

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2016**

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held May 16, 2016, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, June 7, 2016**, at 6:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were Council Members: Greer Jones, August Christensen, Jay Mazalewski, and Wade Kaufman; Mayor Hyrum Johnson, City Attorney Stephen Zollinger, Community Development Director Doug Self, Public Works Director Jared Gunderson, Financial Officer Carol Lenz, and City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler. Council Member Jones led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Council Regular Minutes – May 16, 2016

Claims from May 17 – June 7, 2016

New Alcohol and Catering Licenses

Council Member Mazalewski made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with minor changes to the minutes. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORTS

Staff answered questions concerning staff reports distributed in the Council Packets.

RESOLUTION #315-16: PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS

Council Member Kaufman made a motion to adopt Resolution #315-16: Public Works Standards as presented. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

AWARDS RECEIVED FROM FRIENDS OF THE TETON RIVER AND TETON VALLEY TRAILS AND PATHWAYS

Mayor Johnson informed the Council the City received the 2015 Legacy Award from Friends of the Teton River and the Teton Valley Trails and Pathways Community Connection Award for contributing to the bike path connection.

OP-ED FROM CITY COUNCIL REGARDING VANDALISM IN PARKS AND CITY

Mayor Johnson informed the Council of the vandalism occurring in the city, especially at the Skate Park. The Council discussed the option of closing the restrooms for a period of time.

Council Member Christensen stated she did not want to close the park and suggested purchasing security cameras. Mayor Johnson suggested the Council write an op-ed to the newspaper to bring the issue to the community first and then discuss options of closures later.

Council Member Kaufman felt the Skate Park could be closed until the community showed they wanted it to be an asset and kept it clean. He felt if the community was involved, they may take better care of it.

Council Member Mazalewski suggested that after an op-ed was written, if the vandalism continued to occur, the entire skate park should be closed for an indefinite time period. Mayor Johnson suggested posting signs at the park which explained the consequences may also help.

Council Member Mazalewski offered to write the first draft of the op-ed to the newspaper.

VALLEY CENTRE ROADS

Doug Self gave the Council a background on the subdivision and how the roads came to be privately owned. He stated they were not owned or maintained by the City. He further explained the park, now owned by the city, was deeded to the City because the developer was unable to care for it.

Mr. Self stated due to the major potholes in the road, cars were not driving in the correct lanes of traffic and causing potential safety issues. He suggested several options to fixing the issue which included making the road a gravel road which would cost less to maintain, or bringing the road to city standards through an LID. The road could then be deeded over to the city.

Mr. Self stated the city had collected approximately \$8,000-\$9,000 in sales tax revenue from the businesses in Valley Centre and could take those funds and put toward the cost to fix the pot holes.

Council Member Mazalewski remembered this issue was discussed several years ago and questioned why the property owners had not done anything to solve it since then. Mr. Self stated it was becoming harder than thought to develop one HOA, as several individual subdivisions had their own HOA.

Council Member Mazalewski stated he did not want to pay for fixing a private road without contributions from the HOAs. He further stated he agreed with forming an LID for the area and wanted to get a cost estimate for the repairs. He concluded by stating he would like to see the individual HOAs contribute to the cost of the repairs.

Council Member Kaufman agreed that the cost of the patch work should be split between the city and the individual HOAs as he did not feel the city should be responsible to “take the brunt” of the cost. He further stated he did not feel the city was liable for the road other than the impact that was sustained for the park and the well property.

Mayor Johnson stated the school district contracted him and they were unaware the road was private. He further stated they are unable to drive on private roads and would have to pick up students on the highway in the future. If property owners were not in favor of

proceeding with an LID, the city would not move forward with any further patching or maintenance of the road. He concluded by stating he would be in favor of taking revenue from the resort tax and patching the road only if the property owners move forward with an LID.

Stephen Zollinger explained the process of the LID and stated it could be done fairly quickly if the property owners were in agreement. Mr. Self stated an informal meeting for the property owners would be scheduled next month.

Council Member Mazalewski stated he felt the city may be setting a precedence to do work on private roads. Mr. Zollinger stated the city should look at fixing the road as a property owner and not as the City of Driggs. Council Member Mazalewski concluded by stating he was disappointed the property owners in Valley Centre had not done anything for several years and were now asking for help.

Council Member Kaufman made a motion to allow a one-time fix of up to \$1,000 of labor and materials to patch Valley Centre Drive and Moraine Court as one of the property owners to allow citizens to access the park and with a requirement of the community reporting back to the City within 4 months regarding the willingness to engage in improvements of the road to city standards. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Christensen stated she met with the LDS Church officials to discuss improvements to City Park. She explained the city had a lease with the church for \$1 per year. She stated after discussion, it was determined the top priorities for the park were restrooms and irrigation.

Mayor Johnson stated at this time, funds for improvements were not available in the budget and that he was concerned the church was not providing more leadership and contribution.

Council Member Christensen stated she would like to see a new lease be developed that was for several years and had no option to cancel at any time.

Council Member Mazalewski stated that irrigation was needed and did not feel at this time that restrooms were a priority, especially with the recent vandalism. He questioned how the city would obtain funds to make this project happen this year. The Council discussed the budget and determined it should be a priority for the following fiscal year.

HOUSING STRATEGIES

Mayor Johnson questioned if the city should prepare for the option of creating a housing authority if Teton County did not move forward with a countywide authority. Council Member Christensen stated she felt the cities could begin with an authority, but would like to see it merge if the County determined they would pursue it as well. The Council

agreed and determined the city should move forward if the study determined Teton County should not.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Jones made a motion to go into executive session at 8:50pm pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 regarding legal matters. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Council Member Jones, aye; Council Member Mazalewski, aye; Council Member Christensen, aye; Council Member Kaufman, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:57pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mazalewski seconded the above motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

ATTEST:

Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk

Mayor Hyrum Johnson