



CITY OF DRIGGS
COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION
June 9, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held June 2, 2015, and to the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met on June 9, 2015. Present: Council President Jones; Council Members Christensen, Kaufman, and Mossman; Mayor Johnson. Also present: Community Development Director Self, Finance Officer Lenz, and Public Works Director Gunderson.

7:36 p.m. The budget work session was called to order.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the Airport Fund budget. Lenz reported that she will be meeting with the Airport Board at its June 2015 meeting to finalize the budget for FY2016. Lenz requested Council authorization to have access, including signature authority, for airport cash and investment accounts. **Jones moved to authorize the City's Finance Officer access and management authority of all City financial accounts. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Self handed out a draft proposal for Council and Staff to use to evaluate non-profit and event requests for funding. The proposal recommended setting funding limits for three different entity types [Arts, Culture, & Recreation; Community Services; & New/Other] based on a percentage of total general fund budget, then using an application process with set criteria to determine eligibility and funded amount within the set limit. Council suggestions included giving priority to in-city events, higher "points" for off-season events, and reviewing need/financial accountability of requesting non-profit(s)/events(s). A spring & fall application cycle was proposed, with development of the actual application and process not deemed critical at this time.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is finalizing its last project this fiscal year (FY) with repayment of the \$11 million Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) loan that funded the project to start in FY2016. The City of Victor participated in the WWTP project and will pay the City of Driggs its proportionate share of the outstanding debt. Council reviewed two repayment scenarios. **Mossman moved to authorize the Mayor and Staff to develop a DEQ loan repayment agreement, including DEQ loan forgiveness based on respective loan proceeds, with the City of Victor personnel. Kaufman seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

The final discussion of the evening focused on prioritizing road projects for FY2016. Driggs Urban Renewal Agency's (DURA) role in assisting with funding road projects was reviewed. Finishing and beautifying Depot Street is DURA's #1 road project per Johnson and Self. Gunderson requested that funds for Dura-Patching and dust control be included in FY2016. He also set blocks 1-3 on Fremont Avenue as the Public Works department's first priority for road repair in FY2016. Blocks 1-2 on Wallace Avenue were ranked second. Completing the landscaping and lighting on W. Little Avenue was discussed at some length. Self will check on grant requirements for completion of the W. Little project, noting that the scope of the project may be able to be reduced. Improvements to N. Main [sidewalks, street lights, and landscaping] were discussed; however, N. Main is a state highway so changes must be approved by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). Presenting a block-by-block improvement plan to ITD for approval was discussed and may be reviewed at a later date.

The next Council budget work session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall conference room.

9:15 p.m. Adjournment

Kaufman moved to adjourn. Mossman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hyrum Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Carol Lenz, Finance Officer

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2015.