

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 18, 2014**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held March 4, 2014, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, March 18, 2014**, at 7:15 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Ralph Mossman, August Christensen, and Mayor Hyrum Johnson, Community Development Director Doug Self, Planning and Zoning Ashley Koehler, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson, Financial Officer Carol Lenz, and City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler. Council Member Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to amend the agenda to include the DDCA Support Request. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on March 4, 2014. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

Mayor Johnson and Council Member Mossman presented changes to the minutes.

**Council Member Mossman amended the above motion** to include the changes discussed. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**CLAIMS**

The Council reviewed the claims presented. Carol Lenz requested to include a \$40 refund to Local Galleria for overpayment for the DDCA Guide Map and to include the first payment to Letham Architects for the match to the Gem Grant for the Industrial Building in the amount of \$500.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to approve the claims as presented from March 5, 2014 through March 18, 2014 with the additional invoices discussed. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**YAMA JUDO LEASE IN DRIGGS COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Self presented information to the Council. He stated Yama Judo had been renting space in the North End of the building from Teton Valley Recreation Association. The lease with TVRA expired February 1, 2014 and they requested Yama Judo have a lease directly with the City.

Mr. Self reviewed Resolution 267-11 which outlined the intent of the space, particularly ensuring the uses in the space cannot be adequately housed elsewhere. Therefore, the

Council should review the Zumba classes that are currently occurring within the Yama Judo space and determine if that was an appropriate use of the space.

Mr. Self stated the lease would maintain the nonprofit rate at the lower level of \$.26 per square foot and felt there were enough other uses interested in the space that a shorter term may be appropriate.

Travis Despain, President of Yama Judo, spoke to the Council. The business enjoyed the space and he felt it would see growth. There were plans to have clinics and trainings for the region, which would bring more people to the area, Mr. Despain stated.

Council Member Mossman questioned if Yama Judo was a nonprofit organization. Mr. Despain stated that all money received had gone back into the club and they were currently in the process of obtaining nonprofit status from the State of Idaho.

Mr. Despain questioned if the Zumba classes would be allowed as the instructor currently rents the mats from Yama Judo. Mayor Johnson felt the use was in direct conflict with the Resolution. Council Member Christensen stated there were other places in town that offer space that could be used for those types of classes and felt the Council should remain consistent.

Ken Chambers spoke to the Council. He stated while wanting the business to be successful, the rate charged by the City was in competition with other rental rates. He suggested the north end space be used as an incubator and encouraged the Council to have shorter lease terms.

Mr. Self reminded the Council that the purpose of the Resolution was to provide space for businesses “that have no home.” He stated the intent was for businesses to find their own location after 6 years. He reminded the Council that the long term plan for the space was to be used for the Performing Arts and as a conference center.

Council Member Christensen suggested the organization come back to the Council after two years.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to authorize execution of the lease as amended to Yama Judo of 1,600 square feet of space in the NE corner of the Driggs Community Center, with the condition that prior to execution of the lease, the city be provided with required insurance policies, as defined in the lease, proof of an active organization filing status with the Idaho Secretary of State, a completed business registration application and fee for any business operating within the lease area, Zumba classes no longer being allowed, and changing the term to two years with the business plan presented to Council at that time before extending the lease. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Jared Gunderson reviewed the activities within his Department.

**RESOLUTION 292-13: STATE/LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR WEST LITTLE AVENUE PROJECT**

Mayor Johnson stated the City was awarded the LTAC Grant for \$100,000 for 2015. Doug Self recommended postponing the West Little project until that time, stating the other funding was good for three years. He concluded by reviewing the project with the Council.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to adopt Resolution 292-13, approving the agreement for Federal Aid Highway Project A014(350) and authorizing the City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**DDCA SUPPORT FOR THE ANNUAL LOCAVORES EVENT**

Mr. Self stated the Annual Locavore Event drew approximately 400 people. This year the DDCA had decided to hold the event with Slow Foods agreeing to be the coordinators for \$600. Mr. Self stated DDCA could pay \$100 and requested funds of \$500 from the City. He concluded by stating the money would help to promote the businesses involved, reserve space for the event, advertise, and pay for the coordinators.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to authorize the support to DDCA in the amount of \$500 for the Locavore Event on May 16, 2014. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Self reviewed his staff report.

**APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER #16 FOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Ashley Koehler presented information to the Council. She stated the work order with Harmony Design would update the Transportation Plan. She further stated the project was budgeted for \$6,000.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to approve Work Order #16 for Harmony Design and Engineering up to \$6,000 for the work identified. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Koehler reported on Arbor Day, which would be held May 24, 2014. She stated the City had its Tree City Certification for 12 years and in order to request money from a grant, the Proclamation must be read. Mayor Johnson read the Proclamation.

**CONSIDER SUPPORT REQUEST FROM TRPTA FOR FYE2015**

Mayor Johnson reminded the Council of the reasons the request for funding was denied the previous year. The City had provided support for the Targhee Shuttle, were in the process of pursuing the parking lot north of Ace Hardware and had plans to build the Bus

Storage Facility. Mr. Self stated this year some of those issues were void. However, he recommended supporting transportation within the Valley. He further recommended contributing \$1,500 and stated the Council could request financial reporting or proof federal grants had been spent prior to issuing funds.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to send a letter of intent to contribute \$1,500 for fiscal year 2015 to TRPTA. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Jones seconded the above motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

ATTEST:

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Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

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Mayor Hyrum Johnson