

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 2011**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held May 3, 2011, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, May 17, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Colin Dye, George Mosher and Jay Mazalewski, Mayor Dan Powers, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, and City Attorney Stephen Zollinger. Mayor Dan Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES TO REVIEW

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the previous City Council Meeting. Council Member Mazalewski made corrections.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2011 City Council Meeting as amended. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Council members reviewed the claims.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the claims as presented dated May 4, 2011 through May 17, 2011. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SE PARKING LOT DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATES

Holly Pratt, from Nelson Engineering, spoke to the Council. She presented a preliminary design for the southeast parking lot, behind the Black Hawk Building. She stated the intent of the design was to make pedestrian connections and when given the authority to proceed with a final design, Ms. Pratt would explain further alternatives.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned how many parking spaces would be available. Ms. Pratt responded that 22 spaces with 1 handicap space would be established. Mayor Powers informed the Council that 4 of the spaces would be lost if the Black Hawk Building was expanded.

Ms. Pratt continued by explaining that changes could be made to the traffic rows to create a narrower drive aisle and a bigger buffer area. Discussion of buffers and snow storage began. Mayor Powers stated he hoped to obtain an arrangement with neighboring property owners to store snow on their property.

Ms. Pratt stated it was important to determine what could be done now with the funds obtained, without reducing the ability to have improvements in the future. She stated more details would be developed after an approval to proceed was given.

Council Member Mazalewski felt the concept was acceptable but was concerned that the storm water be kept on the property and not be sent to the main street.

Ms. Pratt presented a preliminary budget for the project. Mayor Powers felt the contract with Nelson Engineering should be reviewed, as he believed the engineering design was included. The budget was briefly discussed.

Mayor Powers felt the Council should review the options and discuss the design and cost at the next meeting.

SEWER WATER TRANSFER

Mayor Powers stated that in the design phase of the wastewater interceptor line, the plan was to pay for the design out of the Gem Grant. The project went over budget and the excess was paid out of the Block Grant. He explained that it was not budgeted in the Block Grant and in reviewing it was better to pay for those excess funds with the sewer reserve fund. The total overage was \$27, 891, Mayor Powers stated. The remaining fees of \$10,817 would be taken out of the Gem Grant and the rest from the sewer fund in the amount of \$17,074.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to pay the design overage of the wastewater interceptor line of \$17,074. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING LEASE

Mayor Powers stated there was interested in the Industrial Building. However, prior to the meeting, those interested stated another opportunity came and they would not need the space.

Mayor Powers stated another was interested and introduced Ty Young. Mr. Young spoke to the Council stating he had a background in film and photography and wanted to use the space for commercial photography, a use he felt was needed in the Valley. He stated he would also do a photo survey for the City. He would also like to start a model airplane club with workshop space for children and adults.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned how much space Mr. Young would like to use. Mr. Young stated he could use all three available bays. Mayor Powers explained his thoughts, which was to put Mr. Young where Larry Juarez. He further stated that Twenty-Two Designs was also interested in space. Mayor Powers would reach Mr. Juarez and then negotiate with those interested.

TARGHEE ANIMAL SHELTER RENTAL SPACE

Rhonda Kjos spoke to the Council. She asked to use some of the unused space in the north side of the Community Center for yard sales and storage to benefit the Animal Shelter. She stated the Animal Shelter would like to have a thrift store but was unable to do so at their current location due to the zoning. Currently there was an anonymous donor who gave a lot of furniture to the shelter for a yard sale or thrift store and there was

no place for them to store it. She questioned if they could use the unused space for a short period of time.

Council Member Mazalewski was concerned that the intent of the space was for recreational use and stated that if uses of that nature were to move into the space, the animal shelter would have to find another place to store their goods. Ms. Kjos stated she understood that and would leave as soon as possible if that occurred.

The Council agreed to let Mayor Powers negotiate a lease for three months or less.

NON PROFIT SUPPORT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

Mayor Powers stated Reid Rogers had requested funds for the Hot Air Balloon Rally. The Council agreed the cause was important but wanted to ensure that funds would only be paid after receipts were received. They also suggested having the Balloon Rally during another weekend as so many other events were happening that weekend of July 4th.

