

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

August 10, 2022 – 6:15 p.m.  
Riggins City Hall

A public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for both the Riggins Urban Renewal District and the City of Riggins was held. Bob Crump asked if the manholes on Main Street were going to be addressed; he suggested contacting ITD about coordinating resurfacing of Main Street and the manhole renovation. No other comments were received.

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## **RIGGINS CITY COUNCIL**

August 10, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Riggins City Council was called to order by Mayor McClure. Councilors present – Akins, Clay, Wilson, and Sampson via phone.

STAFF: Dan Wash, Cody Killmar, Jeff Joyce

GUESTS: Bob Crump, Sherri Cereghino, Jordan Zwygart, and Angela Staup

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT and BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** The financial statement was read detailing \$1,795.19 paid after the July meeting bringing the total July disbursements to \$94,743.66. Bills in the amount of \$41,776.68 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.

At this time, Mayor McClure requested that Resolution #22-9 – Garbage Rate Increase be added to the agenda. Motion was made by Clay to add Resolution 22-9 to the meeting agenda; motion was seconded by Wilson. Voting yea, Sampson, Wilson, Clay and Akins. No nays; motion carried.

**AUDIT REPORT – FY20-21:** Jordan Zwygart presented the Audit Report for the fiscal year starting October 2020 and ending September 2021. After discussion, motion was made by Wilson to accept and approve the audit report as presented; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Sampson, Akins, Clay and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**LIBRARY** – no report

**FIRE** – Jeff Joyce reported the following:

- The first training with the rescue mannequin has been held; other local departments have expressed an interest in participating so we will be doing the training again.
- White Bird and Salmon River Rural Fire Departments are interested in joining our department's online training.



- Regarding the truck SR Rural Fire Department donated, hoses needed replaced and there is a radiator leak; at the meeting tomorrow night, the crew will test out the truck and it will be put in service following that.

**AMBULANCE** – Cody reported the following:

- ◆ Critical Incident Stress Debriefing session was held August 7<sup>th</sup>; with all the river deaths this year, it was important for the crew to receive this support.
- ◆ Classroom project is nearing completion; two sleeping areas are included.
- ◆ Grant for \$2,570 was awarded from the Idaho Fire Chief's Association; funds will be used to purchase two TV system kits; one will be placed in the classroom for education, and the other in the station for call response, maps, etc.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Dan Wash, PW Director, provided the following report:

- ◆ Shared the thank you card from a resident's family member on Church Street expressing appreciation for our Public Works crew's assistance when a friend fell on the street.
- ◆ South Lift Station – phone line has been installed for the auto dialer alarm.
- ◆ Ziply Fiber will be working on installing a line to the Well Street Lift Station in the future.
- ◆ North Lift Station has some issues with getting a line there which could be costly; Dan is checking into the possibility of accessing it through the Preacher Mountain Condos property.
- ◆ New water meters installed at Canyon Creamery/River Adventures and Justin Clay's.
- ◆ Park – broken urinal in the Men's room; replacement ordered. Toilet issues in the Handicapped Restroom – troubleshooting. Have received compliments on the Park; Trenton is doing a good job with watering and mowing.
- ◆ Stage hillside – Mayor McClure reported that Mary Lou Hirst is hiring a laborer to cleanup the hillside behind the stage; after discussion, it was agreed that Trenton would maintain the hillside area once it's cleared.
- ◆ SCAT – having pumped every two weeks to keep up on the maintenance.
- ◆ Confined Space Training – Shane, Eric and Dan attended this training in McCall yesterday; it was sponsored by OXARC and the Payette Lakes W/S District.
- ◆ Well operation – pumping a lot of water in our two wells; approximately 180,000 gallons per day on each. Dan noted that a water study was completed by JUB Engineers in 1997 at which time a third well was recommended; Dan stressed the need to look at expansion in the future. Councilor Wilson suggested the sawmill property could be an option for another water tank.
- ◆ Apprenticeship Program with IRWA – Shane, Eric and Trenton are registered for the program and will be working towards licensing.

**SALMON RIVER AMBULANCE DISTRICT:** Cody Killmar reported that the first District meeting was held August 1<sup>st</sup>. Most of the crew attended for introductions. Lindy Smither was elected Chairperson.

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT** for Ambulance Services between the SRAD and the City – Cody reported the agreement was reviewed and approved by the SRAD Commissioners. The purpose of the agreement is to "create a system for the sharing of equipment between the SRAD and the City for efficiency and effectiveness of operations, and that the City agrees to make available to SRAD certain equipment currently utilized by the City as part of their ambulance service". Cody indicated Councilor Sampson had questioned the termination clause which has since been amended to state, "At a joint meeting between the City and SRAD



Commissioners, a 2/3 in favor vote is required for termination of this Joint Powers Agreement. Termination will be effective at the current end of City fiscal year". After discussion, motion was made by Wilson to execute the Joint Powers Agreement between the City and SRAD for ambulance services; motion was seconded by Sampson. Voting yea, Akins, Sampson, Clay and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

**IRRIGATION WAIVER REQUEST:** Rusty and Tessa Howard at 1006 South Borah are requesting a waiver on lateral ditch maintenance; after discussion, the item was tabled; Clerk will request clarification.

