

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 4, 2013**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held October 15, 2013, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, November 4, 2013**, at 7:15 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Ralph Mossman, George Mosher, Colin Dye, and Mayor Dan Powers, Community Development Director Doug Self, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson, Planning and Zoning Ashley Koehler, Financial Officer Carol Lenz and City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler. Mayor Dan Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on October 15, 2013. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**CLAIMS**

The Council reviewed the claims presented.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to approve the claims as presented from October 15 through November 4, 2013 including the invoice for Wrecker Boyz for the fog seal towing and removing the lagoon chlorinator and headwork's lagoon claim for duplication. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR TONY'S PIZZA AND PASTA FOR 2014**

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for Tony's Pizza and Pasta for 2014. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**APPROVAL OF NON-PROFIT BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR SOUPER BOWL – TETON ARTS COUNCIL**

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the Charitable Event Beer and Wine Application for Teton Arts Council. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**MARY LOU HANSEN – REQUEST FOR CONNECTION FEES TO BE TRANSFERRED**

Mary Lou Hansen spoke to the Council requesting one of the meters on her property be abandoned because it was for an accessory dwelling. She would like to connect the two meters and transfer the hook-up fee to another property.

Council Member Dye stated he was agreeable to merge the meters, but did not feel the City should transfer the connection fee. Stephen Zollinger stated the issue with

transferring the fees was that the fee paid was for the work that was already completed to make the connection.

Council Member Mossman questioned if the monthly bills could be combined to save the Hansen's the cost of digging up the meter and capping off the connection. Mayor Powers felt it would be "cleaner to do the plumbing change," but felt another solution may be able to be reached. Staff would research the ability to combine meters within the utility software system.

#### **TETON VALLEY TRAILS AND PATHWAYS – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

Nick Beatty from the Teton Valley Trails and Pathways requested assistance for fuel to groom the Driggs Nordic Track. Mr. Beatty stated the City had provided assistance for the last two years and he stated last year they filled two 5 gallon gas cans every other week. He concluded by stating the track had approximately 1400 users last year.

**Council Member Dye made a motion** to approve the request for fuel for the Nordic Track. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### **DRIGGS-REED MEMORIAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN**

Lou Christensen presented the Master Plan and Layout Plan to the Council and requested the Mayor's signature. Doug Self stated the changes included the shift in the runway and object free area. He further stated the FAA and the Airport Board had approved the plans. Mr. Christensen concluded the conversation by stating the Board has completed several safety improvements for the airport such as increased lighting, added signs and web cameras.

#### **CITY CENTER PLAZA – 50% CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND PUBLIC ART CONCEPTS**

Doug Self presented information to the Council regarding the construction documents and art concepts and asked for direction from the Council. Discussion of the public art began and the Council discussed options for multiple cranes and/or boulders. Mr. Self stated the Project Advisory Committee did not want the plaza to be a playground but wanted it to be inviting for families and children.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to accept the 50% Construction Drawings with comments proposed by staff. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to accept the proposal for the public art concept submitted by Lindsey Love and Trinity St. John with the recommendation of staff to ask for two cranes and the benches to be more shoebox shaped. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Self reviewed the rest of his staff report.

## **LIGHTING PROJECTS AND POLICY**

Mayor Powers questioned if the Council would like to pursue changes to the Lighting Policy. Council Member Dye did not feel the Council should continue and felt it was “needless.” Council Member Mossman asked if the changes should be given to the lighting committee to review and further stated that businesses on Main Street should have better lighting to be more appealing to foot traffic. Mayor Powers felt an estimate of cost to replace and move the lights should be obtained. Mr. Self suggested having a lighting expert assist.

Carl Jordan spoke to the Council. He briefly explained the logistics of lighting and answered specific questions from the Council. Mayor Powers concluded the discussion by summarizing the decisions of the Council which included contacting the Idaho Transportation Department, researching the cost of replacing the acorns with globes and move forward with retrofitting the two lights as previously discussed.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Ashley Koehler reviewed her staff report.

Jared Gunderson reviewed his staff report. He requested a Special Meeting the following week to review the bids for the replacement valve project. The Council determined to meet Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:15pm. Mr. Gunderson further informed the Council of the Open House scheduled for November 21 for the new Waste Water Treatment Plant.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Powers stated that Sales Tax had increased 10% in the third quarter of 2013 and that every sector had growth.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to go into executive session at 9:24 pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Council Member Mosher, aye; Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Dye, aye; Council Member Mossman, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council came out of Executive Session at 9:35pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Dye seconded the above motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm.

ATTEST:

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Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

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Mayor Daniel J. Powers