

Victor City Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Scott Fitzgerald, Grant Thompson, Dave Bergart, Rob Heuseveldt, and Brent Douglass by phone.

The March 9th meeting minutes were discussed and edited. Council discussed the lack of information that is sent out to the public. Dave Bergart suggested that staff reports could go out as hyperlinks with the agendas and minutes. The City Council has the ability and Councilman Bergart will work with staff to make it happen.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the March 9th minutes as edited. The ayes were unanimous.

Winter Water Reads/ City Engineer Robert Heuseveldt reported the results of the winter usage study. Our Public Works Department worked with the 50 most egregious water users to see if their water usage could be lowered. After the winter's usage, Rob compared the readings from an estimated average use in Feb. 2010 to Feb. 2011's actual usage. The estimated saving showed the city conserving 1,130,000 gallons. This is a significant conservation of water and energy. It was discussed that it was not only a savings of water but wear and tear of the pumps, wastewater going to Driggs, and electricity. Councilman Douglass felt that we should publish the results of the study. It was concluded that all the documentation is in place to start metered water billing through the winter. Staff also visited the accounts with the highest usage and found a couple leaks. Owners have been notified and are repairing them.

We will start billing for the overage bills in April for March usage. The City will send the news releases to the newspaper and to FTR. It was discussed that there are a few outstanding utility balances due to newly bank-owned properties that the City needs to lien. Amy will work with Herb on a resolution.

Inter City Agreement/ The Mayor reported to the Council concerning meetings with the City of Driggs and an inter city agreement over the wastewater contract. There was a discussion about where the dividing line should be, who would assume repair and responsibility for the lines. Driggs has talked about replacing the flat lines around the Ironwood Subdivision area. Ironwood has prepaid Driggs for about 56 hooks ups. Driggs does not want to give the prepaid connections to Victor. Driggs was also discussing the possibility of leaving the interceptor lines alone and replacing them if they had a problem. Rob explained that we should take advantage of the loan and the interest rate to take care of repairs or replacement now. Driggs offered an undefined guarantee concerning the line and that they would help in the event of a needed repair. There was no discussion as to what they would offer in the guarantee. The Council discussed options and decided they wanted to wait to find out what that agreement would include. Follow up discussions will continue.

Pioneer Park Planning Process/ Bill Knight discussed with the Council about the P&Z meeting and the planning strategies that would be followed for Pioneer Parks master plan. He discussed the survey that was taken a few years ago that mapped out what the community wanted for recreational opportunities. He explained how the survey compared to the Envision values. He felt that there should be some areas of the park that are not planned to allow for changing trends and new interests.

In following past discussions and plans, the Mayor was concerned that the layout is too concrete and not flexible enough. He noted that there was a meeting where Council lined out steps that were not included in the proposed process.

The Mayor wanted to know from the Council if the "next steps" of the plan were accurate and did the plan reflect the principles they envisioned for the park.

Bill mentioned that May would be a good target date for the master plan and they would use the time to do more planning and refine the nuances of the park design. The Council felt that the plan was a good start and Council can discuss ideas that they might see and include them for the final plan.

Executive Session / A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(c). A role call for the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The voting went as follows: Councilmen Thompson, Bergart, Douglass and Mayor Fitzgerald voted aye.


Motion was made and seconded to exit executive session.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Bill Knight and Herb Heimerl to continue price negotiations for Depot Property and the additional land adjacent to the Depot, to bring the results back to the Council for discussion. The vote was unanimous and carried.

Calendaring/upcoming meetings were discussed.

A required DEQ hearing is to be posted in the newspaper for public meeting.

Motion to pay bills was made and seconded. The ayes were unanimous.



City Clerk- Craig Sherman



Mayor- Scott Fitzgerald