

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held October 18, 2011, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, November 1, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Colin Dye, George Mosher and Jay Mazalewski, 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 October 18, 2011.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 City Council Meeting. Council Member Mosher 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 through October 31, 2011. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

BRET CAMPBELL – FIRE DISTRICT IMPACT FEES

Bret Campbell, Teton County Fire Chief, spoke to the Council regarding the fire district impact fees. He stated the objective was to enter into an agreement to collect impact fees for the district. As a district, Mr. Campbell stated to implement four different impact fees from the different cities and county had proved to be challenging. At this time, the plan incorporated 20 years instead of the original 10 years.

The Council determined that the Impact Fee Study, amendment and plan should be reviewed prior to approving this and wanted to further discuss the issue after those documents were reviewed.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned if the City of Driggs would have to amend their impact fees to include the proposal. Stephen Zollinger stated that was not necessary.

Mr. Campbell stated that the fee was very close to the amount the City of Driggs had been collecting. He concluded by stating that the City of Driggs would have to hold a Public Hearing as well.

TED HENDRICK- FORD GARAGE LEASE

Ted Hendricks spoke to the Council. He stated the purpose of the discussion was to move forward with the lease and make the City an owner of the building. He stated they were in the process of going through procurement to get an architect to determine what needed to be done to bring the building up to code.

Mr. Zollinger stated the agreement was good if the Council wanted to move forward with this type of relationship. Mayor Powers stated he had not seen the agreement and would like to ensure that longevity and the types of uses allowed in the building were addressed. He stated the building should be used for the type of business that can't find space of that sort elsewhere.

Mr. Hendricks responded stating that he did not want to discourage tenants to be in the building for a short term in order for them to build their business before moving to another location.

Council Member Mazalewski stated he felt the concept worked but did not want to compete with downtown retail space. Mr. Hendricks asked that the Council be open minded to allow a business that could be in the downtown area to incubate for a short period of time.

Mayor Powers stated the Council would "be going down a slippery slope because businesses are going to be upset if we put other businesses out there at a subsidized rate." He wanted to ensure that the Council understood that. Mr. Hendricks suggested developing an advisory committee to help decide who would be able to start a business in the building.

Mr. Self informed the Council that the zoning does not allow retail on the property, eliminating the problem.

SILVERSTAR – CELL PHONE AND VIDEO CAMERA PROPOSALS

Liz Acosta spoke to the Council. She submitted a proposal for a two-year contract, which would save the City approximately \$800 for two years.

She discussed changing the surveillance for the Skate Park, stating that cameras could be installed in a manner that the entire park could be viewed during the day or night. Cameras were rated for outdoor temperatures.

The Council discussed the information and felt that the main necessity was for the Skate Park to be viewed from the Sheriff's Office.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

DDCA Projects and Support

Doug Self stated the DDCA received two bids to develop banners for the 22 street lights along Main Street. Becky Strout, a DDCA member and owner of Peak Printing, was the lowest bid.

Becky Strout spoke to the Council. She stated the DDCA (Downtown Driggs Community Association) had begun to design banners that would be 6 feet in height and 2 feet wide. The banners would need to be ordered by November 9 to have them hung before Thanksgiving.

Ms. Strout explained the concept design, stating that the DDCA wanted to highlight the reasons why people came to Driggs, did business in Driggs, or communicated the spirit of Driggs. She showed the Council an example of the banner and stated that there would be about 5 or 6 different designs and that a winter theme would be displayed first.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned what the life expectancy of the banner material was. Ms. Strout stated the material was designed for harsh winter conditions and felt it was a long lasting vinyl.

Mr. Strout stated that the DDCA discussed leaving the 4 street lights at the intersection of Little Avenue and Main Street for non-profit organization events. A non-profit wishing to purchase a banner would have to use the same format and design.

The Council was concerned with the size of the banner and withstanding the winter conditions. Ms. Strout stated she would research a couple more companies to determine the best one.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to graphic design work for the street light banners not to exceed \$5,000. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Parking Issues in Creekside Meadows

Mr. Self stated the Creekside Meadows HOA was having issues with cars parking on both sides of the street. When this occurred, the streets were too narrow and very difficult for emergency vehicles to pass. The current CC and R's state there should be no parking, but the Sheriff's Department would not enforce it. The City ordinance states there shall be no parking on the west and north sides of the road if the road width is less than 30 feet. Creekside Meadows was requesting the City of Driggs to place signs in their subdivision to this effect.

