

RIGGINS CITY COUNCIL
December 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Riggins City Hall

The regular meeting of the Riggins City Council was called to order by Mayor Glenna McClure.

Councilors present – Akins, Sampson, Clay and Wilson.

STAFF: Cody Killmar, Shane Harper, Eric Coates, Trenton Thompson, Jeff Joyce, Susan Hollenbeak, Dan Wash

GUESTS: Gary Haueter, Eddie Joyce, Megan Thompson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOVEMBER MINUTES: Council members were individually polled and all confirmed they had read the November meeting minutes. Motion was made by Sampson to approve the November meeting minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Wilson, Akins, Sampson and Clay. No nays; motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT and BILLS FOR PAYMENT: The financial statement was read detailing \$9,018.73 paid after the November meeting bringing the total November disbursements to \$100,994.80. Bills in the amount of \$44,962.37 were then presented for payment. Motion was made by Clay to approve the financial statement and allow the bills for payment; seconded by Wilson. Voting yea, Sampson, Wilson, Clay, and Akins. No nays; motion carried. A copy of the financial report is attached and hereby made a part of this record.

STIBNITE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Chairperson of the Advisory Council, Julie Good of New Meadows, addressed the Council regarding the City Representative's responsibilities. These include reporting back to the City Council at least three times per year to provide information; being available for the monthly meeting (in person, phone or Zoom) held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon; and attend select community events to hear community's response to aspects of the project. Good stressed that representatives do not need to be in support of the Stibnite Gold Project to be appointed to the SAC. Council reviewed a document from SAC outlining activities and efforts in 2022. Good is on the Transportation Committee, and reported the shipping schedule for transport of materials will be shared with each community. Councilor Sampson stressed the need for adequate HAZMAT response in the event of an incident. Good indicated training for all emergency response personnel will be provided throughout the life of the project. The issue of communicating with adversaries of the project was discussed; Good stated questions are being answered and addressed, however they may not always like or believe the answer, but Perpetua is indeed responding. Good reported there are concerns regarding area small businesses being impacted and losing employees who choose to work on the project.

STIBNITE ADVISORY COUNCIL – 2023 APPOINTMENT: Clerk reported that Bob Crump was willing to be the Riggins representative again.

STIBNITE FOUNDATION – 2023 APPOINTMENT: Again, Clerk reported Crump was willing to serve on the Foundation again.

After brief discussion, motion was made by Wilson to appoint Bob Crump to represent the City of Riggins on both the Stibnite Advisory Council and the Stibnite Foundation for the term beginning February through January 2024; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Clay, Akins, Sampson and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

LETTER TO FOREST SERVICE - STIBNITE (MMP BURNTLOG ROUTE): Council reviewed the draft comment letter to Payette National Forest Supervisor, Linda Jackson in regards to the Modified Mine Plan with Burntlog Route. After discussion, motion was made by Sampson to approve the

comment letter for signature; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Akins, Clay, Sampson and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Cody reported the following:

- ◆ Received notification of the grant funding award of \$197,000 for a new ambulance; we are in line with the manufacturer (APGAR) for a Ford (municipal discount). APGAR is willing to take Ambulance B for a trade-in if some mechanical issues are repaired; working on getting estimate of what those repairs will cost. Would get \$7,000 trade in without repairs; \$12,000 trade in if repairs are made.
- ◆ Advanced EMT Course – 7 staff participating; meeting twice a week; will finish course in February 2023. Once certified, our service can move to the next level of care.

PUBLIC WORKS – Dan reported the following:

