

April 28, 2010

Victor City Hall

Council President Johnny Ziem called the regular city council meeting to order with Councilmen David Bergart, Brent Douglass and Grant Thompson present. Mayor Fitzgerald came 10 minutes into the meeting.

MINUTES

After some discussion a motion to approve the minutes from April 14 as amended was made and 2nded. Motion passed unanimously

SIGN ORDINANCE

A motion to move the sign ordinance until later in the evening was made and 2nded. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOUD SEEDING

Paul Romrell, Fremont County Commissioner and chairman of the High Country R C & D cloud seeding committee, met with the Council to give an over view of the cloud seeding program in southeastern Idaho and answer any questions that the Council may have. He gave a brief history of the program stating that it had an initial budget of approximately \$100,000 and 25 generators that were used for the actual seeding. In recent year Idaho Power has become involved and added an additional \$350,000 to the budget. Last year from an independent audit, it was determined that the Palasades drainage had a 7% increase in snow fall/water content possibly due to cloud seeding and the Henry Forks drainage had a 4% increase. He stated that \$100,000 budget dollars come from donations made by cities, counties, irrigation districts and the like. He encouraged the Council to review and if they felt ok to also make a donation. No donation amounts are set.

SIGN ORDINANCE

Mayor Scott Fitzgerald opened the continuation of the sign ordinance public hearing. With planning and zoning administrator Cari Golden out of town, city p & z chairman Michael ONeill presented some information and discussion to the Council concerning monument signage, free standing signs and speed limits. It was decided that temporary signs, co-op, monument and directory signage still needed some additional work. After discussion a motion to table the table the public hearing for the sign ordinance to the next Council meeting was made and 2nded. Motion passed unanimously.

TRAIL CREEK SPRINKLER COMPANY

Mayor Scott Fitzgerald began the discussion on the Trail Creek Sprinkler Building by referring to a letter the Council received from Trail Creek Sprinkler Co. president John Winger. In that letter Mr. Winger is asking for discussion with the City Council on the current status of the agreement with the City and their building. They as well as the city are in need of additional storage space and Trail Creek was suggesting maybe a purchase/trade by the city to acquire the building and help provide an additional location on city property for an additional building for Trail Creek. After much discussion and reviewing some options, the Council asked Councilman Thompson to get with city staff

and create some options to take to Trail Creek for further discussion. Councilman Thompson agreed to do so.

TETON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

City planner Bill Knight began the discussion indicating the need for the school to have a gravity sewer line to the west for their proposed expansion. That line needs to go through a neighbors property of which they the Simogyi's have agreed to an easement in exchange for a sewer connection fee waiver and Blaine Rasmussen did not have to hook-up to the sewer. They are not in favor of the easement being used for a pathway but have offered an easement on the north end of their property for such. However, this offer does not currently have a connecting route back to West Birch St.

City Attorney Herb Heimerl will research what DEQ requires concerning the connecting to sewer main line extensions. Cindy Ringle, president of the community school board presented some information to the Council and told them that the school would like to begin this project in June or at the latest July. And that they did not want to place a burden on the Rasmussen's, forcing them to connect at what may be a significant out of pocket expense.

Mayor Scott Fitzgerald responded to Ms. Ringle that the intention of the Council is to work with the school, Mr. Simogyi and the Rasmussen's to make the sewer expansion and easement for all parties involved.

AREA OF IMPACT AGREEMENT AND MAP PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Scott Fitzgerald opened the public hearing on the area of impact agreement and map. City Planner Bill Knight made the opening statement from staff stating that the agreement and map before the Council has been approved by the County. Mayor Fitzgerald then opened the public hearing to the public for public comment. There was only one person that signed up on the sign up sheet and they stated that they didn't have any comment except to express favorability of the agreement and map. Mayor Scott Fitzgerald then closed the hearing for public comment and turned the time over to the Council for discussion. After some discussion a motion to approve the agreement and map as presented was made and 2nded. Motion passed unanimously.

ENVISION VICTOR

Dahvi Wilson representing Envision Victor presented an update to the Council. She stated that they were working on consolidating information received from the last three public meetings into a workable measuring tool. She also attended training in Filmore, UT with the city engineer for training on the Community Viz Software. She relayed that the Victor Community Partnership has acquired office and some furniture and will have a kick off event at some future date. Envision Victor's current projects include the Gateway project, CIP and main street design. She requested that the Council put Envision Victor on their budget discussion list on how to possibly continue with the EV process when the grant time and monies run out.

SUBDIVISION UPDATE AND EXTENSION POLICY

City Planner Bill Knight gave the Council an update of expiration dates for subdivision permits. It was concluded that the expiration date is 1 year from final plat approval with an exception of South Mountain that was told in a council meeting that the 1 year expiration date would be from the findings of fact and conclusions of law approved document. This information will be useful to the Council as they have discussions and decisions on the future of approved subdivisions.

Discussion was held regarding a water rate increase and the changes to the alcohol ordinance for music on main.

SEWER & WATER RATE DISCUSSION

Using some Boise State University software referred to as "dashboard" for helping government entities calculate sewer and water rates, Sunrise Engineering Engineer Rob Heuseveldt presented water monthly rate scenarios to the Council. A major portion of the discussion was about what portion of the water bond payments should be included in the monthly rate. After much discussion the Council decided to include 100% of the annual bond payments into the calculation. In the past only a maximum of 50% had been included because new connections had been steady until the past year and a half and those fees had been used to help cover bond costs. Additional concerns over the reserve portion of the water fund was also discussed. The Council decided which scenario was needed to maintain services and provide funds to meet the needs of the water system. That scenario showed that with the current number of users and projected growth that an increase in the monthly water fee was needed. A motion to approve a notice for a public hearing for a rate increase and set the water rate at a \$30.00 base rate and increase the usage rate from \$0 for the first 6,000 gals to \$1.00 per 1000 gal up to the first 6,000 gals and make no changes in the additional overage fees. And to raise the water connection fee from \$2500 to \$4000 for all ERU connections. Motion was 2nded. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

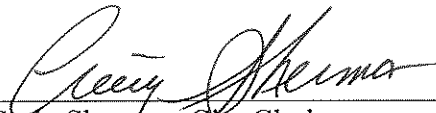
City Attorney Herb Heimerl briefly reviewed the letter he drafted and sent to the Driggs City attorney about the Council's concerns on the joint sewer project with the City of Driggs.

He also responded to questions the Council had concerning his draft of the ordinance allowing the Council to made alcohol allowances on City properties on a case by case basis. After some discussion Mr. Heimerl will make some adjustments to the ordinance for possible passage at the next Council meeting.

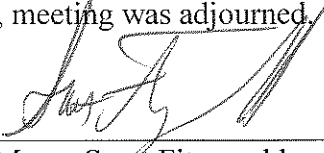
GIS SOFTWARE

Rob Heuseveldt from Sunrise Engineering approached the Council about the need for purchasing current GIS software and having a computer capable of running it. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to obtain some computer quotes.

Bills were presented and approved for payment, meeting was adjourned.



Craig Sherman-City Clerk



Mayor Scott Fitzgerald