

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 3, 2013**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held August 20, 2013, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, September 3, 2013**, at 7:15 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Ralph Mossman, George Mosher, and Colin Dye, Mayor Dan Powers, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson, Community Development Director Doug Self, City Financial Officer Carol Lenz and City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler. Mayor Dan Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on August 20, 2013 with changes discussed. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**CLAIMS**

The Council reviewed the claims presented.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to approve the claims as presented dated August 21, 2013 through September 3, 2013 including the two additional claims added by Carol Lenz. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**POWDER VALLEY HOA – APPEAL OF WATER LEAK CREDIT DENIAL  
ADJOURNMENT**

Ray Landon spoke to the Council. He presented a brief background of the issues with the Powder Valley water system and stated there had been 6 major leaks in the past, each costing approximately \$5,000 for the excavation to fix them. Mr. Landon stated he agreed with the letter presented to the HOA regarding the issues, but wanted to present the actions of the HOA Board to the Council.

The Powder Valley HOA had given information to two engineering firms and was requesting bids to mitigate and eventually replace the system within the property boundaries. He requested that after three months, the issue be visited and if the Council was agreeable to what actions had been taken, the fees be waived. Mr. Landon stated that the HOA was looking into buying a meter reading system so the meter could be read weekly to catch leaks prior to when bills are received.

Mayor Powers stated he felt that by waiving fees to allow the HOA to fix the system, public funds were being used to improve a private system. He did not feel that was in the best interest of the users for the entire system, but felt there was room to discuss another option. Council Member Mosher felt the Council could revisit the issues after a proposal was presented and actions were taken.

Council Member Mossman stated if after three months the mitigations were agreeable, the Council could refund 1/3 of the excess fees. Council Member Mosher agreed but Council Member Jones felt 50% was more reasonable as the issues began before the present owners were involved.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to look at the proposal after three months and determine if a credit of 50% of the excess fees would be granted at that time. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**7:30PM – PUBLIC HEARING – STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Rick Miller from The Development Company spoke to the Council. He stated the Public Hearing was a formality and was required after 50% of the project was completed. He presented the current budget to the Council and gave a general description of the project, concluding that the project was still on schedule to be completed in October. Mr. Miller stated that the Block Grant Funds were made available by the Housing Act of 1983 and the City would be available for comments for the next 5 days.

Mayor Powers opened the Public Hearing at 7:45pm. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

**BUSINESS AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

Ted Hendricks from The Development Company spoke to the Council. He stated they were awarded the EDA grant and would begin work on the procurement process with an expected late winter bid and construction beginning next spring. Eastern Idaho Technical College may bring programs to the area before the building was ready and would probably have public meetings to determine what type of classes the valley would be interested in.

**WWTP CHANGE ORDER**

Jared Gunderson presented information regarding the change order. He stated it was for the outfall of the effluent water because the discharge was causing erosion. He further stated the change order did not include the cost of the flume which would be in a future order.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to approve the change order from RSCI to complete the work as presented. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**APPROVAL OF THE CHARITABLE EVENT BEER/WINE LICENSE: TAC GALLERY**

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to approve the Charitable Beer and Wine License with the condition that the application be completed in more detail. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**REVIEW OF BIDS FOR DRIGGS BUS STORAGE FACILITY**

Doug Self presented information and stated he received 3 bids and the lowest one was from Steel Vision in the amount of \$338,822 which was \$90,000 more than the grant. He was currently looking for other funding and would know if that was possible at the next meeting. He recommended the discussion be tabled or accept the low bidder pending funding from the grant and other resources.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to table the discussing until the next meeting. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Self reviewed his staff report. He discussed the issues of the flaking ceiling on the north end stating that Cheri Milne from TISA was very upset and stated she was cleaning several times a week. He stated Headwaters Construction was looking into the problem and recommended Ms. Milne's rent be reduced until it was fixed.

**Council Member Mossman made a motion** to reduce the TISA rent by \$200 a month until the problem was fixed.

The motion died for lack of a seconded.

**Council Member Jones made a motion** to reduce the TISA rent by \$300 a month until the problem was fixed. Council Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jared Gunderson gave his staff report and presented a list of action items to the Council.

There was a discussion of speed limit signs in school zones. Mayor Powers would review the budget and determine if obtaining a portable sign would be appropriate to purchase.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Dye 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 8:59pm.

ATTEST:

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Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

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Mayor Daniel J. Powers