

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council Meeting held January 17, 2012, and the call of the Mayor, The Driggs City Council met on **February 7, 2012** at 7:15.p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members; Greer Jones, Colin Dye, George Mosher and Ralph Mossman. Mayor Daniel Powers, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, and Public Works Director Jared Gunderson. Mayor Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES TO REVIEW

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the previous City Council Meeting dated January 17, 2012 and Council Member Mossman made a correction to the minutes.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 City Council Meeting with the noted corrections. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Claims approval was tabled until the Public Works Director could be questioned.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Lillian Bowen, contracted with HDR Engineering, presented a broad overview of the work that has been done on the Airport Master Plan upgrade. The final plan is “close to submission” for the FAA. Lillian presented the Council with a 20-year improvement project list for review. The list was broken into three sections: Short Term (1-5 years), Intermediate (5-10 years), and Long Term (10-20 years).

Short term, Noise Abatement, is currently under review. Lillian requested Council approval of the entire Airport Improvement Project list, which will be submitted to the FAA as a “place holder with costs estimated” for future funding. She also requested Council approval of funding for the design and engineering costs associated with relocation of 1000 N at the Airport, the second item under Short Term on the project list.

A lengthy discussion followed in which FAA funding was discussed (guaranteed at \$150,000 per year with any amount higher than that based on competitive review against other Idaho airport projects), passage of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) bill, projections of future airport

needs (per Lillian, the City will “never see it [runway use] go down again”), and airport management now and in the future.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the Driggs-Reed Memorial Airport Short Term, 5 year, Improvement Project list. Council Member Mosher amended his motion to approve the full 20-year Improvement Project list as presented. Council Member Jones seconded as amended. Motion carried.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve a contract with HDR for design and engineering fees to relocate 1000 N at the airport, contingent on Airport Board approval, at a cost not to exceed \$143,000. Council Member Dye seconded. Motion carried.

FALL RIVER ELECTRIC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT - ORDINANCE #331. The 3rd reading of the Fall River Electric franchise Agreement / Ordinance #331 was conducted.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the 3RD reading of the Fall River Electric Franchise Agreement and Ordinance #331. Council Member Dye seconded. Motion carried.

PENDL’S BEER AND WINE LICENSE renewal.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the renewal for Pendl’s 2012 Beer and Wine License. Council Member Dye seconded. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING

1) Teton Creek Flood Control Taxing District

Creekside Meadows HOA has asked for a letter of support from the City Council to form a taxing district to repair and maintain Teton Creek. Lengthy discussion ensued on the need for a taxing district, formation of a taxing district versus utilizing LID (local improvement district) funding, resident versus non-resident opinions on district formation, and the appropriateness of providing a letter of support.

Consensus was reached to table this request. Doug Self will draft a letter of support in favor of the idea of a taxing district, with Council concerns clearly stated, and bring to the next Council meeting for review.

2) Funding request for Teton Creek maintenance/repairs.

Creekside HOA has requested \$2,925.00 to continue repair on Teton Creek that was started last year. The City contributed approximately \$3,500 toward these repairs last year. Self noted that with a taxing district, these funding requests would “go away.”

Council Member Mosher moved to fund \$2,925.00 of the cost of creek repairs above the City's South Bank Bridge on Teton Creek. Council Member Jones seconded. Motion carried.

- 3) Self updated the Council on grant applications being submitted and/or reviewed. These included a HUD planning grant for sustainable communities, Tiger 4 Transportation grant, GEM grant to bring fiber optics to Main Street businesses, Grand Targhee Shuttle Bus continuation grant (Self noted that bus storage at Public Works has been approved), Valley Center Pathway (2014) which would tie into the relocation of 1000 N at the airport, and an Our Town grant to continue work on the scenic byway plaza.
- 4) 5th Street Sidewalk RFB has been posted with bids set for opening on May 8, 2012.

PUBLIC WORKS

- 1) Claims reviewed by Council included pathway charges for 1st & Ross. Gunderson confirmed that the light was moved and is working. Past due lab tests from Microbiology Labs. Unable to confirm payment on four past due invoices from a five page list. Dry Block from Environmental Chemicals is for WWTP. Green Fire from US Chemicals is a special road salt.