- ◆ City Hall/Library HVAC – carryover budget item last 8+ years; budget \$10,000. Units were replaced in 2013/14; parts are no longer available for repairs. Dan requested that Quality Heating & A/C provide a proposal to change out the Air Handler and heat pump system with Carrier commercial-grade system (both units) = \$24,449. After discussion, it was requested that Dan get another proposal.
- ◆ Wastewater Planning Grant Letter of Interest (LOI) has been completed through Mountain Waterworks, and submitted to Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The LOI demonstrates that the “proposed project is both necessary and timely”. In order to proceed with the planning project, the City is requesting that Idaho DEQ provide a partial matching grant to help support the planning effort. Clerk will forward a copy of the LOI to the Council members to review.
- ◆ Pavement Assets – Public Works crew completed an Asphalt Pavement Rating Form on each street in North Riggins; ratings are based on the number of defects (cracks, rutting, deficient drainage, etc.) and a Condition Rating (100 being excellent):
 - Salmon – 66 defects – condition rating 34
 - Borah – 51 defects – condition rating 49
 - North Street – 57 defects – condition rating 43
 - MacArthur – 64 defects – condition rating 36
 - Dalton (south end) – 16 defects – condition rating 84
 - Dalton – 10 defects – condition rating 90
 - South Street – 56 defects – condition rating 44Pavement is decomposing into gravel. Dan is getting an estimate from HERCO for chip sealing; this would make the asphalt last longer. Council requested he get an estimate to chip seal all the problem streets including Well Street. Discussed grant funding from LHTAC; Dan indicated City staff need additional training from LHTAC in order to score high enough on the grant application.
- ◆ Ace’s Place – numerous issues including storm drain is non-existent; pavement is in poor shape. The waterline was not upgraded when work on the mainline was completed. During and after rainfall, there is significant gravel runoff from the high school property that goes down the street. Sidewalk is uneven and dangerous. The County Road crew has applied sand at their expense to improve traction during the winter. All water meters on the south side are unreadable. Discussed consulting with an engineer to get an estimate of the cost to repair. Dan will check into this.
- ◆ Boat Ramp Project – Dan requested Council feedback on who is overseeing this project when it gets started. Public Works Director is to oversee; Councilor Akins indicated he is willing to assist with this.
- ◆ Street Light Replacement – Live Wire Electric will be onsite tomorrow to replace six lights.
- ◆ Sewer Jetter – the City has paid in over \$10,000 in 2022 for cleaning of sewer lines and culverts. A jetter was included in the budget this fiscal year. Dan recently got an estimate of \$32,000 for a

trailer mount unit with a 300 gallon tank. Reviewed the numerous applications this equipment could be used for. Dan will proceed with the purchase.

- ◆ Council Chambers – Dan asked that the Council consider approval of a Smart TV in the Council meeting room to improve communication and information sharing. Council approved.
- ◆ Staff Safety/Security concerns – requested the Council consider revising the Personnel Policy that prohibits staff carrying firearms. Dan called the Council's attention to numerous instances when threatening and potentially dangerous individuals have come into City Hall; there are no security cameras or safety measures to protect staff. What would staff do if there was an active shooter at City Hall? Discussed providing training for staff to hold an enhanced carry permit. Killmar indicated the school has worked with their IT staff person, Conrad, to increase security and safety in the school. Clerk will reach out to Conrad about security concerns at City Hall, and review the Personnel Policy with ICRMP.

FIRE – Jeff Joyce reported the following:

- Candlelight vigil was held for the four Vandal students killed in Moscow.
- Ladder class was held this month.
- Paul Gatti is training to take over the Fire Chief position in the future.
- Firefighter 1 and 2 class will be held; White Bird and SRRFD will be invited to participate; should take 3-4 months to get through the book.
- Donnie Clay and Randy Spickelmire have volunteered with the department over 50 years.
- Green truck that SRRFD donated had repairs done over the summer, but was still leaking water. Truck was taken to Frank's in Grangeville; diagnosed with cracked head. Frank's was unwilling to repair due to the availability of parts and tools. Estimated \$15-20K to install new engine. Jeff sent an e-mail out to every city in the state looking for a donation of a fire truck. He has also been researching auction sites. Jeff was contacted by Bonneville County in eastern Idaho regarding two trucks. 1) 1993 GMC Class A Pumper for \$10,000 (surplused) with 500 gallon tank, and 2) 2006 International Pierce with 1,000 gallon tank scheduled to be surplus in January for approximately \$25,000. Truck donated from Cascade was surplus earlier this summer; the pump does work, but there is a slow startup for response; Councilor Wilson indicated the Council Fire Chief told him there is a specific order of things that must be done to get everything working properly. Wilson also stated that Council Fire Department may have a truck they would loan the City. Discussed using the green truck to respond in town; where to park it was discussed; Councilor Akins offered to house the green truck in the Dive Shop. Jeff stated that Salmon River Rural Fire Department will respond to any fire events in city limits.
- At this time, Joyce read a personal statement expressing his concerns with a number of administrative issues. Mayor McClure indicated these would be addressed in an Executive Session.

