



CITY OF DRIGGS
COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
September 15, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held September 1, 2015, and to the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met on September 15, 2015. Present: Council President Jones; Council Members Christensen, Kaufman, and Mossman; Mayor Johnson. Also present: City Attorney Zollinger, Community Development Director Self, Finance Officer Lenz, and Public Works Director Gunderson.

7:33 p.m. The regular session was called to order.

Approval of Minutes

- September 1, 2015 **Mossman moved to approve the September 1, 2015 minutes. Kaufman seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- **Jones moved to approve Claims dated September 2-15, 2015 as presented. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.
- Lenz reviewed the August Financial Report for FY2015 with the Council.
- Council was notified that the FY 2015 financial audit will be conducted the second week of December 2015.

Public Hearing: FY2015 Appropriation Amendment

- Lenz explained the reason for the amendment, to increase budget authority for additional funds received that were not originally budgeted. The amendment would increase the Airport budget \$180,000 for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) & State funds received for land acquisition. The amendment would also increase the Sewer budget \$800,000 for DEQ Waste Water Treatment Plant loan proceeds that were not budgeted. There were no verbal or written comments received on the proposed amendment.

7:47 p.m. The Public Hearing was opened.

- There was no public comment in favor, neutral, or against the proposed budget amendment.

7:48 p.m. The Public Hearing was closed.

Consider Ordinance #361-15 FY2015 Appropriation Amendment

- **Mossman moved to suspend the rules and read by title only. Christensen seconded.** The question was called by roll: Jones, aye; Mossman, aye; Christensen, aye; Kaufman, aye. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Mossman moved to approve Ordinance 361-15 FY 2015 Appropriation Amendment amending the annual appropriations for fiscal year 2015. Jones seconded.** The question was called by roll: Jones, aye; Mossman, aye; Christensen, aye; Kaufman, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution # 308-15 Fees

- Continued to the Council's 10/06/15 meeting to conduct a public hearing as advertised to allow for input on proposed new fees.

Consider amendment to Driggs Water System Facility Plan Update 2013

- Council was asked to approve Aqua Engineering's amendment document as submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to reflect revisions in the projects, revisions in potential funding, and information from the Driggs Water System Improvement Project Environmental Review. The plan was also amended to include current demographic and demand information to match the preliminary engineering report prepared for USDA Rural Development.
- **Mossman moved to approve the September 2015 amendments to the Driggs Water System Facility Plan 2013. Kaufman seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Rural Development Commitment Offer for Water Project Loan and Grant Combination

- Johnson gave a brief outline of the proposed loan/grant agreement noting that the proposal was based on receipt of National United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds with the potential to apply for additional State grant funds should actual bids received be higher than the national commitment. If additional State grant funds are not awarded, the City would have the option to trim project(s) and associated cost(s) to stay within approved budget
- David Flesher, Director, Community Programs, from the Boise USDA office, was at the meeting and spoke in depth to the Council about the proposed loan/grant offer after he handed out a revised loan/grant approval conditions letter. Flesher addressed concerns, pointed out process pit-falls, and he reminded the Council not to "forget its [system] operators."
- **Jones moved to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions and the Request for Obligation of Funds as presented by Flesher on behalf of the Idaho USDA Office. Mossman seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

- Self reviewed his Community Development report with updates on the status of Wayfinding signs, the Bus Storage Facility, and the Transit Station. He also spoke to the three (3) pathway projects noting that the sign encroachment issue on Section B (Johnson to Wells Fargo) is being reviewed by the City's engineers (at no additional cost), Public Works, the property owners, and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to come up with an agreeable solution to all parties.
 - Section C construction will require moving horses out of a pasture. The property owner has requested, and been given approval, for the City to pay for watering the horses at their temporary location while the pathway segment is being constructed.
 - West Little Avenue will require change order #5 to adjust roadway sub-base to 8" after GeoTech submitted a second letter, stating that its original estimate was not correct based on additional information
 - Colter Building water issues will need to be addressed by the property owner not the City
- Gunderson reviewed his Public Works report noting that the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) project is winding down. Zollinger Construction is working on the lift station punch list.
 - Bio-growth is plugging the sprayers on the water re-use screens at the WWTP.

Gunderson stated that he and Aqua Engineering personnel have “found a filter” to resolve the bio-growth issue to be paid from the contingency line in Zollinger Construction’s lift station repair contract. According to Gunderson, DEQ has approved the filter project to be within the scope of work and can be purchased from funds authorized for lift station upgrade. Estimated cost of the filter as presented to the Council is \$32,201.11 which is above the remaining contingency line funds

- Gunderson will be meeting with DEQ and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) personnel to discuss ammonia levels at the WWTP. The City may have to “fall back” to the engineers to design a plant that works, removing ammonia
- The “big bugs” at the WWTP are back on the national radar – more information will be relayed to the Council as it becomes available
- Review of projects to be paid with USDA loan/grant funds will begin soon with Aqua Engineering and the survey company; review costs can be paid from Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds already committed to the City at \$500,000

Mayor’s Report

- Johnson asked the Council to consider offering air ambulance (Life Flight) insurance for qualified employees and/or Council members. To provide the insurance for Council, an increase in compensation would need to be done via ordinance which can only be done in an election year. Consensus was reached by Council to not increase Council compensation and to have those Council members who wish to participate in the program pay the premium to the City. The City will pay the premium cost for qualified employees.
- Johnson reminded Council to complete the ICRMP Risk Management program on-line.

9:29 pm a recess was called

9:38 pm the regular session was rejoined

9:38 pm Executive Session

Jones moved to enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 for legal and personnel reasons. Mossman seconded. The question was called by roll: Jones, aye; Mossman, aye; Christensen, aye; Kaufman, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

9:58 pm the regular session was rejoined

No action was required as a result of executive session.

Mayor’s Report (continued)

- State Liquor Law change – request of area restaurants for financial assistance to support changing current Idaho law has not been going well; neither has the effort to build a coalition of other resort communities for support. The effort may have to be scaled back to just Teton County ID cities.
- Council was notified of a potential recall petition. Attorney Zollinger explained the recall process.

10:20 p.m. Adjournment

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

Hyrum Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Carol Lenz, Finance Officer

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2015.