

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2014

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held April 1, 2014, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, April 15, 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, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, Community Development Director Doug Self, Planning and Zoning Ashley Koehler, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson, Financial Officer Carol Lenz. 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 April 1, 2014 with the changes mentioned. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS

The Council reviewed the claims presented.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the claims as presented from April 2, 2014 through April 15, 2014 excluding the Valley Citizen invoice. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR SEOUL RESTAURANT

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License for Seoul Restaurant. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CITY PARK LAND EXCHANGE WITH HUNTSMAN SPRINGS – WETLAND DELINEATION STATUS

Ashley Koehler gave an update regarding the status on the wetland delineation for the property off of Bates Road. The process would start April 16, 2014 and the findings would be submitted to the Army Corps in early May with possible results by the end of May.

Ms. Koehler reported on a further discussion that had taken place between the representatives of Huntsman Springs and the City. A proposal was made to take the existing playground equipment, volleyball and basketball courts and move them to an existing park that may not be fully developed. An exchange of raw, unimproved land could be discussed more thoroughly and develop at a later date.

Ms. Koehler questioned if the Council would be willing to hold a Public Hearing strictly for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the land exchange. She wanted to give the community a chance to formally voice questions or concerns.

Council Member Christensen questioned the layout of the Shoshoni Plains Park and how, if decided, the playground equipment would fit within the future plans for the space. The Council discussed the different parks within city limits and how the equipment could be configured within each.

Bob Ablondi, from Rendezvous Engineering, spoke to the Council. He explained the process for the wetland delineation. He further stated that by allowing the park equipment to be placed into an existing park, the equipment could be used sooner. The City and Huntsman Springs could then work on an agreeable land exchange after the delineation was complete.

REVIEW OF BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DRIGGS CITY CENTER PLAZA

Mr. Self stated Harper Construction was the lowest bidder. However, within the bid packets there were a few items missing such as the Statement of Qualifications and the concrete sub-contractor's license number.

Harper Construction's bid was \$244,819.83. However, Mr. Self felt that the project could be value engineered bringing the cost down to \$196,000, which was the original budget for the plaza.

Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the Harper Construction bid as presented with the condition it is value engineered with a target figure of \$210,000. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CITY ENGINEER WORK ORDER NO. 19 – CITY CENTER PLAZA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Mr. Self explained the work order was to cover construction services and materials testing services for the plaza with a not to exceed amount of \$13,250. Because there were insufficient funds in the Geotourism Center project, the remaining funds could come from the Resort Tax fund.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to approve Work Order No 19. with funds to come from the resort tax fund. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

GEM GRANT AGREEMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Self stated the contract with the Idaho Department of Commerce was for work to be done in the Industrial Building and would provide \$13,500 for construction improvements. The City had funding for the required match of \$6,500 which encompassed \$4,000 in cash and \$2,500 in-kind services.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Gem Grant Contract with the Idaho Department of Commerce for the Industrial Building Improvement project not to

exceed \$13,500. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Self reviewed with the Council other activities in progress within his department.

DDCA – FUNDING REQUEST FOR DIG DRIGGS BROCHURE – DAVE HENSEL

Dave Hensel spoke to the Council regarding a funding request for the Dig Driggs Brochure in the amount of \$500 for the second round of printing. Mayor Johnson reminded the Council of the potential marketing the brochures provide for the City.

Council Member Dye questioned what contributions were being made by the businesses that were being featured within the brochure and stated he would like to wait until that information was obtained before approving a funding request. Council Member Mossman and Mayor Johnson felt the intent of the brochure was to market to Driggs potential businesses not potential customers of the featured business and did not feel it should be up to the businesses to contribute to the cost.

Council Member Mossman stated that with the other expenses and contributions it appeared the City only needed to provide \$325.64 to cover the costs of the brochures that had already been printed.

Council member Mossman made a motion to give DDCA \$325.64 for the Dig Driggs brochures. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAYOR’S BUSINESS

Move May 20 Regular Meeting due to Preliminary Election

The Council decided to discuss the item at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Jones made a motion to go into executive session at 8:55 pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f). Council Member Dye 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 9:10pm

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 9:10pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

Mayor Hyrum Johnson