LIBRARY – no report

ID DEPT OF COMMERCE – BROADBAND LETTER OF SUPPORT: Council reviewed the Project Summary for the North-South Middle Mile Network that could improve high-speed broadband infrastructure in North/Central Idaho. This open-access network will be owned and managed by Idaho Regional Optical Network (IRON) and Intermountain Infrastructure Group LLC providing services to commercial providers and IRON serving non-profit and government needs. This project is an \$80 million, 198-mile, 288-strand middle mile broadband segment between Grangeville and Star, Idaho. The Dept of Commerce is developing an application process for state funds in 2023. IRON will be asking the State of Idaho for \$20 million of the \$80 million projected cost. Following review of the draft letter of support and discussion, Councilor Wilson suggested an additional comment that current speeds are well below acceptable standards. At this time, a motion was made by Akins to approve the draft letter of support with the additional statement regarding current speeds; motion was seconded by Sampson. Voting yea, Akins, Clay, Wilson and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

CITY PARK BOAT RAMP PROJECT: Council reviewed documents from Welch-Comer showing the Phase 1 work to be completed in January/February 2023; project costs and drawing for the access road and stairs to be completed summer of 2023 if grant funding is awarded. Councilor Sampson questioned why the pattern was different on the south end of the access road, and if the possibility of a washout on the curbed area of the ramp had been considered; Clerk will check with Welch-Comer.

IDAHO RESORT CITIES COALITION: Council reviewed correspondence from Wendy Jaquet and Memorandum of Understanding between the cities of Riggins and Ketchum. This coalition was formed in 2022 to protect the Local Option Tax and short-term rental legislation to ensure no further constraints from legislative action, and to support short-term rental legislative to provide more flexibility to cities' management at the local level. The City of Ketchum has hired a government relations and lobbying firm, McClure Policy LLC that provides lobbying, advocacy, and policy services related to resort cities. City of Ketchum is requesting dues in the amount of \$250 to join in this coalition of resort cities. After discussion, a motion was made by Akins to approve joining the coalition and paying the \$250 membership fee; motion was seconded by Clay. Voting yea, Akins, Clay, Wilson and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

DARE TO KAYAK 2023: Clerk reported that Devon Barker-Hicks has requested the City administer the 2023 grant through Idaho Department of Commerce. Motion was made by Wilson to approve the request; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Akins, Clay, Wilson and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

PAST DUE WSG ACCOUNTS/UTILITY CHANGES: reviewed

FACILITY RENTAL APPLICATIONS

Heritage Center – Paige Bicandi – December 19th from 6-9 pm

DONATION OF PA EQUIPMENT TO STAGE: Snake River Audio has donated a large amount of PA equipment to the Park Stage. Discussed storage concerns as the stage area is full currently; and issues with maintaining and monitoring equipment use. Also noted that some bands may discount their cost if sound system equipment was available on site; there have also been times when equipment did not work and a backup would be very beneficial. Councilor Akins is willing to store the equipment in the Dive Shop.

At 8:54 p.m., Councilor Wilson made a motion to enter into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(b) to discuss a personnel issue; motion was seconded by Sampson. Mayor McClure conducted a roll call vote: Clay–aye; Wilson–aye; Sampson–aye; and Akins–aye.

At 9:45 p.m., Councilor Clay made a motion to end the Executive Session and resume regular business; motion was seconded by Wilson. Mayor McClure conducted a roll call vote: Clay–aye; Wilson–aye; Sampson–aye; and Akins–aye.

At 9:45 p.m., Mayor McClure requested another Executive Session under IC 74-206(b). Councilor Sampson made a motion to enter into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(b) to discuss a personnel issue; motion was seconded by Akins. Mayor McClure conducted a roll call vote: Clay–aye; Wilson–aye; Sampson–aye; and Akins–aye.

At 10:08 p.m., Councilor Akins made a motion to end the Executive Session and resume regular business; motion was seconded by Wilson. Mayor McClure conducted a roll call vote: Clay–aye; Wilson–aye; Sampson–aye; and Akins–aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Tilley, City Clerk-Treasurer