

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2014**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on February 18, 2014 as corrected. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS

The Council reviewed the claims presented.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve the claims as presented from February 19, 2014 March 4, 2014. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT SEWAGE PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE – DISCUSSION ONLY

The Council reviewed the documents provided in their packets and Jared Gunderson answered general questions. Council Member Jones questioned who would be inspecting, monitoring and ensure compliance. Mr. Gunderson stated he and Henry McCracken would inspect those properties. He further stated the ordinance would involve anyone connected to the sewer system, including those in Victor.

RE-LOCATION OF THE CITY PARKS AT HUNTSMAN SPRINGS – CONCEPT PLAN

Ashley Koehler presented background information regarding the proposal that would impact city owned parks within Huntsman Springs as there was interest in re-platting the city portion within the PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Bob Ablondi, from Rendezvous Engineering, presented information. He stated Huntsman Springs would like to sell more lots and hired a planner to redesign the development to make it more appealing to buyers. The change would increase the park area, change the configuration and reduce roads. The proposed open space would be private to homeowners.

Corey Hoffpauir, from Panorama International, spoke to the Council. He stated his company was asked to “take a fresh look” at the development. They suggested taking the pocket parks and making a regional park with the same equipment used currently. He proposed this new park be on property south of Bates, across from Teton County Courthouse.

Council Member Christensen questioned if there was a limitation in the type of park and how the offered property could be used. She also stated she would like to see the proposed park be pedestrian accessible.

Council Member Jones stated he liked the concept as the City was “always short ball fields and other assets.” He did not feel the location was “too far out of town” for those walking.

Council Member Mossman questioned if Huntsman Springs could buy the parks from the city. Mayor Johnson stated the property could be sold at an auction and the funds could be used as the city saw fit.

Stephen Zollinger stated the city did not have to decide if the parks were underutilized if land was traded evenly and further stated that the city could exchange value for value without going through the surplus process. Mayor Johnson suggested the property be appraised.

Todd Woolstenhulme, with Huntsman Springs, stated they did not favor buying the property. He further stated he did not feel the park was underutilized but felt it would be better for the community to have all pocket parks together in one place.

Council Member Mossman requested the Park Committee be involved in the decision. Mayor Johnson felt the decision should not be “drawn out” and that Huntsman Springs would like definitive actions as soon as possible.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to proceed with the appraisal for the city owned parks and land to be exchanged. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE 343-14: TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Ashley Koehler spoke to the Council and stated she was just looking for input on the proposed changes. The Tree Committee would like to look at standards regarding the Tree Guide, the Tree Ordinance and planting trees in the right-of-way. She felt the mentioned documents should be tailored to Driggs and wanted to help improve streetscapes.

Garry Bates, the City Arborist, spoke to the Council. He stated it was recommended that all arborists be licensed and provide proof of insurance for public safety. He further stated he would like to inventory the public spaces and determine the different species of trees, the age of the trees and if there were any health or safety concerns with the trees.

TETON GEOTOURISM CENTER – BATEMAN-HALL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2

Doug Self stated the change order was for \$3,570.70 and was approved by the Project Advisory Committee and the Idaho Transportation Department and would not change the total contract price as it was absorbed in the contingency amount.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve and authorize execution of Change Order Number 2 to the contract with Bateman-Hall for the Teton Geotourism Center project as proposed. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Self reviewed his staff report. He stated a lack of insulation and foam in the north end was discovered and felt the City should take on the expense to fix it and not be funded through the project.

A sub-contractor, Advanced Insulation, was doing work on the north end at this time and gave an estimate of \$7,000, which was lower than the architects estimated cost. He further stated the funds could be drawn from the building capital reserves.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the insulation project for \$7,211.44. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Self stated that in order to make improvements at the Industrial Building, design documents were needed. The project budget included \$4,000 but the estimate was for \$1,750.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve Letham Architects proposal for the Industrial Building remodeling not to exceed \$1,750.00. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Self stated a proposal had been developed to construct an economic development plan with the Sonoran Institute and Strong Towns for a total cost of \$12,800. However, most of the cost would be absorbed and the final payment would be \$1,750. This would be split with all three cities as it was felt the County would not participate.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to amend the agenda to include the insulation bid, the architectural bid and the Strong Towns proposal. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Christensen made a motion to approve \$800 for the Strong Town project. Council member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Jones made a motion to go into executive session at 8:50 pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 for legal reasons. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Council Member Christensen, aye; Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Dye, aye; Council Member Mossman, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council came out of Executive Session at 9:14pm.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to postpone the appraisal of the proposed park land off Bates Road until an analysis was completed. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

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 9:15pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

Mayor Hyrum Johnson