

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2014**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held July 1, 2014, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met Tuesday, **July 15, 2014**, at 7:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Ralph Mossman, August Christensen, Colin Dye, and Mayor Hyrum Johnson, Community Development Director Doug Self, Financial Officer Carol Lenz, and City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler. Council Member Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on July 1, 2014 as corrected. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Dye made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting on July 8, 2014. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS

The Council reviewed the claims.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the claims as presented from July 2, 2014 through July 15, 2014. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

7:40PM PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2015 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Mayor Johnson explained the Council adopted the Water System Plan and prioritized three projects. The first step to obtain funding for the projects was to have an environmental information document completed and approved.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 7:50pm. There was no public comment and the Hearing was closed at 7:51pm.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Water System Improvements Projects Environmental Information Document as presented. Council Member Dye seconded the motion.

Council Member Mossman requested tabling approval until Members of the Council were able to review the document.

Council Member Jones made a motion to table the approval of the Environmental Information Document until the next Council meeting. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

SHOSHONI PLAINS PARK WEED CONTROL AND SEEDING BID AWARD (TABLED FROM 7/1/14)

Mr. Self presented information to the Council. He received bids for the work on the park to address the weeds and re-seed. Intermountain Aquatics was the low bidder with a total price for Task #1 reaching \$7,495.00, which would be completed this fiscal year. Task #2 would be work done either in 2015 or 2016.

Ms. Lenz stated she could not recommend the expense as the project was already over budget for this year.

Mayor Johnson stated the City Engineer was concerned with the weeds at this time and felt they were already an issue. He further stated the funds could be taken out of the roof budget as that project came in under the budgeted amount. Discussion about the timing of the activities began as the Council tried to determine if the work could wait until October.

Mayor Johnson stated the Council could either reject all bids and give further instruction on bidding the project or accept one of the bids and value engineer it.

Council Member Christensen made a motion to accept Intermountain Aquatics bid at \$7,495.00 for Task #1 and instruct the city engineer to refine the scope and reduce the price as appropriate. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion.

Council Member Mossman requested Task #2 be completed by the same company to ensure continuity.

The above motion passed with all in favor.

CONSIDER PROPOSED STREET STRIPING REVISIONS TO EAST LITTLE AVENUE AND ROSS AVENUE

Mayor Johnson explained the lane widths as described in the current Transportation Plan and requested those widths to be reduced for Little and Ross Avenues, stating the lanes were becoming wider than recommended and the bike lanes were becoming smaller than recommended. He concluded by stating he was not proposing to rewrite the Transportation Plan at this time, but wanted the Council to authorize the staff to stripe at the proposed width.

Tim Adams from Teton Valley Trails and Pathways spoke to the Council. He stated that if the pavement was consistently swept, cyclists would feel more comfortable staying within the bike lane. He further stated that both cyclists and motorists need to be responsible and share the road, stating approximately 56 cyclists a day are seen on Little Avenue. By expanding the bike lane, it would give more room to cyclists to maneuver cars parked on Little Avenue, Mr. Adams concluded.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to waive the street width in the transportation plan and stripe the lanes as 11 feet on Little Avenue and 10 feet on Ross Avenue and 5th Street. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

UTILITY BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF APPROVAL

Ms. Lenz presented the Council with information regarding outstanding balances on utility accounts. She stated those listed were in foreclosure, pre-foreclosure or had been sent to the collection agency. She requested the accounts be written off as it had been several years since the last payment had been received.

Council Member Mossman made a motion to write off eight accounts and send the information to the collection agency. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Self updated the Council on the activities of the current projects including the Plaza and the Geotourism Center.

Mr. Self informed the Council the city property that was discussed for the land exchange with Melehes and McKenzie was previous a landfill and therefore could not be exchanged. He further stated an easement would not work with the property to the south of the city shop and questioned if the Council wanted further information regarding obtaining an easement on the north side. The Council agreed and requested Mr. Self research the options.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mossman seconded the above motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

Mayor Hyrum Johnson