



CITY OF DRIGGS
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 19, 2013

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held March 5, 2013, and to the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met on March 19, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. Present: Council President Mosher; Council Members Dye, Jones, & Mossman; Mayor Powers. Also present: Community Development Director Self, and Public Works Director Gunderson. Powers led in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Minutes

- March 5, 2013: **Mosher moved to approve the March 5, 2013 minutes as corrected. Dye seconded.** Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

- Questions:
 - Grand Targhee Resort [GTR Shuttle]
 - Design Workshop [CC Plaza Design #1]
 - DEQ [Water Loan #9914]
 - Teton Microbiology [Lab Tests]
 - Ace [UPS freight]
- **Jones moved to approve Claims dated March 6-March 19, 2013 as presented. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried.

Grand Targhee Resort: Ken Rider, Director of Sales & Marketing

- Rider provided a summary of activity at Grand Teton Resort (GTR) over the winter noting that snow depths and advanced bookings were above last year's levels. The winter season will end on April 21 with the Cardboard Derby and possibly Pond Skimming. Next winter's season pass sale will start on March 20, with tickets selling for \$499, \$299 for seniors.
- Summer 2013 bookings are also above last year's with the main music events close to being sold out: July 4th weekend with Wide Spread Panic; 9th Annual Targhee Music Fest July 19-21, and the 26th Blue Grass Festival August 9-11. Rider went on to say that Targhee will be increasing its focus on summer trail activities with the help of a grant to build 12 miles of new trail this year. Rider stated that he will be bringing a proposal for major event summer bus shuttle service to the Council in which GTR will be asking the City for financial assistance to help fund the service. Finally, Rider provided Council with a Summer Events Calendar for 2013.
- Dye asked about the feasibility of GTR hosting a winter hill climb for snowmobiles to which Rider responded that GTR's focus and core clientele are skiers and riders and that a hill climb during the heart of the season would not be a good fit at this time. Jones told of a skier waiting for a shuttle ride up to the mountain who was told by GTR personnel to wait 'by Ace Hardware' for the ride, which was incorrect. The same client missed the bus that stopped at the City Hall parking lot because it left the lot prior to the scheduled 8:04 departure. Rider noted that some leeway is built into the bus schedules; however he appreciated hearing of the issue.

Water Account Reactivation Request: Lindsey Love

- Love requested reinstatement of City utility service at 90 E Short in Driggs. The property was in the estate of the previous owner whose executor chose to not pay the monthly maintenance fee to keep the account(s) active – there is a house and a trailer on the one lot. Rather than pay a new account hookup fee, Love proposed paying the monthly maintenance fee back to October 2012, plus the water turn-on fee, for the home since the meters were not pulled. She is aware that she will have to pay to have the home hooked into the City’s sewer system. Love also asked Council for the same consideration for the trailer, should it be lived in or rented.
- **Mosher moved to approve reactivation of City utility services for the home at 90 E Short with payment by Lindsey Love of monthly maintenance fees back to October 2012, the water turn-on fee, and full hook-up fees into the City’s sewer system. The same consideration is also approved for the trailer should it be lived in or rented. Jones seconded.** Motion carried.

Park Fee Waiver Request: US Bank, Wayne Maness

- Maness requested waiver of the \$40 City Park rental fee for US Bank’s Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2012. Maness anticipated 250 kids + parents at the event
- Discussion ensued on why park fees were initiated and the additional costs that participants may be required to pay for porta-potties and garbage disposal. After discussion of costs, Maness withdrew his waiver request.

Resolution 284-13: Fair Housing Month Proclamation

- Powers read the proclamation verbatim. Mossman requested inclusion in paragraph three of the words, ‘... age, gender identity, and sexual preference...’
- **Dye moved to adopt Resolution 284-13 as presented. Jones seconded. Aye: Dye & Jones. Nay: Mosher & Mossman.** To break the tie: **Powers, Nay.** Motion failed.
- **Mossman moved to adopt Resolution 284-13 with the words added to paragraph three. Mosher seconded. Aye: Mosher & Mossman. Nay: Dye & Jones.** To break the tie: **Powers, Aye.** Motion carried.

Resolution 285-13: Arbor Day Proclamation

- Powers read the proclamation verbatim. In Driggs, Arbor Day is slated for June 7, 2013. **Dye moved to adopt Resolution 285-13 as presented. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Community Development – Doug Self

- **Scenic Byway Center:** PAC members will review the contract proposal between the City and Plan One/Studio Tectonic on March 21. If approved by the PAC, the contract will be forwarded to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) for approval. If approved by ITD, the contract will be brought to the Council for final approval. The PAC will also be appointing members to the Exhibit Committee. Proposed members are:

Dale Breckenridge – Teton Valley Museum Scott Christensen – Artist
Christine Dexter – Ashton; Instructor at BYU-I Jim Hardee – Historian/Author

Anna Lindstedt – Friends of the Teton River
Michael McCoy – Powder Mountain Press
Craig Sherman – City of Victor
Lynda Skujins – TV Chamber of Commerce
Jenniver Walton – Photojournalist

Linda Lopez – Teton Arts Council
Emily Nichols – Teton Regional Land Trust
Brigid Sinram – GTR Naturalist
Bob Spoelhof – Geologist
Michael Whitfield – Heart of the Rockies

- **City Center Plaza:** Design Workshop will meet with stakeholders on Thursday May 9th, and conduct a design charette on Friday May 10th. The renovations approved for the TISA area have been moved to summer break. A fundraiser for the climbing wall will be held Friday April 12 in the North End. Bill Boney is catering. There will be a \$15 entry fee and raffle prizes.
- **Transit Center:** the NEPA application required by ITD has been submitted.

