

July 27, 2011

Victor City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council President Johnny Ziem called the meeting to order. Councilmen present were Grant Thompson and Brent Douglass.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended July 13th meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimous.

Dark Skies Request & Senior Citizen Utility Allowance

Resident Richard Miller addressed the Council regarding the Dark Sky Ordinance. Mr. Miller is concerned about the enforcement of the ordinance and would like the Phillips 66 to be required to change their lighting or place shields around the lights to block them from shining up into the sky. Council discussed the requirements of the ordinance and asked City Attorney Herb Heimerl to prepare a letter to the owner. The letter is attached.

Mr. Miller also addressed the Council requesting them to consider an exception in water bills for the elderly, 65 and older that live alone. Mr. Miller would like to see an application process to be applied for if requirements are met, the Council would allow them 2,000 gallons of water per month for free. Council will discuss and asked Mr. Miller to revisit the Council in 30 days.

Water and Sewer Updates

City Engineer Rob Heuseveldt updated the Council on the sewer project. The sewer project has been completed and is designed with both Victor and Driggs', spec's followed. Council discussed the status of the bid opening and the time-frame to be completed. Council asked Public Works Director Scott Golden to get bids for a backup generator for lift station 1.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Golden to get prices of a backup generator for lift station 1. The ayes were unanimous.

Mr. Heuseveldt informed the Council the completion of the well is on high priority due to the current issues with the Willow Creek Well. The loan application is nearly completed and is awaiting DEQ approval. Bid opening will start August 11, 2011 and is estimated to take 110 days of contract time.

Third Quarter Financial Statement Report

Third quarter financial report was tabled until next meeting.

Sign Ordinance- 90 Day Grace Period for Sign Ordinance Enforcement

City Attorney Herb Heimerl explained the resolution to the Council. Giving businesses a 90 day

grace period to come into compliance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a Resolution R11-0727 allowing a 90 day grace period against any enforcement of existing sign in violation of the sign ordinance. The ayes were unanimous.

Mutual Aid & Contingency Agreement

Mr. Heimerl and City Administrator Craig Sherman discussed with Council a Mutual Aid agreement between Victor, Driggs, Teton, Teton County and Teton County Fire District. Council asked staff to summarize the agreement and publish in the paper to inform the citizens.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement among the City of Driggs, City of Teton, City of Victor, Teton County and Teton County Fire District. Effective July 27th, 2011. The ayes were unanimous.

Maintenance- Willow Creek Well Update

Public Works Director Scott Golden informed the Council the Willow Creek Well failed last week causing the water supply to get dangerously low. Public Works and Council members worked throughout the night to get it up and running. A new motor was installed and it also failed. The pump was missing a thrust bushing causing it to fail. The motor will be sent to get re-certified to be used as a backup.

Mr. Golden also informed the Council of a complaint that was received regarding weeds throughout the City. Council, Planner Bill Knight and Mr. Golden discussed the problem with different options for a solution. A modification to the weed ordinance was decided upon. The change will need to be noticed in the paper and then put on a future agenda for a hearing. Council asked Mr. Golden to contact property owners that have had complaints and resolve weed issues on Main Street.

Executive Session

A motion to go into executive session as per Idaho Code § 67-2345 (c) to discuss employees wages with the city attorney present was made and seconded. A roll call vote for the motion was as follows: Councilman Douglass aye; Councilman Ziem aye; and Councilman Thompson aye. Motion passed unanimously. Attorney Herb Heimerl was present for a discussion with the Council.

A motion to exit the executive session was made and seconded. A roll call vote for the motion was as follows: Councilman Douglass aye; Councilman Thompson aye, and Councilman Ziem aye. Motion passed unanimously. Council returned to regular session.


A motion was made and seconded to approve the preliminary budget. The ayes were unanimous.

Administrative- Depot Property Management

City Administrator Craig Sherman discussed the property management of the Depot Property with the Council. Council agreed to keep Kathryn Haga as the property manager. Mr Heimerl

will create a contract to be signed by the City and Mrs. Haga .

Bills were presented and approved for payment. Meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk - Craig Sherman


Mayor Scott Fitzgerald