



CITY OF DRIGGS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 5, 2013

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

#### Approval of Minutes

- February 19, 2013: **Mossman moved to approve the February 19, 2013 minutes as corrected. Mosher seconded.** Motion carried.

#### Approval of Claims

- Questions:
  - Electrical Wholesale [Sensor/Conduit/Bulbs]
- **Mosher moved to approve Claims dated February 20-March 5, 2013 as presented. Dye seconded.** Motion carried.

#### Planning Application Fee Waiver Request: Jay Mazalewski, Teton County

- Mazalewski requested waiver of the \$1,215.00 application fee charged to Teton County for its code/ordinance amendment for essential communication facilities. City Code does not currently allow towers at the height proposed by the County for its requested communication equipment within City limits. Mazalewski noted that City code appears to contradict the City's Comprehensive Plan which encourages health & safety services within the City's core
- Discussion followed on the various fee options for the City and whether or not the Council agreed that the current ordinance should be revised. Koehler confirmed that tower height within City limits should be reviewed. Any proposed code revision will be brought back to the Council for approval.
- **Dye moved to approve waiving the \$1,215.00 code amendment application fee charged to Teton County with the County paying associated hard costs, such as newspaper noticing, tied to its application. Mosher seconded.** The question was called with Dye & Mosher, aye; Mossman, nay. Motion carried.

#### Idaho Department of Commerce: Christine Jarski

- Jarski, an employee of the State's Economic Development Division at the Department of Commerce (DOC), whose territory includes the nine counties of Eastern Idaho, briefly outlined the DOC's goal for advancing economic development within the State. In essence the DOC will move 'at the speed of business' which will vary depending on where each business is at in its development. The DOC recognizes that there will be a need to adapt as business needs change. The DOC's number one goal is to protect and retain/grow businesses in Idaho.

- The DOC works with businesses through six broad areas: 1) Community & Economic Development; 2) State & Federal Grants; 3) Procurement & Technology Assistance Center (PTAC); 4) Tourism and Recreational Promotion; 5) International Export Assistance; and 6) Technology Transfer (IGEM)
- DOC's newest assistance program is the *Idaho Main Street Program* which will focus on revitalizing downtown historic buildings. Jarski stated the Driggs is well positioned to participate (entry at the Silver [second] level is anticipated) and she encouraged the Council to apply once the program opens mid-summer. Self noted that he will be attending the first training for this program in Burley on April 23, 2013.

### Scenic Byway Visitor Center: Design Team Recommendation

- Self informed the Council of the Project Advisory Committee's (PAC) recommendation to hire Plan One/Studio Tectonic to design the Teton Scenic Byway Visitor Center (TSBVC). References for both teams have been checked. **Mosher moved to accept the PAC's recommendation of Plan One/Studio Tectonic as the design team for the TSBVC. Dye seconded.** Motion carried. Self noted that the approved recommendation will be forwarded to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) for its approval. Once ITD approves, a contract and detailed scope of work for Plan One/Studio Tectonic will be brought to the Council for approval.

### Staff Reports

#### Community Development – Doug Self

- **City Center Update:** the dates for Design Workshop's on-site visit have been pushed back to May 8 for stakeholder interviews and May 9 for the planned community charrette. Prior to its on-site visit, Design Workshop and Jorgensen Engineering will be working on putting together a basemap and a design framework based on background data, project requirements, and PAC input.

#### Public Works - Jared Gunderson

- **Sewer Line Blocks:** Two lines have been blocked in the last two weeks: one at The Royal Wolf, shut-down for approximately two hours. Paperwork was given to the owner for an insurance claim but has not been turned back in; and one at Cobble Crest. No back-up issues were uncovered after interviewing surrounding line users.
- **RSCI:** Gunderson has been reviewing the punch list at the site. He believes that work is looking good and making progress
- **Water Source Protection:** representatives from the State of Wyoming were at the first county-wide water source protection meeting attended by Gunderson and Koehler. The Wyoming representatives offered their assistance to the City, specifically to assist with the City's water right in Alta
- **Asphalt Rejuvenation Meeting:** Gunderson attended last week. The topic was rejuvenation versus replacement. Technology changes now make it possible to rejuvenate at 1/3 the cost to replace asphalt. As long as a road's base is in good shape, a PASS [slurry] can be applied which eliminates chip sealing & crack sealing

- **Alta Spring Meter:** A new mag-meter has been installed at the Alta water tank. The first reading of the meter revealed 8 million gallons going into the 1 million gallon tank in 24 hrs (6% of shares). A second meter is slated for installation on March 6 at the Alta springhead.
- **Confiscated Valve, Hose, & Wrench:** Gunderson notified the Council that he had confiscated equipment tied into one of the City's water hydrants. The equipment was returned to the owner party

**Mayor's Business:** Daniel J Powers

- **Annual Report:** Council members were provided a copy of the City's first annual report (FY 2012). The report is a direct result of the Council's budgeting goal to be more proactive in communicating with residents. Consensus from the Council was 'job well done'.
- **Development Company Board Member request:** no interest from Council members to serve on this board
- **Letter to Idaho House State Affairs Committee:** Powers presented the Council a draft letter asking for support on the Resort City Restaurant Liquor bill. Approval to submit was received, with the addition of all Council member's names as signers
- **Arbor Day:** Powers asked the Council whether the City should continue sponsoring Arbor Day activities. Discussion focused on separating Arbor Day, which should be about trees, from the city-wide cleanup day. Council asked that City staff discuss options and propose a date (6/4 last year) for Arbor Day activities. The Council also asked that SnowScapes management/coordination be discussed at the next staff meeting.

**9:42 p.m. Adjournment**

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

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Daniel J Powers, Mayor

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Attest: Carol Lenz, Deputy City Clerk

Dated this 19th Day of March, 2013.