

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2014**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held March 18, 2014, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**, at 7:15 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Ralph Mossman, August Christensen via telephone, Colin Dye, and Mayor Hyrum Johnson, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on March 18, 2014. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

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 the invoice amount for Jennifer Walton be changed from \$3,000 to \$2915.10.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the claims as presented from March 19, 2014 through April 1, 2014 with the change to Jennifer Walton as discussed. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

STAFF REPORT

Jared Gunderson reviewed the activities of his department and answered questions from the Council.

APPROVAL OF A BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR THREE PEAKS DINNER TABLE

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License for Three Peaks Dinner Table. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

TETON VALLEY BALLOON RALLY – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Mayor Johnson stated the City budgeted \$2,000 for the Teton Valley Balloon Rally. However, \$3,000 was being requested at this time. Mayor Johnson stated the City of Driggs was contributing more than the City of Victor and was not in favor of the decision to hold one of the events in Victor on the 4th. He stated if the coordinators were willing

to change the Driggs event from the 3rd to the 4th of July, the Council should consider increasing funding.

Virginia Powell Symons spoke to the Council. She stated the event did not want competition between cities and felt the Driggs Glow would be better served on the 3rd of July. She stated she spoke with Teri McLaren who felt she could coordinate an Art Walk on the same evening in Driggs. She further stated Music on Main in Victor would not be taking place on the 3rd, drawing more participants to the Driggs Glow.

Council Member Mossman questioned if the city event coordinator should be involved in this event. Doug Self stated that DDCA (Downtown Driggs Community Association) may not want to be involved, as it was a county wide event, but could help with the Driggs portion.

Carol Lenz reminded the Council if they chose to increase their contribution, the remaining funds would equal \$500 for the rest of the fiscal year. Council Member Dye felt the City was “adequately supporting” the event with the current contribution. He further stated he would like to see the coordinators asking other sponsors and not the government entities and “using tax payers’ dollars.”

The Council decided to table the decision to increase funding above the \$2,000 that was already allocated for the event.

7:30PM PUBLIC HEARING/POSSIBLE APPROVAL: ORDINANCE 343-13 TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 7:51pm. No comments were made and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:52pm.

Ashley Koehler stated the amendments were reviewed at the previous meeting and changes were made according to that discussion. The ordinance was reviewed by the Tree Committee which recommended approval.

Council Member Jones made a motion to waive the rules and read by title only Ordinance 343-13. 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 passed unanimously.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance 343-13 Tree Ordinance Amendment. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

DISCUSSION: CITY PARK PROPERTY EXCHANGE

Ms. Koehler reviewed the previous discussion with the Council. She stated the Council should review the land exchange and if agreeable, declare the property of equal value and notice it for a Public Hearing. She further reviewed the comments from the Parks Committee Meeting on March 18, 2014 stating the committee felt the exchange would

not be equal because of the significantly lower value of the proposed location. The committee also stated that future publicly accessible parks had been promised with the approved Huntsman Springs Master Plan. An improvement of the full 10 acres, with facilities such as those depicted in the Harmony design Concept Sketch would be an acceptable trade, Ms. Koehler concluded.

Ms. Koehler reviewed the concept plan and stated the idea was to look into the future and determine what could happen to make the property more desirable and meet the needs of the community. She reminded the Council that Huntsman Springs had not approved the concept and/or the plan. She concluded by stating a wetland delineation should be the next step to determine the boundary.

Mayor Johnson stated a wetland delineation study would determine what would be available. He further stated that he had been approached by several community members and none were interested in developing wetlands.

Council Member Mossman questioned if the proposed land was an acceptable place and felt if the Council did not find that to be true, a wetland delineation study should not be completed. Ms. Koehler stated she reviewed existing parks in the city and overlaid the standard sizes for ball fields on the proposed acreage. She stated the site could accommodate those types of assets that could not be developed in other places within the city.

Mayor Johnson felt the location was not ideal, but did not want to “throw it away” and felt a wetland delineation study was needed before the option could be denied. He further stated he would like to see the city satisfy needs that are recognized in the Recreation Study.

Council Member Christensen questioned the information from the Teton County Natural Resources Overlay that showed the proposed property already being declared as wetlands. Ms. Koehler stated she had not seen the research behind the overlay and requested a new study be done and approved by the Army Corp.

Discussion on this topic would continue at future meetings.

CITY ENGINEER WORK ORDER NO. 18 – VALLEY CENTRE PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Council Member Mossman questioned why this work order was not included in the engineering design. Randy Blough, from Harmony Design, stated it was not in the previous contract because the city was the developer. The developer generally hired and paid for the materials testing services.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve and authorize execution of City Engineer Work Order No. 18, with funds to come from the Resort Tax Fund reserve. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

SONORAN INSTITUTE CONTRACT FOR STONG TOWNS PROJECT

Doug Self stated the Council already approved \$800 for this project. However, Teton County was taking part and so the total contribution from the City would decrease to \$550. He further stated the proposed contract had been approved by the City Attorney.

The City of Driggs will act as the contracting entity.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the contract with Sonoran Institute for the Strong Towns project with the condition written approval of the project was received from Victor, Tetonia, and Teton County. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

TARGHEE SHUTTLE GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Self stated information had just been received and therefore the Council could move forward or table the discussion until the next meeting. The Council determined to move forward as the contract was the same agreement as the previous year.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to authorize execution of agreement #GEN-2013-DR-00001 with the Idaho Transportation Department. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority in favor. Council Member Christensen abstained from the vote.

BATEMAN HALL CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR TETON GEOTOURISM CENTER

Council Member Jones questioned why the work was not included. Mr. Self reviewed the changes. He further stated that because #20 dealt with existing conditions, the City would be funding \$486 that did not come from project funds.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve and authorize execution of Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Bateman-Hall for the Teton Geotourism Center project as proposed. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN UTILITY BILL FROM LEANNE BOLTON LEWIS DUE TO WATER LEAKS

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the request from Le-Anne Bolton-Lewis for a reduction in the utility bill due to water leaks in the amount of \$213.37. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

Council Member Christensen asked for clarification on winter allowance, hand held meters and vehicle read meters.

All were in favor of the above motion.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson stated the Driggs Urban Renewal Agency had a vacant seat and Larry Young had submitted a Letter of Interest.

Council Member Dye made a motion to ratify the appointment of Larry Young to the Driggs Urban Renewal Agency. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Jones made a motion to go into executive session at 9:02 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 9:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Dye 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 9:32pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

Mayor Hyrum Johnson