

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held February 1, 2011, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met in regular session **Tuesday, February 15, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members: Greer Jones, Colin Dye, George Mosher and Jay Mazalewski, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, and Public Works Director Jared Gunderson. Council Member Mosher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES TO REVIEW**

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the previous City Council Meeting. Mayor Powers submitted corrections. Council Members Mazalewski, Dye and Mosher voiced corrections during the meeting.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011 City Council Meeting. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**CLAIMS REVIEW**

Council members reviewed the claims.

**Council Member Mosher made a motion** to approve the claims as presented dated February 2, 2011 through February 15, 2011. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH RESOLUTION**

Council Member Jones made a correction to the Resolution before reading it to those in attendance.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to approve the Fair Housing Resolution 262-11. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Mosher read the Fair Housing Proclamation.

**ECIPDA – REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Ted Hendricks spoke to the Council. He stated that the Fair Housing Resolution was a requirement for the grant. He further explained that the City had been invited to submit an addendum. After the resolution was published in the newspaper, a few other items need to be completed and then be submitted to Boise. Mr. Hendricks would return to City Hall to meet with the Mayor later this week to review these items.

Mr. Hendricks gave the Council an update on the Revolving Loan Fund. He explained the City owned a part of the revolving loan fund and every 5 years has the right to review

the decision by either keep the money in the fund or withdraw it. At this time, the fund was at about \$115,000 and was earmarked for economic development in Teton County. Mr. Hendricks would provide information to the Council as to how the money had been used thus far.

Mr. Hendricks stated that the money could be withdrawn, but would have to be used on other economic developments after gaining approval from the federal agency that provided the grant for the industrial building. He also stated that the City could create its own revolving loan fund as long as there was someone or some company that could manage and develop it. The money could be used for anything that had job creation potential.

Council Member Mazalewski suggested putting this discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **FORSGREN ENGINEERING: UPDATE ON COUNTY SKI HILL ROAD / LITTLE AVE CHIP SEAL PROJECT**

Aaron Swenson from Forsgren Engineering spoke to the Council. He stated his company was chosen for the chip seal project on Ski Hill Road. He stated the hope was for more stimulus money, but that had not happened at this time. In the meantime, Mr. Swenson stated that the project had been put on the state list to get funded. However, there was no guarantee as to when that would take place. One advantage was that the cost for the project was low, Mr. Swanson stated.

Mr. Swanson also stated that Forsgren Engineering would like to have the design completed so when the project did get funded, it was ready to go. He understood there was concern about the cyclists. Their design was to do a slurry seal for the bike lane and a chip seal for the main traffic lane. Mr. Gunderson stated he was not in favor of slurry seal due to the maintenance and issues with snow plowing.

#### **THE EDGE SUBDIVISION (4 LOT SHORT PLAT AT NW CORNER OF 5<sup>TH</sup> AND ROSS) – FINAL PLAT**

Sharon and Arnold Woolstenhulme presented information to the Council on behalf of the applicants. Ms. Woolstenhulme stated that Doug Self's staff report was thorough and covered most of the information. The revisions that were necessary had been made and were given to Mr. Self. Mr. Woolstenhulme stated that the 4 townhomes were on two lots, similar to the twin home lots in Shoshoni Plains. The lot line to the north was extended by 14 feet to meet the required lot size.

Mr. Self presented his staff report. He stated that all of the issues had been addressed except for the bond and the water mains. The proposal was to return to individual water and sewer connections for each unit. The only public improvement was the sidewalk, which would be about \$5,000 in bonding. The Development Agreement must be revised to include bonding for the improvements and the road cuts that would be necessary for the water and sewer connections.

The revised water and sewer plans should be corrected and reviewed by District Health. Council Member Mazalewski questioned if the Fire Marshal had seen the revisions. Mr. Self stated that the enclosed letter was prior to the changes and that he would have to review it again before the plat was recorded.

Council Member Dye questioned if the owners were concerned about the housing market. Mr. Woolstenhulme stated that he was unsure about the owners' exact thoughts, but believed they were going to build a model home and see how it went.

Council Member Mazalewski questioned if the changes that had been made were acceptable to both Mr. Self and Mr. Gunderson. Both stated they were satisfied with what had been presented at this time.

Mr. Woolstenhulme stated the owner would like to request a credit for open space. Mr. Peterson felt that the piece of land to the northeast of Lot 2b was unusable space and that he exchanged more land than he received. Mr. Self stated that piece of land would be included in Phase 2 and would be credited toward open space.

