

May 26, 2010

Victor City Hall

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended May 12th meeting minutes. The ayes were unanimous.

Water Rate Increase- Public Hearing

Council President Ziem went through the proper procedures to commence the beginning of this public hearing. There was no conflict of interest. City Engineer Rob Heuseveldt presented the reasoning for the proposed 28% rate increase to the public. The Council and Mr. Heuseveldt agreed that the results of the Dashboard model from Boise State University clearly shows the need for an increase to keep the current water system producing enough water to provide for the community. Currently the funds collected from the monthly water rate do not even the operation and maintenance of the system let alone put any funds into reserves for any major repairs. Council sees the need to raise the rates two options were discussed and would like to look at all the different option and would like the residents' input for the best solution.

The hearing was then opened for public comment. Eleven city residents spoke with their concerns. The concerns were; how everyone will afford the increase with the economy, the need to charge for winter usage, and the charge for winter to the individuals that have to keep the water running due to shallow lines in town. Discussion was held regarding the winter water usage, the water source requirement from DEQ, the need for the North Well and allocation for the funds received from the monthly water charges. The public comment portion of the hearing was then closed.

Brief deliberation followed. Council agreed to table the public hearing for more discussion.

Motion was made and seconded to table the public hearing to the next meeting. The ayes were unanimous.

Procurement of Engineering and Administrative Services for Projects

City Attorney Herb Heimerl explained to Council the need to have a procurement contract with an engineering company in order to apply for Federal grants for projects.

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the procurement. Motion passed unanimously.

Mountain Shadows Subdivision Extension Request

Planning and Zoning Administrator Cari Golden went over the extension request from the Mountain Shadows Subdivision. Council held discussion regarding the extension.

A motion was made and seconded to extend the request for the extension for Mountain Shadows Subdivision until the next available spot on an agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Sign Enforcement

Mrs. Golden informed the Council of the illegal signs in town. Council held a short discussion regarding the violations.

Envision Victor Update- Dahvi Wilson

Dahvi Wilson from Envision Victor updated the council with the model that is being created for future projects in town. The project partners will be meeting to use the draft of the model.

Discussion of Format for Public Meeting regarding Parking June 8th

Council held a discussion regarding an up coming meeting regarding the parking on Main Street scheduled for June 8th. Council agreed to provide a printed agenda.

Property Appraisal Bid Sheet

City Planner Bill Knight got bids from many different appraisers. Council discussed the different bid amounts.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Knight to contract the best appraiser for the work. The ayes were unanimous.

Maintenance- Update on North Well

Mr. Heuseveldt informed the Council the North Well is scheduled to be sealed off next week.

Council held a discussion regarding the sewer line to Driggs and the over capacity of the line. Council would like a meeting with Driggs to discuss the cost of repairs needed and the division of funds between the two cities.

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


City Clerk / Craig Sherman


Mayor Scott Fitzgerald