

City of Driggs
Council Minutes
May 1, 2012

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held April 17, 2012, and to the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met on May 1, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. Present: Council Members Dye, Jones, & Mossman; Mayor Powers. Also present: City Attorney Zollinger, Planning & Zoning Administrator Self, and Public Works Director Gunderson. Excused: Council President Mosher. Powers led in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Minutes:

- April 17, 2012: **Jones moved to accept the April 17, 2012 minutes as corrected. Dye seconded.** Motion carried.

Approval of Claims:

- Questions:
 - DDCA: pass through
 - Yost: printer cartridges
 - TCSW: metal disposal
 - Valley Lumber: Park Backdrop
 - Sewell Auto Repair: 1991 Chevy Repair
- **Jones moved to approve claims dated 04/18-05/01, 2012 as presented. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried.

Teton Arts Council Funding Request

- Funding request was for \$2,000 for Shakespeare on the Green to be held August 1, 2012 at City Hall. Funding is available in the City's Non-profit line or the Economic Development line.
- **Mossman moved to fund Shakespeare on the Green in the amount of \$2,000 from Non-profit support for the August 1, 2012 performance. Jones seconded.** Motion carried.

Emergency Operation Preparedness Presentation – Greg Adams, Teton County

- Adams provided Council members with two handouts. The first was a summary of Adam's responsibilities as the Teton County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and a summary of local City government officials' responsibilities in the event of an incident.
- The second handout was a draft copy of the *Senior Officials Guide: Emergency Procedures Manual for Teton County*. This manual is available on the County's website for review before the anticipated final printing mid-June. Adams encouraged Council members to review the manual and submit comments/suggestions before publication. Comments are always welcome as the document is a constant work-in-progress to remain vital and current.

- Adams also gave the Council a quick overview of information available on the County website. He answered questions from the Council and encouraged them to view the County's site often.
- Finally, he reminded the Council of the regular, monthly meeting of the Local Emergency Plan Committee on the first Tuesday of each month. He also mentioned the opportunity to provide training for Community Emergency Response Teams if 20 people enroll to take the class.

Harper and Howard Bids

- Gunderson provided Council with a Tabulation of Bids for both Harper and Howard. Gunderson noted that Owens Construction was the low bidder for both projects. A review of the bids highlighted use of the same sub-contractors for two of the bidders and mobilization costs for one, which resulted in higher bids.
- Dye asked whether corner curbs would be cut on Harper. Gunderson responded, "No" pointing out that doing so would require approval from the Idaho Transportation Department.
- Mossman asked if there was a plan for City street improvements. Gunderson spoke of the road survey being conducted. Information from this survey will be input into a computer program which will generate a prioritized list. Mayor Powers spoke of the City's current plan, but qualified that the plan has flexibility built in to allow shifting of priorities based on need.
- **Mossman moved to accept Owens Construction's bid of \$84,804.10 for Harper Avenue repair per the City's request for bid to be paid from Road levy funds. Jones seconded.** Motion carried.
- **Jones moved to accept Owens Construction's bid of \$75,739.80 for Howard Avenue repair per the City's request for bid to be paid from Resort Tax funds. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried. Powers will speak to Virgil Boss, CEO, at Teton Valley Health Care on a possible 50/50 split of total cost, which would be less than the commitment of up to \$40,000. Option A is no longer a consideration with this phase of repair on Howard.

Surplus Property Declaration: Shoshoni Plains Phase IV Lots 138A, 138B, 139A, 139B

- Self provided a brief history of how the City received the lots from the developer in lieu of establishment of the park required in the original development plan. He also outlined the steps required of the Council to declare the lots surplus property per *Idaho Code* 50, Chapter 14. Proceeds from the sale of the lots would be used for the Shoshoni Plains Park
- Discussion followed on value of the property, whether or not to set a minimum price, and the timing of offering the property for sale. Zollinger noted that the last sale of land by the City was an electronic auction that was "fairly successful"; he also pointed out that "nothing forbids" the City from bidding on its own property
- Powers pointed out that the Council could vote to take funds from the City's reserves to develop the park and then reimburse reserves once the lots sell

- **Dye moved to declare the City's intent to classify the twin lots known as Shoshoni Plains 138A, 138B and 139A, 139B as surplus property to be offered for sale at public auction at a minimum price of \$22,000 per twin lot. Jones seconded.** Dye, aye; Jones, aye; Mossman, nay. Motion carried.