Economic Development – Doug Self

- **Business Chance Meetings – Teton Valley:** the first *Chance Meeting*, an entrepreneurial networking event, will be held at Alpine Wines on Thursday, March 22 @ 5:00 p.m. and subsequent third Thursdays of each month.

Public Works - Jared Gunderson

- **Water Service Line Break:** The 3' waterline break by Key Bank on E Little Avenue has been repaired. There is \$25,000 budgeted in Resort Tax to replace the entire first block of the line this summer. Gunderson anticipates having the work done before June.
- **Water System Shut Down:** March 13 the residents on Stateline Road were without water because the entire system that serves that area shut-down. The tank spring valve shut, the telemetry warning system failed, and the altitude control valve diaphragm was blocked by sticks and a plastic bottle. PW staff was successful in getting water flowing again via a temporary work-around; SKM/Aqua Engineering will be up to estimate cost to repair the system
- **Powder Valley Water Leak:** received a phone call today that Powder Valley was out of water. PW staff confirmed that reservoirs were full and hydrants charges. Determination was that the manifold/main line broke on the HOA's side of the meter. Advised HOA that residents were welcomed to fill containers of water at the City's Shop
- **Parking for Grand Targhee Resort summer events:** Gunderson will ask FTR & World Cast to remove their boats/trailers from the City's lot during the busiest weekends. Other open spaces for possible parking were discussed.
- **Fall River Industrial Rebate Program:** March 26 @ 11:30, Fall River will be presenting its Industrial Rebate Program and options for the City including the new Waste Water Treatment Plant
- **Flagging:** PW staff will be attending road flagging training before the start of the summer season if a class can be found. Teton County does have staff certified in flagging.

Mayor's Business: Daniel J Powers

- **Public Works Building Lighting Upgrade:** Fall River Electric Coop. estimates that retrofitting the lighting at the City's PW Shop would save approximately \$579 per year by utilizing sensors and LEDs. The proposed lights will meet the City's lighting ordinance. Estimated cost

to convert is \$5,235. Net cost would be \$3,667 deducting anticipated incentives of \$1,568 from Fall River. Powers suggested using the money received from this year's franchise fee to pay for the upgrade. **Dye moved to approve upgrading the lights at the Public Works building per the proposal presented at an estimated total cost of \$5,235 less Fall River incentives of \$1, 568. Mosher seconded.** Motion carried.

- **Rocky Mountain Environmental (RME) Water Rights Research Proposal:** RME provided a non-inclusive estimate of \$6,450 to complete research on City water rights as follows: Licensing of the Teton Creek Well 22-7786 (\$150); Alta Spring Claim (\$3,000); Application for Transfer (\$1,500); non-emergent costs: Proof of Beneficial use for Water Right 22-13979 (\$300); and 1999 Alta Spring Right (Wyoming) (\$1,500). After discussion of the various components, Council advised Powers to direct RME to hold off on completion of any additional work for the City until further written notice is received from the Mayor
- **Community Center Building Power Usage:** Powers presented the Council with a graph from Fall River Electric that showed the energy savings realized at the City Center after Fall River assisted in setting up the building-wide programmable thermostat for heating & cooling
- **Development Co. Board:** Lyn Christian, from the Driggs Urban Renewal Board, has expressed interest in serving on the Development Co's Board of Directors.
- **P&Z Commission:** P&Z is looking for one new member with the expiration of Rene Lusser's term. Rick Baldwin was reappointed.
- **Additional Claims:** Powers requested approval to pay additional claims in the amount of \$469.62 as follows: City of Driggs, Petty Cash reimbursement, \$204.62; Jodie Gunderson, Janitorial Services, \$240.00; & Joann Scoggins, Animal Shelter banner deposit refund (\$25). **Mossman moved to approve payment of additional claims in the amount of \$469.62 as listed above. Mosher seconded.** Motion carried.

9:12 p.m. Executive Session

Jones moved to enter executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (b) personnel, (c) real property interest, and (f) legal considerations. Mossman seconded. The question was called by role: **Dye, aye; Jones, aye; Mosher, aye; Mossman, aye.** Motion carried.

9:35 p.m. The Regular Session was rejoined.

No business was conducted as a result of Executive Session.

9:35 p.m. Adjournment

With no further business, **Jones moved to adjourn. Dye seconded.** Motion carried.

Daniel J Powers, Mayor

Attest: Carol Lenz, Deputy City Clerk

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2013.