



CITY OF DRIGGS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 26, 2012

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Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held June 19, 2012, and to the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met on June 26, 2012 at 6:40 p.m. Present: Council President Mosher; Council Members Dye, Jones, and Mossman; Mayor Powers. Also present: Planning and Zoning Director Self, Public Works Director Gunderson, and Finance Officer Lenz.

**Agenda Amendment**

- **Dye moved to amend the agenda to add discussion of the City's current road projects. Jones seconded.** Motion carried.

**FY 2013 Budget Work Session**

- Powers lead the discussion by asking those present for any additions to the prioritized goals/action items developed at the June 12 work session. He would like to add 'maintenance of existing roads' under Transportation. Dye was asked for his input on the top action item priorities in each of the six categories.
- Discussion under each focus area was broad, with specific action items discussed as brought forward by attendees.
- **Administration and Facilities**
  - **Upgrade internet capacity:** no response to date on capabilities/cost
  - **Improve public communication:** discussion focused on job duties for a new position, hours, and compensation
  - **Maintenance and upgrade plan for assets:** Estimated cost for server/computer/printer upgrade was \$5,500-\$7,000
  - **Five Year Capital Improvement Plan:** The Council reviewed the current CIP as updated by the Mayor: maintaining the City's current roads was the main focus of discussion with \$150,000 estimated to complete 2-3 miles of chipseal, seal, & patch each year
- **Transportation**
  - **Improve streetscape:** discussion evolved to the need for a single standard for owners so all will know what can/cannot be done i.e. utilities, landscaping, and sidewalk. Next area planned for streetscape improvement will be W. Little and/or Depot Streets. Possible funding will be investigated from a block grant and/or T2 LRIP based on Driggs URA designation.
  - **Storm Drainage at 5<sup>th</sup> Street;** estimated cost \$25,000
  - **Lighting Standards for pathways and roads:** estimated cost to retro fit Creekside lights \$14,000. Powers noted that Dick Stroh at Bonneville Power would like to conduct an energy audit for the City – cost?
  - **Support and facilitate public transportation:** Tiger Grant was not received. 5309 Grant @ \$1.6 Million is still pending and would require an \$85,000 match. The match for the Park & Ride portion of this grant is \$50,000.
- **Water & Sewer**

- **Water Facilities Study:** DEQ grant requires a \$30,000 match. RFQ will be advertised with selection committee to choose engineer
- **Replace shallow water lines:** FEMA grant will be investigated to fund Little Avenue upgrade. To qualify, the City will need to show susceptibility to seismic activity and shallowness of lines
- **Consolidate water rights:** per Kristen, ‘there may be light at the end of the tunnel’
- **Install updated meter radios:** \$17,238 cost per 100; \$34,476 per 200
- **Annual service to wells and lift stations:** \$10,000
- **Equipment upgrade:** Backhoe (2-yr trade) \$20,000
- **Rates for FY2013:** briefly discussed rates for next year; once the WWTP loan comes due, sewer rates will increase
- **Planning and Zoning**
  - **Improve streetscape planning**
    - (see transportation above; P&Z is where the standards would be developed)
  - **Comprehensive Plan update:** \$3,000-4,000; \$1,000 for notices, etc.
  - **Land annexation** was briefly touched on with cost/benefit analysis needed before further discussion
- **Economic Development**
  - **Support Local Events:** Council requested a list of events sponsored in FY 2012
  - **Participate and coordinate with other groups:** County may be requesting \$10,000 to help meet match requirement for an ED coordinator for the entire County (grant funded)
  - **Create Venues:** Consensus reached to try and utilize what the City already owns (indoor & outdoor); park staffing is at capacity now – Council will consider budgeting a part-time, seasonal position for the summer months
  - **Infrastructure – Fiber Optics:** will seek a second GEM Grant to fund fiber to more business buildings in the downtown core such as the Colter, Freeman, and Dunn buildings – owners may be asked for assistance to help meet any match requirement
  - **Visitor Center:** the Council will continue to seek funding/finalization of this project
  - **Fund Grant Writing, Develop Social Media, Attract New Businesses:** talk centered on combining these duties with new position (see Administration above)
- **Parks and Recreation**
  - **Driggs-Tetonia pathway, land acquisition:** HUD grant may be possible, TVTAP is the main party looking into this; Teton County does have money in its budget for trails & pathways
  - **Greenbelt Pathway:** VARD grant award decision has been “postponed”; Friends of the Teton River has developed a pathway plan for most of Teton County which should be consulted when considering which trail/pathway to work on
  - **Develop what we have:**
    - Rec Center, leave TISA as is, \$100/sq ft estimate to add walls, improve ceiling & heat. \$40,000 - \$50,000 for design
    - Valley Centre Park: mow & pamper, consider squaring off if Huntsman is done with the irrigation canal, possibly use infield gravel to improve the parking lot and/or a path around the park
    - Support Nordic track: supply 120 gallons of gas for trail groomer

- City Park Pavilion: nearly falling down, thought was to move/build one closer to trees/playground, possible partnership with the Church to fund improvement

### Road Projects

- Howard Avenue by the Hospital is done, positive feedback has been received
- Area by the School will be completed on Friday, 6/29
- Gunderson requested additional funding to have the parking space in front of the Dentist Office and Kwik Way on Harper Avenue paved. The City is responsible for a portion of the space. Both property owners will pay their respective portion of the paving. **Mossman moved to approve \$9,000.00 for the City's portion of paving for parking space on Harper Avenue to be paid from Resort Tax. Dye seconded.** Motion carried.

### 8:30 p.m. Adjournment

With no further discussion, **Jones moved to adjourn. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried.

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Daniel J Powers, Mayor

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Attest: Carol Lenz, Finance Officer

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.