the budget. The effluent was not meeting the current permit requirements. The proposal was to backfill two of the four lagoons to get the space needed for the new plant.

Mr. Sahm then explained that the previous alternatives were based on higher population estimates. Because the City had received two violations to the permit, this was an issue that needed to be resolved, which may include having to increase user rates.

Mr. Sahm showed the Council the proposal. A new pump station would be added and would have a finer screen. This would flow into several tanks filled with different amounts of oxygen and bacteria. The process does not have waste sludge and there would be a significant savings for capital equipment costs. The material would be discharged into a disk filter as a precaution.

The original proposal, Mr. Sahm stated, would cost about \$20 million. This proposal, with the decrease in population estimates would increase from 600,000 to 900,000 gallons a day and could easily expand to a third basin, taking the project past the 20 year growth projection.

The facility plan addendum had been presented to DEQ and they did not have issues with it. Mr. Sahm was working on the environmental information documents, which were approximately 95% complete. A public hearing needed to be conducted and agency input received.

Mayor Powers stated that the City may be able to take reserves as a buffer for a loan and would not have to increase rates as high as anticipated. Mr. Sahm stated the City should increase rates to \$40 over the next couple of years. Mayor Powers reminded the Council that the City had 1.8 million in grants and the remainder of funds would come from the City of Driggs, the City of Victor and user fees.

Mr. Sahm stated there was a grant for solar equipment. If obtained, the grant money would give enough energy to save on operating costs and the city would not have to have additional operators. The operation and maintenance costs would be about the same with the elimination of chemical costs.

Mayor Powers opened the Public Hearing at 8:01pm. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed. Mr. Sahm reminded the Council that the public had 30-days to comment on the plant addendum.

**PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 317-10 DECLARING THE NEED TO CONSTRUCT AND ACQUIRE WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY – 7:45PM**

Stephen Zollinger stated this resolution was to authorize to file the documents needed to seek judicial conformation and that this was necessary to continue to provide services to the citizens and that failure to do so would result in violations of the permit. After the resolution was approved, Mr. Zollinger would file the judicial confirmation with a judge.

Mayor Powers opened the Public Hearing at 8:06pm. There was no comment and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned how it was decided to do judicial confirmation rather than obtain a bond. Mayor Powers stated that if the process was to go through USDA, a bond must be obtained. However, due to the type of loan, a bond would not be

sufficient. Ted Hendricks spoke to the Council stating that a better deal was offered through DEQ and the City would still be able to use other funding.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to approve Resolution 317-10 declaring the need to construct and acquire a wastewater treatment facility. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **County Extension Office Lease**

Mayor Powers explained that the County Extension office was located in the Public Works Building and they were currently paying \$175 a month including utilities. He stated their employees help out a lot and were great tenants. The County would like to know if the City would be willing to provide a long-term lease for them. Mayor Powers was hesitant to give them a long-term lease past 3-4 years. The Council discussed the options and determined a lease of \$200 a month for 3 years was amenable.

### **Hokin Lease/Improvements**

The Hokin Family was asking the City to contribute \$3,000 toward a civic green space on the north side of the Teton Creamery at Depot and Main Streets. Council Member Mazalewski questioned if the lease for the green space had a timeline on it. It was unknown at the time of the meeting. Mr. Gunderson stated that the parks department had approximately \$3,000 to contribute to this space. The Council determined it was a needed area.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to allow the parks department to have a budget of \$3,000 to go toward improvements at Main and Depot in conjunction with the Hokin Family. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **TRPTA Board**

Mayor Powers explained that the TRPTA Board would like a representative from the City of Driggs to be on their board. They met every third Thursday at noon. Council Member Jones stated he would like to contact a member of the Board to determine the time commitment.

### **Bike Festival Camping**

The BMX Park was too wet to possibly accompany campers for the festival and Mayor Powers asked the Council what other place the City could contribute. Lions Park was discussed and Mayor Powers would check the park schedule to determine availability.

### **Appraisal of Sweetwater Easement on Driggs Airport-**

Stephen Zollinger stated that the Corrective Action Plan for the airport with the FAA required that an appraisal for the value of the easement be acquired or put toward a future project. Mr. Zollinger stated that an appraisal was completed and submitted to the FAA. He felt the price was a little higher but felt it was consistent with land in the area.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the contract with Calhoun and Wright Appraisals requested for the airport easement involving Sweetwater. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Administrative and Financial Professional Services Contract**

Mr. Zollinger stated the contract appeared to be fair and he felt the organization had always been better than others. Council Member Mazalewski made a few corrections within the contract.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to approve the Administrative and Financial Professional Services Contract for the wastewater project as presented by Eastern Central Idaho Planning and Development Association. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to go into executive session at 9:01pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f). Council Member Jones 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 9:40pm.

Council Member Mazalewski reminded the Council that the Winter Allowance Map still needed to be added to the Resolution and should be done before winter began.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm.

ATTEST:

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Sonya Adams, City Clerk

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Daniel J. Powers, Mayor