Public Works – Jared Gunderson

- **Landfill:**
 - The Teton County Commissioners would have to approve a request by the City to waive fees. Council members questioned if only recyclables fees could be waived. Gunderson will follow-up
- **Lion's Park**
 - Installation of the new backdrop is almost complete
 - Silver*Star employees have volunteered to clean-up the infield after the backdrop installation is complete
- **Public Works**
 - Employees are prepping for Dura Patching
 - Gunderson is working on next year's budget
 - Parks Committee is working on a multi-year plan for maintenance & upgrades to the parks in the City
- **School Crossing Lights**
 - School District 401 will participate in installation of school zone lights. The proposed lights cost \$2,500 each and are solar powered. Discussion followed on the placement of lights, the need for them, and an alternative of lowering the speed limit near the respective schools
 - Consensus was reached by the Council to table this discussion until the May 16th regular meeting to give Gunderson time to gather additional information

Planning and Zoning – Doug Self

- **Grand Targhee Resort Shuttle**
 - Ken Ryder from Targhee's Sales and Marketing staff was present to discuss the second proposed shuttle schedule. A lengthy discussion occurred with Council members questioning the need for Buffalo Junction runs on holidays & Saturdays; the actual ridership per timeslot; and the lack of mid-day runs.
 - Self noted other disconnect times, some missing connection by only one minute.
 - No action by the Council was taken
 - Ryder updated the Council on Grand Targhee including opening for the summer on June 22; the new Country Fest with headliners Dirk Bentley and Dwight Yoakum July 26 & 27; the 25th annual Bluegrass Festival, and the 8th Targhee Fest.
- **Streetlight and City Center Banner Policy**
 - Self presented a DRAFT banner policy for Council review. Questions focused on the exclusion of political parties & for-profit groups/companies; limiting the number of

banners available for rent; and the pricing plan for the streetlight banners.

Questions for Civic Center banners focused on the length of time banner can be displays per event and whether non-facility events could display banners

- No action by the Council was taken. Self will redraft the proposal as a resolution and bring it back to the Council
- **Relocation of 1000 N**
 - Self provided a proposed relocation map for Council review. The present road will have to be abandoned; not having curbing was questioned, recommendation was to have curbing on the North side of the road with curbing on the South side bid as an option; renaming of the road may be possible based on County address regulations
 - Proposed bid release is May 17 with a June 19 opening by the Airport Board.
- **5th Street Sidewalk**
 - Project is slated to start the week of May 8th; landowner letters will be sent requesting notification for special accommodation needs greater than three days
- **Parks Committee**
 - Community Garden is in need of mesh fencing at an estimated cost of \$250. Committee members agreed to fund fencing from its Parks Committee Projects budget
 - There will not be a charge for community garden plots
- **Suicide Prevention**
 - Teri McLaren has requested use of the stage in the North End for the band from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. May 18th at the Suicide Prevention fundraiser
- **Gem Grant:** the City has received notification that it has been award one of the State's GEM Grants to install fiber optic lines at the Blackhawk Building and other areas in the downtown core
- **Reminder:** Dark Skies Open House May 9 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor's Report – Dan Powers

- **5th Street Paving**
 - discussion has started between the City and School District #401 on paving 5th Street from Ross to 1000N; no money has been discussed to date
- **Association of Idaho Cities**
 - Annual convention is in Boise June 20-22. Council members are invited to attend just notify the Mayor. Expenses will be paid by the City.
- **Reminder:** Dye will not be at the May 16th meeting
- **Reminder:** Primary election is May 15th

9:50 p.m. Executive Session

Jones moved to enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (f) Legal Considerations. Mossman seconded. The question was called by roll: Dye, aye; Jones, aye; Mossman, aye. Motion carried.

10:45 p.m. The regular session was rejoined.

No business was conducted as a result of executive session.

10:45 p.m. Adjournment

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

Mayor: Daniel J Powers

Attest: Carol Lenz, Finance Officer

Dated this 16th day of May, 2012