

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held October 2, 2012, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, October 16, 2012**, at 7:15 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Colin Dye, Ralph Mossman and George Mosher, Mayor Daniel Powers, Community Development Director Doug Self, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, and City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler. Mayor Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES TO REVIEW

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the City Council Meeting dated October 2, 2012.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 City Council Meeting. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Council members reviewed the claims.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the claims as presented dated October 2, 2012 through October 16, 2012. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

THE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY – REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Dave Ogden spoke to the Council. He stated the City had contributed money that was in a revolving loan fund. The Development Company had discussed doing something similar, on a smaller scale, which would give micro loans of \$50,000 or lower to businesses. He further stated these funds would be targeted for the City of Driggs as opposed to the other 9 counties involved in the current revolving loan fund. Mr. Ogden felt this program would work with the economy, as banks would not have to be involved.

Mayor Powers questioned what type of expenses would be approved with the micro loan. Mr. Ogden stated the company would not do a line of credit but would approve funds for things such as monthly payments on copiers, business cars, etc., and it would have to be a legitimate business expense with a business plan submitted explaining the circumstances and how the business would be using those funds.

Mayor Powers felt if the city moved forward with the idea, the money in the revolving loan fund would be put to better use for the citizens of Driggs. The Council agreed and asked that an agreement be developed in the near future.

DOG ISSUES

Sargent Fred Hale from the Teton County Sheriff's Department spoke to the Council. He stated they had started a special patrol to look for loose dogs in Valley Centre Subdivision. He stated the Department took each complaint seriously and tried to do what they could to solve the situation. Once a dog was taken into custody, the animal shelter would ensure the dog was licensed before it was released.

Mayor Powers questioned how the license process worked and how it could be improved. Sargent Hale stated there could be more ways to enforce licensing and felt there could be multiple locations that licensing could take place.

The Council suggested a committee be developed to further aid in this issue.

RESOLUTION #280-12 – GENERAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

Council Member Mossman stated the basic intent of the resolution was to state that the city would resolve to protect all citizens and learn about the issues surrounding discrimination. He stated this was different from the previous resolution that was recently approved in that it included sexual preference and stated the city would resolve to take action as needed.

Stephen Zollinger stated the EEOC had stated that sexual preference should be considered a gender issue and therefore would be protected under State Law. He felt that the resolution stated that if consideration were to change, the city could decide if there were other actions to take locally.

Council Member Mossman stated his main reason for introducing the resolution was for an economic development strategy but felt others "got hung up on if it was necessary." He further stated he felt the community was tolerant and wanted a way "to show it off." Council Member Jones felt that if the community was already tolerant the Council should not "stir the pot." Mayor Powers felt it was the right thing for the city to do but felt it should not be looked at as a way to attract people to our community.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve Resolution #280-12. There was no second and the motion died.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mayor Powers reported on the activities of the Public Works Department in Jared Gunderson's absence.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

TISA/Yama Judo Recreation Center Lease

Doug Self reported that Yama Judo would like to be in the north end of the Community Center as part of the Teton Valley Recreation Association. They were interested in 1,200 square feet to run an all-age judo program as a non-profit. Council Member Jones was concerned if there was enough room with the other businesses, as well as the future Scenic Byway Center. Mayor Powers did not feel it would be in conflict and Mr. Self

suggested the lease could require mats to be moved if space was needed for public assembly. Mayor Powers concluded stating that there were certain items that needed to be completed for the grant and if everything was included, eventually the ability to hold larger events would be lost.

Council Member Mossman questioned why the business was at the lowest incubator rate if it was already established. Mr. Self stated that they were a non-profit business and the regulations only discussed commercial businesses. He further explained that the tenant would be using the space 3-4 times a week with weekend events and possibility an after school program in the future. Mayor Powers and Council Member Mossman agreed that \$.40 a square foot would be appropriate.

Mr. Self suggested adjusting the rate and specify that the equipment be stored when not in use. He further stated that the lease could be with the Teton Valley Recreation Association and they could be responsible for charging the users. Mayor Powers stated that if a shared use occurred, the market rate for the space should not be charged. Mr. Self would make corrections and additions to the lease.

Updates on Grants

Mr. Self gave a report and update on the grants he was working on including the Targhee Shuttle grant, and the Our Town grant.

Truck Routes Meeting

Mr. Self stated the truck route meeting with the county discussed the possible truck routes and the cost for improvements. Those that convened came up with short term solutions and developed an ordinance that stated all trucks must be covered. A policy would also be developed that would have empty trucks follow designated truck routes during construction projects. The long term solution was to improve 5th Street and Johnson and update the Transportation Plan, connect 1000N to Ski Hill and add turn lanes at Johnson Avenue and 1000N on Highway 33.

Planning and Zoning Update/Work Plan

Mr. Self presented the Work Plan developed by the Commission and information regarding the new Planning and Zoning Administrator. Mayor Powers suggested a visioning session between the Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Appointment of Deputy Clerk

Mayor Powers explained that in the Clerk's absence, a Deputy Clerk would be needed to sign documents and perform other duties.

Council Member Dye made a motion to appoint Carol Lenz as the Deputy Clerk. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

AIC Legislative Committee

Mayor Powers stated he had been asked to serve on this committee. He explained that it would be mean a few extra trips to Boise and asked for the Council's approval. The Council agreed it would be a good idea for the Mayor to be a part of the committee.

City Council Code of Conduct

Mayor Powers reminded the Council that they had the ability to disagree with each other but did not want to see them question other members' motives or thoughts.

Transportation Alternatives Funding

Mayor Powers stated he would like to encourage the Idaho Transportation Board to continue funding programs that had been useful for the City. He asked the Council to make a motion of support.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to send a letter from the Council to the Idaho Transportation Board urging to continue to fully fund Transportation Alternatives programs, retain the Safe Routes to School program at or above its current \$1 million a year level and maximize the grants available to local communities throughout Idaho. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mosher seconded the above motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

Daniel J. Powers, Mayor