Council Member Mosher moved to approve claims dated 1/12/12 – 2/7/12 with the addition of a \$250 Community Foundation, Subs for Santa, pass through. Councilmember Mossman seconded. Motion carried.

- 2) Teton Creek Well: the State will require additional testing if the City takes this over. Problem has arisen because there is no longer an HOA associated with Creekside so ownership question has arisen on whether or not the former HOA has authority to turn the well over to the City. Council recommended that a letter be sent to the HOA stating that ownership shall become the City's or the HOA will be cut off from water usage.
- 3) Gunderson is obtaining an estimate on the cost to convert Creekside lighting from 75W to LEDs. The City of Hailey already has specifications drawn which will be used to develop Driggs' estimate. Gunderson questioned whether or not he should include LED conversion for the canopy in front of City Hall.
- 4) Application for disaster reimbursement for last year's flooding from the State of Idaho (Home Land Security) has been completed; estimated reimbursement is \$27,000.
- 5) Shopping carts being left in front of City Hall was discussed.
- 6) Gunderson attended the County Fire/EMS meeting earlier this evening. He encouraged Council members to attend the public hearing slated for February 15, 2012.

- 7) Council Member Dye had several questions for Gunderson:
 - a. Door-to-Door Salesmen – currently prohibited by Code unless invited i.e. Girl Scouts
 - b. Notice of No Texting Ordinance – Attorney Zollinger recommended contact with Clerk Blair at the City of Rexburg for its contact person at BYU-Idaho. BYU has developed an “outstanding” package on not texting
 - c. Sidewalk shoveling between Ace Hardware & The Dollar Store. Gunderson will follow up.
 - d. Ice melt use by City Businesses: Gunderson will follow up to ensure that non-soluble ice melt is being used.
 - e. Two city streets have “vertical pits” of ice. Can anything be done i.e. 1st & Ashley and Front & Wallace. Problem is poor drainage. Gunderson will notify his crew to watch these two areas and to work on removing ice buildup.
- 8) Superintendent Woolstenhulme and Gunderson have been in discussion for School Zone signs. Gunderson reported that Woolstenhulme is “getting on board.”

MAYOR’S REPORT

- 1) Personnel Policy: Mayor Powers recommended eliminating Columbus Day and Heritage Day as recognized holidays, with the addition of Martin Luther King Day & Veteran’s Day, also keeping the Friday after Thanksgiving (ten holidays in total). In 2012 employees would receive one float holiday in lieu of Martin Luther King Day.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the changes to the City’s holiday policy with employees to receive one float holiday in 2012 for MLK Day which has already occurred. Council Member Mosher seconded. Motion carried.

- 2) Mayor Powers and Planning and Zoning Administrator Self requested approval for Harmony Design to do additional economic development work which will not go beyond the City’s original scope. Cost estimate is \$690.00.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the additional service request for Harmony Design with the fee not to exceed \$690.00, paid from Economic Development. Council Member Jones seconded. Motion carried.

- 3) TRPTA has asked for a letter of support for the 2013 Grant Cycle stating that the City would be able to budget funds for next year.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve a letter of support for TRPTA – Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority. Council Member Greer seconded. Motion carried.

- 4) The Mayor received an e-mail from The Teton Valley News which is putting together a Valley Recreation Guide. The funding request is estimated at \$400.00 and could come out of the Park and Recreation budget. Council Member Mossman would like more information regarding size, distribution, glossy etc. Request was tabled until further information is obtained.

- 5) Mayor Powers requested funding for the stage built in the north end of City Hall during the Great Snow Fest at a cost of \$1,189.00. Paying for the stage will allow the Great Snow Fest Committee to keep \$500 as “seed money” for next year’s festivities. Council agreed by consensus to fund the cost of the stage.

Councilman Mosher has asked the City to look into the possibility of providing health insurance for council members.

Executive Session

Council Member Mosher moved to enter executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 at 10:10 p.m. Council Member Dye seconded. Question was called by roll: Council Member Dye, aye; Council Member Mosher, aye; Council Member Mossman, aye; Council Member Jones, aye. Motion carried.

The regular session was rejoined at 10:30 p.m.

Council Member Greer made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jones seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Clerk, Sonya Adams

Mayor, Dan Powers

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2012.