Council Member Mazalewski stated he supported the request for funds from Art Walk and the Animal Shelter. Council Member Mosher preferred to increase the request from the Animal Shelter by 10%.

Mayor Powers requested that Bob Foster from Teton Valley Business Development Center speak to the Council and explain how, if the City was to approve funds, they would fit into their budget and be used.

Bob Foster provided information to the Council regarding the activity of the Business Development Center in the last 7 months. He explained the cooperation that had taken place between the E-Center in Idaho Falls and the TVBDC. He stated they would assist with different analysis and consult with TVBDC for \$2,500 with a minimum of 300 hours spent on the project.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned what the final analysis would equate to for the City of Driggs. Mr. Foster explained, stating that Mayor Powers suggested determining that exact information prior. Mayor Powers stated he did not want to see different groups working toward different results. He suggested all involved, work together to develop a plan for the future.

Council Member Mazalewski stated he felt the analysis was a good piece of information to have, but was concerned that the county and the other cities were not involved. Mr. Foster stated they were trying to improve that and discuss this with the City of Victor and the County. The Council felt it was important for the cities to work together and split the costs of the analysis.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to approve \$1,120 out of the Special Events Funds for the Art Walk advertising, \$1,500 for the Balloon Festival per invoices, \$6,600 out of the Non Profit Support Fund for the Animal Shelter, \$3,000 out of the

Economic Development to go to contracting the E Center for analysis. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 266-11: SPONSOR CERTIFICATION TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL THROUGH THE FENCE ACCESS

Doug Self explained that the FAA had adopted an interim policy, which allowed existing access of the runway to remain. However, the sponsor must develop an access plan by 2012. No new residential through the fence agreements would be granted. The Resolution was to certify that the airport had one or more access points and would submit an access plan.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve Resolution 266-11. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 267-11: DRIGGS RECREATION CENTER POLICY

Mr. Self stated that the purpose of the resolution was to establish goals to review lease proposals. He explained that indoor sports and athletic learning opportunities for children and young adults should incorporate 70% of the total DRC floor space, indoor exercise opportunities for senior citizens should incorporate 20% of the total DRC floor space and indoor sports and athletic learning opportunities for adults not offered by private facilities should incorporate 10% of the total DRC floor space.

Mr. Self further explained that those proposals that can not be accommodated in other available buildings because of higher ceiling height or larger space requirements, proposed uses that do not duplicate any existing recreation opportunities in the City of Driggs or, proposals that meet or exceed the base operating hours of 58 hours a week or provides more desirable operating hours than a competing proposal shall have priority.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve Resolution #267-11. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

National Flood Insurance Program

Property owners in the city may now purchase federal flood insurance, although there is a 30-day waiting period for the policy to take effect, Mr. Self stated. He further explained that this information was sent out in the utility bill and posted on the city website, with additional information on how to determine if the property was in the floodplain and how to obtain floodplain insurance.

Mayor Powers informed the Council that the work on the logjam and the Creekside Bridge had been completed. Discussion of the potential flooding issues for the future months began. Mayor Powers stated that there were sand bags available from the county and Mr. Gunderson ordered 1,000 sand bags for city use. It was also suggested that the Sheriff department begin to check Teton Creek in the early morning hours, as that was the peak run time for snow melt.

Mr. Self reported that there would not be a Main Street pre-construction meeting for the public but instead the contract would visit each property and answer questions on a one on one basis. Every Tuesday there will be a public project meeting at 1:00pm, starting June 7. Mayor Powers reviewed the project process.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Powers reported that bids were being received for the drywall work on the industrial building. Mr. Zollinger stated that the Council could declare the repairs on the industrial building as an emergency in order to proceed and waive the public works license requirements.

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to declare the industrial building as an emergency repair situation due to the lack of income to the city. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Powers stated he had interviewed a couple of high school students to be interns this summer to help with the city’s website and other marketing tools.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00p.m.

ATTEST:

Sonya Adams, City Clerk

Daniel J. Powers, Mayor