

RIGGINS CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call – Akins, Clay, Sampson and Wilson.

Guests: Sherri Cereghino, Bruce Bovey, Evan Olson, Dwight Bovey, Jerry & Sharon Walker, Marily Kerr, Dan & Brandon Cook

Staff: Jeff Joyce, Shane Harper, Cody Killmar, Dan Wash

APRIL MINUTES: Council members were individually polled and all confirmed they had read the April meeting minutes. Councilor Clay requested an amendment to his comments on the Franchise businesses. Motion was made by Sampson to approve the April meeting minutes with the amendment; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Wilson, Sampson, Akins, and Clay. No nays; motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT and BILLS FOR PAYMENT: The financial statement was read detailing \$156,231.75 was paid after the April meeting bringing the total April disbursements to \$281,279.94. Bills in the amount of \$26,550.31 were then presented for payment. Motion was made by Akins to approve the financial statement and allow the bills for payment; seconded by Clay. Voting yea, Wilson, Clay, Sampson and Akins. No nays; motion carried. A copy of the financial report is attached and hereby made a part of this record.

RODEO WEEKEND – LAW ENFORCEMENT: Jerry and Sharon Walker expressed concern to the Council about the number of State Police and Idaho County Sheriff's office personnel in town over rodeo weekend. Walker stated this could be detrimental to tourism and keeping our local businesses going; law enforcement vehicles were turning around in the Salmon River Motel parking lot; people were being harassed in their opinion. Councilor Akins indicated he had heard similar complaints. Councilor Clay suggested they share their concerns with the Chamber of Commerce; maybe business owners could unite and bring their concerns to the Sheriff's attention. Councilor Wilson suggested inviting Sheriff Ulmer to the June 14 meeting to discuss local concerns.

CROSSWALKS: Marily Kerr asked who was responsible for installing new crosswalks; she indicated there were not enough crosswalks in her opinion. Dan Wash pointed out that ITD is responsible for crosswalks and have indicated they will not put in anymore.

VACATION RENTALS: Walker wanted to know what could be done about all the vacation rentals in town. Councilor Clay stated that Idaho law prohibits the regulation of vacation rentals. Walker felt there are too many vacation rentals in Riggins and they are hurting the motels trying to stay in business. It was noted that the vacation rentals in town have reduced the affordable rental options for our workforce.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Clerk reported that suggested changes to the document were sent to CEDA for review. At this time, the revised document is not available. Mayor McClure tabled the approval of the plan until the City has the final document in hand.

CITY PARK BOAT RAMP PROJECT: Dan Cook with Cook & Sons Construction, contractor on the project, asked the Council if they were pleased with how the boat ramp turned out. Councilor Akins reported the new ramp is a great improvement and has been met with approval by users. Dan Wash noted that things went very smoothly on the project and Cook & Sons were a pleasure to work with; he went on to suggest that communication could be improved with the engineer, and that management of the project should be clarified between all parties in the future.

Reviewed the following Contractor Change Orders and Payment Requests:

CHANGE ORDER #4 - \$1,563.63 for survey done to verify quantities of concrete used on project.

CHANGE ORDER #5 – [\$ 377.50] to adjust the contract amount to reflect the actual documented installed quantities for regrade, excavation and haul offsite (-\$9,852.36), Cast-in-Place Concrete (+9,623), and Drain Pipe (-148.14).

PAY REQUEST #5 for \$13,473.56 (SWPPP Closeout and Cast-in-Place Concrete)

PAY REQUEST #6 for \$22,579.51 to closeout and cover retainage.

After discussion, motion was made by Sampson to approve Change Orders 4 and 5, and Pay Requests 5 and 6; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Wilson, Clay, Sampson and Akins. No nays; motion carried.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS LITERATURE CART: Clerk reported a request was received to place a literature cart in the City Park. Council reviewed the information provided with the request. After discussion, a motion was made by Wilson to deny the request to locate a literature cart in the City Park; motion was seconded by Sampson. Voting yea, Akins, Sampson and Wilson. Clay abstained from the vote; motion carried.

FIRE RESPONDERS - SPEEDING: Mayor McClure reported concern about some of the Salmon River Rural Fire Department crew members' excessive speed when responding to a call. Jeff indicated there is a 10 mile per hour over the speed limit standard. Mayor McClure felt the chance of a pedestrian or vehicle accident happening as a result of a SRRFD truck going through the City at such a high speed is inevitable. Jeff stated he will review this concern with our City Fire crew. Mayor McClure will draft a letter to the Salmon River Rural Fire Department Chief and Board to adhere to the standard 10 miles per hour over speed limit in the City.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LIBRARY - no report

FIRE - Jeff provided the following report:

- Firefighter online course is being attended by SRRFD and the City crew; should be finished in August.
- ITD – billing for car fires. Clerk reported ITD is requesting a new Memorandum of Understanding for reimbursing. Clerk also reported that the current MOU states reimbursement “**is specifically for fire protection for vehicular fires within the ITD Right of Way**”; ITD is requiring an incident report documenting such. Jeff will schedule a time to meet with ITD to update MOU.
- Jeff reported that he looked into building height requirements; these seem to be tied to building codes. He plans on meeting with the Fire Marshall in the future and will find out more then.

