

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held October 7, 2014, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, October 21, 2014**, at 7:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were Council Members: Greer Jones, Ralph Mossman, Wade Kaufman, and August Christensen; Mayor Hyrum Johnson, Community Development Director Doug Self, Financial Officer Carol Lenz, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, and City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler. Council Member Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on October 7, 2014 as corrected. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS

The Council reviewed the claims.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve the claims as presented from October 8, 2014 through October 21, 2014. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

7:30PM PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GRANT ACTIVITIES FOR WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – TED HENDRICKS, DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 7:46pm. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47pm.

Ted Hendricks, from the Development Company, spoke to the Council. He stated the general water facility improvements would address deficiencies in the city's water system, including flow and pressure requirements, depth and pipe size standards, and issues with emergency power sources. The project was estimated at 4.3 million dollars and would require judicial confirmation for loan and grant funding. Mr. Hendricks stated construction could begin in 2015.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ORDINANCE #351-14: AMENDMENT TO THE NUISANCE CHAPTER OF DRIGGS CITY CODE

Doug Self presented a list of changes discussed at the previous meeting.

Council Member Christensen was concerned that, as written, trailers would not be allowed on corner lots. Mr. Self explained in those situations one side yard could be used for trailer storage.

Council Member Christensen requested the effective date be changed to August as she felt May was too early.

Further discussion took place regarding vegetation, debris and storage. Council Member Mossman suggested the definition of debris not include “economic value.”

Parking on lawns was also discussed and Council Member Mossman felt this could be considered a “cultural issue.” Mr. Self stated parking on lawns and in right-of-ways caused problems with landscaping and infrastructure. Mayor Johnson felt that the city had an interest to control the accesses to right-of-ways to ensure infrastructure was not damaged and pedestrians were safe.

Council Member Mossman voiced concerned with the time limit allowed to work on vehicles. He felt 72 hours was not enough time for some to be able to fix their vehicles. Mr. Self stated the time frame would allow the city to enforce once it became an issue or nuisance.

Mr. Self stated he would incorporate the discussion in a revision and bring it to the Council for further review at a future meeting.

CONSIDER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT CONTRACT: GRANT AWARDED FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CCTV SECURITY SYSTEM IN CITY BUILDING

Mayor Johnson stated the grant contract must be executed in order to receive funds to purchase video surveillance for City Hall and the Teton Geotourism Center.

Council Member Mossman was concerned with the reasoning and/or need for the surveillance. Mayor Johnson stated the topic could be discussed further in Executive Session.

Council Member Christensen made a motion to approve the grant contract with the Community Foundation as submitted, in the amount of \$1,280. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

AUTHORIZATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT AT DRIGGS COMMUNITY CENTER AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

Mr. Self reviewed the proposed improvements with the Council.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to accept the estimate of \$585 for the door handle assembly on the Teton Geotourism Center’s north exhibit doors. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Johnson stated the Sheriff had recommended locking the 24-hour area of the Teton Geotourism Center. Mayor Johnson further stated if the doors were changed, it would give the city the option to lock the area, but at this time the area would remain open.

Council Member Christensen made a motion to swap the front doors at the Teton Geotourism Center at an estimated cost of \$600 with contingency of having agreement among the Council after an Executive Session. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion of replacing the damaged window in the Teton Geotourism Center began. Mr. Self stated it was not a “pressing issue but [would] need to be replaced eventually.” Council Member Christensen suggested replacement wait until the end of the fiscal year or when it became a cleaning issue and the Council was in agreement.

Two estimates were received for signage at the Industrial Building, the lowest from Sign It Now.

Council Member Kaufman made a motion to approve and install the tenant signs at the Driggs Industrial Building for \$1,473.98 with the additional \$575 for installation. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Self stated the information in the staff report for the lighting in the Recreation Center was for 40 foot candles and after researching, he felt 30 foot candles would be sufficient.

West Point Electric submitted an estimate. Mr. Self felt it made sense to go with the LED option and reuse the fixtures.

Council Member Jones made a motion to accept West Point Electric’s bid for the Driggs Recreation Center lighting for \$19,550, including \$3,910 for the Rock Wall. Council Member Kaufman seconded the motion.

Mr. Self recommended the lighting for the rock wall be completed once the business opened. He further stated he would bring more information to the Council regarding LEDs in the area.

The above motion passed with all in favor.

STAFF REPORT

Doug Self reviewed his staff report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Health Insurance

Carol Lenz reviewed the health insurance information with the Council and stated it would not need to be discussed during the meeting. After the staff discussed questions or concerns, the Council would review the proposed information.

Ms. Lenz stated the city would see a reduction in health insurance costs of \$2,000 if the current policy was renewed. If the Council wanted to change to the Qualified Health Care Plan, the annual saving would be \$10,000. The two different policies were very similar in coverage, Ms. Lenz concluded.

STAFF REPORT

Jared Gunderson reviewed the activities of his department with the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Jones made a motion to go into executive session at 9:31pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f) for legal reasons. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Mossman, aye; Council Member Christensen, aye; Council Member Kaufman, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:45pm.

Mayor Johnson polled the Council and all were agreeable with the security improvements as discussed earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mossman seconded the above motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

Mayor Hyrum Johnson