

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

Pursuant to adjournment of the regular City Council meeting held August 18, 2009, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday September 1, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: George Mosher, Dan Powers, Greer Jones and Colin Dye, Mayor Louis Christensen, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, and Public Works Director Jared Gunderson. Mayor Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES TO REVIEW**

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting. Council Member Powers made corrections.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to approve the special minutes of the August 18, 2009 City Council Meeting. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Members reviewed the minute from the City Council Meeting. Council Member Powers, Council Member Jones and Council Member Dye made corrections.

**Council Member Dye made a motion** to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 City Council Meeting as amended. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CLAIMS REVIEW**

Council members reviewed the claims.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the claims as presented dated August 19, 2009 through September 1, 2009. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30PM – PETERSON ZONE CHANGE REQUEST – R1 TO R2 FOR 8 ACRES AT NW CORNER OF ROSS AND 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Arnold and Sharon Woolstenhulme, from AW Engineering, presented information to the Council. Mr. Woolstenhulme explained the location of the subject property and stated the application was for a zone change from R1 to R2. Ms. Woolstenhulme addressed conformance with the Zoning Ordinance and how the application met the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. She stated the applicant did not want more than 4 units per building, which was allowed in the R2 zone. Further, Ms. Woolstenhulme stated, the parcels in the surrounding area were designated for “meeting the housing needs for Driggs.” Townhomes should be encouraged and Ms. Woolstenhulme stated that in the past, townhomes had not been built to the demand. The housing provided would be affordable, catering to those who do service jobs in the area, and would be within walking and biking distance from all schools, the hospital, clinic and sheriff’s

department. Ms. Woolstenhulme concluded by stating that infrastructure was already in place.

Doug Self presented his staff report to the Council. He stated there were no written or verbal comments at the Public Hearing held by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He further stated the Comprehensive Plan recommended a density of 6-10 units per acre and “this falls within the applicant’s desired density.”

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the application in regards to four areas. Transportation and water and sewer were able to endure the density proposed, as well as the Airport Compatibility, which recommends 100 or fewer people per acre, far fewer than what was presented.

Doug explained the reasoning for part of the parcel remaining with the single-family zone. The Commission felt that that in order to keep continuity of what was presently in the area, part of the parcel, closest to Ross, should be kept R1.

Council Member Powers questioned if the applicant was agreeable to the proposed 215 feet of R1 zoning adjacent to Ross Avenue. Mr. Woolstenhulme stated that townhomes would still be able to be placed in the area but “for planning purposes 125 feet would be better.” Doug Self showed where the R1 zone would be on the map and said that 125 feet was a reasonable distance.

Council Member Mosher questioned if there was adequate water. Jared Gunderson responded stating there was and that the development would “actually benefit us.”

Council Member Jones suggested that the distance could be the depth of the adjacent property. Doug would find out how much that was.

Mayor Louis Christensen opened the Public Hearing at 7:45pm. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

**Council Member Powers made a motion** to approve the zone change with the conditions that the southern most part of the lot remain R1 in a line contiguous with the north boundary of the Marshall property with the remaining parcel zoned R2 and that future plans not exceed 10 units per acre as recommended by the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ERIC ZOCK – FINAL PLAT – 890 E 480 S FOX RUN SUBDIVISION**

Eric Zock presented information to the Council. He stated the proposal was to split the parcel. He stated the plat would provide a 30-foot easement for utilities and snow removal between the two lots and an easement on the south.

Doug Self presented his staff report. He stated that the Council would be making a recommendation to the County Commissioners and should recommend approve with the

conditions that the 30 foot easement extend to the SW corner of Lot 2 and that any existing dwelling units be connected to an approved sewage disposal system.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve for recommendation to the county the lot split presented with the easement shown on the south of the property. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **TETON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT – BRET CAMPBELL**

Mike Hoyle, Teton County Fire Chief presented information to the Council on behalf of Bret Campbell. He stated he wanted to discuss the impact fees and ground work that would be started to collect those fees. He stated the Fire District participated in the study with the county and were dropped and told to pursue their own impact fees.

Mayor Christensen questioned if the City of Driggs was to continue to collect fire impact fees. Mr. Hoyle stated not until the plan was complete. Doug would find out if those already collected should be refunded and to what amount.

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

Doug explained what the Planning and Zoning Commission was working on. He questioned if the Council was agreeable to an annexation of the Valley Centre area. Council Member Powers felt “it makes sense” and Council Member Jones felt the City would have more control over the area if this were done.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to request that the Planning and Zoning Commission pursue the annexation of Valley Centre Phase 1 and 2. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug stated the Council needed to determine what sidewalk or pathway should be included in the next grant for Safe Routes to School. He stated that the west side of the sidewalk on 5<sup>th</sup> Street could be done, but there were many things that were supposed to be relocated. A consultant stated the west side would be safer because people would not have to cross 5<sup>th</sup> Street until the intersection at Ross Avenue. Discussion as to whether the east side or west side should be pursued began.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to pursue the next pathway for Safe Routes to School to be on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> between Little and Ross with the possibility of adding a path from Little to the Skate Park along the east side of 5<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Jared Gunderson stated he met with Lou Simonet with Teton County, regarding the school zones. He stated all three cities were going to discuss the school zones and make them uniform throughout the county. Jared would get a copy of Utah’s school sign policy and present it to the Council.

Discussion of the crosswalk sign at Creekside began. Jared stated that the crosswalk sign was there for 6 hours and then was destroyed. Due to the cost to obtain it, and now the cost to fix it, he was not putting it back out. Mayor Christensen stated that ITD was aware of the issue and was working to try to make this crosswalk safer. Council Member Dye questioned if the barrel could be placed back out and if Jared would pick it up every morning on his way to work. Jared Gunderson also felt that the Sheriff's office needed to enforce pedestrians crossing at crosswalks. The Mayor stated he would discuss this with the Sheriff.

Jared stated he had been working with Lillian Bowen and would receive some of the dirt from the airport project to help make a BMX park next to the Skate Park. Council Member Powers questioned where the water was coming from for the airport project. Jared stated they were receiving water from the hydrants and that they had meters on them.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Christensen stated the City received a letter of gratitude for participating and hosting the ITD Board. Council Member Dye questioned if the speed limit could be reduced on Highway 33 "even if they don't recommend it." Mayor Christensen stated he would start the process needed to request such a reduction.

Mayor Christensen stated the Reid Rogers would like to have a meeting with the Council the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> to present information on the building and the Scenic Byway. Council Member Powers questioned if the meeting could be a part of the meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Reid would not be in town that week. It was decided that the Council would meet with Reid on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Powers stated he wanted to do whatever it took to keep Music on Main in Driggs, as he had heard the Teton Foundation was looking to moving the event to another location. Other locations in Driggs were discussed and it was determined that the Council wanted to invite someone from the Foundation to discuss next year's location.

Mayor Christensen stated that some water bills were sent to collections and others were not able to be collected on and wanted to "remove those from the books" and presented a list of those accounts.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to remove the listed accounts from the books. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Christensen stated the budget amendment for this fiscal year would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

ATTEST:

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Sonya Adams, City Clerk

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Louis B. Christensen, Mayor