- Jeff reported that Paul is doing very well and is stepping up and taking on more responsibility. The other new guys are also doing well and are a welcome addition.
- Wildland Fire training was held last month.

AMBULANCE - Cody provided the following report:

- Experiencing a high call volume; April had the highest ambulance payroll to date.
- New ambulance will be received in December.
- Grants were recently applied for an Auto-Pulse, I-Pad, and Power-Load Gurney to equip the new ambulance.
- Updating addresses is a critical need; door hangers showing the correct address have been placed on each apartment door at the Irwin Center.

PUBLIC WORKS – Dan provided the following report:

- ◆ Boat Ramp Project – Dan stressed the need for increased communication in the future between the City and Engineer; the Engineer works for the City and does not need to be managing the contractor; engineer concerns should come to the City rather than go directly to the contractor. Councilor Sampson suggested meeting with Welch-Corner to review the completed phases and how we can improve in the next phase.
- ◆ Irrigation Ditch – water was put in last week and has made it through town today. Overflow at the rock cut; water on highway; this is a new rock slide with a very large rock that came down. Crew is working to deal with it, but the location makes it very difficult to access.
- ◆ Treatment Plant – have been dealing with tremendous flows due to all the rainfall. This resulted in a violation of the permit for too many suspended solids being discharged. Low alkalinity has caused problems and created a domino effect. Shane stated automation of the plant has created the issue of equipment turning on automatically when it's not necessary. As a result, the system has been taken off automation and the control is back in our crews hands; things are calming down as a result.
- ◆ Shane and Eric will be taking their Wastewater Treatment exams on Friday.
- ◆ ITD – Manhole replacement – Clerk reported that Doral Hoff with ITD stopped in today. ITD has found \$\$ to do a manhole replacement project in 2024. This will be a construction project that they will bid out to a contractor.
- ◆ Ace's Place Project – the engineer, Keller Associates, should have an engineering proposal to Dan next week. Discussed the storm water runoff that has created issues on Ace's Place; the runoff comes from the steeper section near the school. Councilor Clay reported that he talked to Diane Thach about the City taking over her road which will allow the project to address runoff issues; she was agreeable. In addition, Clay believes the school would be agreeable to allow the City to take over their sloped roadway which is connected. Shane stated the Irrigation ditch culvert that runs under the street is a priority and described the buildup of pea gravel going into the culvert, and the deterioration of the structure. Shane also wanted to call the Council's attention to the work the County Road Department crew does on Ace's Place when snow or ice is present; they will sand and salt Ace's Place and the school road without being asked. He asked that the Council show their appreciation to the County crew.
- ◆ Community Center – outside window on lower level broke; replacement on order. There is also a faucet needing replaced in the kitchen which will require modifications be made; this is on the schedule to complete.

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

Council reviewed the Ambulance budget proposal. In preparation for the budget, a facility walk-through was scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th at 5 p.m. The Budget Workshop was scheduled for Monday, June 12th at 5:30 p.m. Department proposals should be submitted prior to the workshop.

WATER BILLING ADJUSTMENT: Clerk reported a request for adjustment was received from Gary Miller due to a water leak (Account #2-123). Miller states he discovered water surfacing in his driveway March 25th; attempted to dig down to locate break but could not locate it; replaced the line with 200 psi Poly from the meter to the house. Motion was made by Sampson to approve adjusting the water billing back to average usage; seconded by Wilson. Voting yea, Akins, Clay, Wilson and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

PAST DUE UTILITY BILLS/UTILITY UPDATE REPORTS: Council reviewed the April services past due report, and utility update report.

LAKE SHORE DISPOSAL – CEMETERY ROAD: Cemetery Road residents' garbage billing was suspended for April due to Lake Shore's inability to serve those properties. This has been an ongoing issue over the winter. This needs to be addressed with Lake Shore management to find a solution as this is unacceptable. It was suggested that a letter be drafted to Lake Shore requesting they find a solution.

FIREARMS POLICY – PERSONNEL: Council briefly reviewed past discussions; issue was first raised at the December 2022 City Council meeting. It was noted that the City Attorney advised that "Idaho law does not require an adult person who is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm to have any training or a concealed carry permit in order to openly or concealed carry a firearm in Idaho; if a staff person is entitled to possess a firearm under federal or Idaho law, they don't need a CWP to carry in Idaho". After discussion, it was determined there is no need for a policy at this time.

ORDINANCE REVISION: tabled

FACILITY RENTAL APPLICATIONS

RIGGINS COMMUNITY CENTER – Lower Level w/o Kitchen:

June 17 – Whitewater Wilderness Ranch Home Owners Association Annual meeting from 9 am–2 pm

CITY PARK:

June 3 – Big Water Blowout – 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS – COMMENTS: Shane expressed his appreciation to the City Council for budgeting for equipment they need to fix problem areas. He stated he had a conversation with Bruce Bovey about ITD sweeping Main Street; ITD has a sweeper/vacuum that comes through the area annually; this screens for larger materials which have to be sorted (drugs, needles, glass) before being dumped. Shane would like to work with ITD to help them dispose of the hazardous material when they come through Riggins.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Tilley, City Clerk-Treasurer