Mr. Gunderson stated that this was not being done around town and felt that if the city put them up the HOA should pay for them. Mayor Powers stated he had no problem purchasing the signs since it was a city ordinance. Mr. Gunderson stated since they state no parking for snow removal, the signs would not need to be purchased until April.

The Council agreed to pay for the signs.

Mr. Self continued his report. He stated the DDCA currently received money through donations or events and was donating it to the City, asking that that money be put into a special DDCA spending account. Carol Lenz, the city Financial Officer, felt this was not appropriate. Mr. Zollinger stated it could be done on a short term basis but encouraged

the DDCA to get a 501c3. The Council requested that the DDCA complete this by January, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Gunderson stated the Howard Avenue project was almost complete. Mayor Powers asked that the corner of First Street and Howard Avenue be cleaned up.

Mr. Gunderson stated there was vandalism at the City Park. However, it had been cleaned up already. The department had been working on maintenance of the snow plows and the outside lighting at City Hall.

TETON ARTS COUNCIL – WINTER FESTIVAL/SNOW SCULPTURE AND SNOW BALL

Ralph Mossman spoke to the Council stating he was trying to “put on one of the best snow sculpture events in the rockies.” The event would be for two weeks and would bring people to the community. They would develop 8 foot cubes that would be placed in front of the Community Center. Other smaller ice sculptures would be placed around town as well.

Mr. Mossman explained the process, stating that teams would have to submit a plan. Teams would compete for prize money. There were plans to bring someone from northern Idaho who has been doing sculpturing to train the local teams.

Mr. Mossman was requesting help to move snow. He also requested funding between \$1,300 and \$2,000. The Council discussed allowing \$1,500 to be given and if more was needed, it could be requested up to \$500. Council Member Mazalewski requested that itemized receipts be submitted to the City.

Council Member Jones made a motion to allocate \$750 from the Special Event fund and \$750 from the Economic Development fund for the Teton Arts Council Winter Festival snow sculptures. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

TETON VALLEY FOUNDATION – SUPPORT FOR THE ART WALK

Davhi Wilson spoke to the Council stating the Teton Valley Foundation was now coordinating the Art Walk. At this time, the Foundation had placed the event on their website, and was doing email blasts to inform the community about each event. After being involved for 2 months, the attendance seems to be around 75 people and hoped that it grew in the future. They would hold the Art Walk for 7 months instead of 12, due to weather.

Ms. Wilson was requesting that the city continue the support of paying for the advertisements through the newspapers.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to continue funding advertisements for the Art Walk with \$750 from the Special Events fund and \$750 from the Economic

Development fund to the Teton Valley Foundation. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Parks Committee Appointment

Mayor Powers stated Ann Comeaux was interested in being on the Parks Committee and had submitted a letter stating why she would be a good candidate.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to nominate Ann Comeaux to the Parks Committee. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Teton Arts Council Liquor License

The Council reviewed the application.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the Teton Arts Council Beer and Wine License for November 10, 2011. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Powers continued his report. He stated the High Country RCD membership was due. He had not been as involved and the Council requested that more information be provided as to what the organization did in the city before renewing the membership.

A lunch had been scheduled for November 3 for Yuki Kobayashi for his service to the Airport Board. Mayor Powers requested the city pay for the lunch as a way to thank Mr. Kobayashi and the Airport Board for the work they do. The Council agreed.

Mayor Powers explained a program through the Friends of the Teton River which would allow the city to lease their shares of canal water. This potentially would allow the city to gain about \$100 a day. Council Member Mazalewski asked that further information be provided. Mayor Powers concluded stating that the Canal Company would also have to approve this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to go into executive session at 9:47pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Mosher, aye; and Council Member Dye, aye; Council Member Mazalewski, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council came out of Executive Session at 9:55pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, Deputy City Clerk

Daniel J. Powers, Mayor