Council Member Mazalewski felt that there should not be a credit as the exchange was made and agreed upon. Council Member Dye felt that open space should remain as open space. Mr. Self stated that for Phase 2 there would be more open space needed and this piece of land would hardly meet any requirements. He did not feel a credit was something that the City would have an ability to provide. The road dedication was a concern, Mr. Self stated. However, that would be needed to serve those in Phase 2. He concluded by stating the applicant should work with the Planning and Zoning Commission and be creative to try and meet the objectives and city requirements.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to approve The Edge Subdivision with the changes noted including the reduction of the surety bond to \$4,000, the changes on the plat submitted recently to Doug Self, and the changes that were needed with the Development Agreement. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

Mr. Self presented the Area of Impact proposed amended map and stated the Area of Impact meeting with Teton County was February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He explained that the changes included the addition of the Huntsman Springs PUD. He stated the developer was willing to be included and requested the zoning be changed to ADR 2.5. He concluded by stating that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended any further changes wait until the Teton County Comprehensive Plan was complete.

Mr. Self recommended that the city apply for a pathway from 1000North to Valley Centre Subdivision for the Safe Routes to School Grant for 2013. Council Member Mazalewski questioned if that could be extended to Ross Avenue. Mr. Self did not feel that could be included as there was a maximum dollar amount for the grant. He further

stated that the 5<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk would be done in 2012 and would be designed this summer.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to allow Doug Self and Mayor Powers to pursue the Safe Routes to School grant for the route from Valley Centre Subdivision to 1000 North for 2013. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **ROAD PROJECTS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON**

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the roads. He stated the money to repair Howard Avenue from Main to First Street and Cemetery Bridge would come from the road levy in the amount of \$75,000. He stated he received a rough bid for Howard, which would be close to \$70,000 to do to the city standards, but he felt that it could be tied into the Main Street project, reducing the cost. Council Member Mazalewski questioned if there were other areas that had a greater need. Mr. Gunderson felt that Howard Avenue should be a priority because of the hospital and the school.

Council Member Dye felt that “in fairness to those on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Ross Avenue, all roads should be improved through an LID.” He also felt the entire city should take part in the LID that could cover any street when it needed upgrading or improved. Council Member Jones felt that the city attorney, Stephen Zollinger, should take part in this discussion to explain the possibilities for an LID.

Mr. Gunderson moved the discussion to the speed dips on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Ross Avenue. He stated a speed hump could be placed in the road to control speed and would be easier to plow over them. Council Member Mazalewski stated he was concerned about taking out the dips as he felt the roads were in good condition and if they were cut it would reduce the condition. He felt that the money could be spent on other projects. He stated he understood the residents concerns with the power lines and things not getting done but did not feel the dips were “tearing up cars” and felt they controlled the speed of vehicles.

Council Member Dye stated that the street and the dips were made of two different compounds and taking them out would not deteriorate the road. Council Member Mazalewski stated he did not feel the dips were causing a major safety issue or hazard.

Mr. Gunderson suggested taking out some of the dips and stated it would be approximately \$4000 to replace them with a speed hump. Council Member Jones suggested getting an estimate to see what it would cost to replace the dips.

Council Member Mazalewski suggested that the Council take a field trip and view the condition of the city roads.

Mr. Gunderson questioned which road was more important if the road levy money would not cover both; Howard Avenue or Cemetery Road. Council Member Dye stated he felt that a LID should be done for Howard Avenue.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Mr. Gunderson stated there was a water leak at the Industrial Building and a restoration company was helping to clean it up. He stated that Valley Centre Subdivision would be plowed to ensure that emergency vehicles are able to access the properties in that area. He found another pickup and the funding for it was included in the Public Works budget this year. Mr. Gunderson also reported that he was working on the safety manual for public works.

Mr. Gunderson felt that the cop vehicle should be used for city employees to run samples and go to trainings. He will ask the Sheriff if he wanted the equipment in the car. The Council was in agreement that the vehicle be used as a city car.

Discussion of which streetlights could be turned off began. Mr. Gunderson stated that there was concern from community members and he felt the lights on Wallace and Ashley on 5<sup>th</sup> Street could be turned off but those on Howard and Harper should remain on due to the configuration of the intersections. Mr. Self suggested that the shields be placed on the lights to see if the glare was reduced.

## **2009 CDBG ALLOCATION**

Council Member Mosher stated that the Urban Renewal Agency did not want to help fund the water line on Main Street. He read the comments from Mayor Powers. Mayor Powers suggested the funds could be used to construct the southeast parking lot with the remaining funds into the plaza.

Council Member Jones questioned why the funds would go to the plaza when there was no design as of this time. Council Member Mazalewski stated the funds could turn that space into a more usable area for events such as the farmer's market and the ice skating rink.

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to use the balance of the CDBG grant, after the power lines were buried and the southeast parking lot was designed, to construct the southeast parking lot and any remaining funds should be used toward the plaza. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

## **ROAD PROJECTS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON**

Council Member Mosher returned the subject to the road projects. Mr. Gunderson reviewed each project and explained the status. Council Member Mosher felt that Howard Avenue should be a priority. The Council felt that further decisions could not be made until the Mayor and Stephen Zollinger were present to further explain.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Mazalewski made a motion** to adjourn. Council Member Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06p.m.

ATTEST:

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Sonya Adams, City Clerk

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Daniel J. Powers, Mayor