Melody Travis at 231 North Main has requested irrigation fees be waived. After discussion, it was confirmed Travis has no access to the ditch. Motion was made by Wilson to approve the irrigation fee waiver for Travis; motion was seconded by Clay. Voting yea, Sampson, Clay, Akins and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

TONY MCDONALD – 301 North Church Lane: McDonald contacted Susan via email regarding a sewer service to his property; he would like to run the line to the house and midway install a stub out for the future. McDonald indicated he plans to convert the shop to a small residence. After discussion, item was tabled. McDonald will need to meet with Council and provide complete plans.

SKIP SHOEMAKER – IRRIGATION WAIVER: Clerk provided copy of minutes from June 2007 City Council meeting showing Shoemaker's request for a waiver, indicating "they have their own irrigation ditch from Squaw Creek, and actually send their excess flow into the City ditch as it crosses their property". The request to waive irrigation fees was approved. After discussion, Dan indicated he would research the area to see about excess going into the City ditch.

**RIGGINS EMPLOYMENT ISSUES** - Councilor Sampson presented a handout with information and ideas related to the following:

The Problem – we had business closures on the Hot Summer Nights weekend due to the lack of employees to staff local businesses.

1. Two restaurants closed on one of the busiest weekends of the summer because they could not find enough help.
2. One restaurant is considering closing their doors for good if they cannot find help.
3. Our City will die a slow death if we cannot resolve this issue.

Ideas to Resolve this Problem:

- a) Affordable Housing will help by providing rentals for the local work force at a reasonable cost, so we need to keep this alive and make it happen.
- b) Limiting vacation rentals to a proportion that meets our local business employment needs is critical for a healthy community.
- c) Work with the school to add a "Learn to Earn" curriculum for Junior/Senior students.

After discussion, the item was tabled for the future.

**CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT:** Adam Green has submitted his resignation letter to the City. Clerk contacted Brennan Wright who indicated there might be a potential issue with contracting with the City since he handles both private and court appointed criminal defense cases and would not be able to handle criminal misdemeanor cases for the City; the City would require another attorney to handle those. Green recommended whoever ends up being the



Deputy Prosecutor or who the City of Grangeville chooses. After discussion, the Clerk was directed to contact Joe Wright or Cooper Wright with Wright Law. Tabled for next meeting.

**RIGGINS HOUSING TASK FORCE Report:** Councilor Clay reported Erin Anderson with The Housing Company has been promoted within the company. She has been working on the funding application which was due August 9<sup>th</sup>, and is also working on the Environmental Study for the project. Regarding the GEM Grant, Erin is not concerned about this in the big scheme of things. October 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the application for workforce housing funds from the State; there is \$50M to award.

**RIGGINS URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT – FY22-23 BUDGET:** Council received the Budget Resolution from the URD. Motion was made by Wilson to formally approve the receipt of the URD Budget Resolution; motion was seconded by Akins. Voting yea, Akins, Sampson, Clay and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #22-8 – Amendment to FY21-22 Budget:** This resolution amends the current Fiscal Year Budget for 2021-2022 with new fees for ambulance fees. After review, motion was made by Clay to approve Resolution #22-8; motion was seconded by Wilson. Voting yea, Akins, Clay, Wilson and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #228 was presented:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIGGINS, IDAHO, ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,792,532 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF RIGGINS FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.**

A motion was made by Akins to suspend further reading of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance #228; seconded by Clay. Voting yea, Wilson, Akins, Clay and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

At this time, a motion was made by Akins to accept Annual Appropriation Ordinance #228 for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 appropriation of \$5,792,532, and to publish the Ordinance in the Idaho County Free Press; seconded by Clay. Mayor McClure conducted a roll call vote – yea, Sampson, Akins, Clay and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #22-9 – Garbage Rate Increase:** This resolution increases the monthly garbage rates effective October 1, 2022. Motion was made by Akins to approve Resolution 22-9; motion was seconded by Wilson. Voting yea, Sampson, Akins, Clay and Wilson. No nays; motion carried.

**L-2 CERTIFICATION:** Clerk reported the County is holding a meeting for taxing districts on August 25<sup>th</sup> to review L-2 reports in preparation for submitting to the County Commission by September 8<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, the L-2 Certification approval will be tabled until a Special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #22-7:** This resolution increases the water rate for vacation rentals to Large Commercial. Item was tabled until the September meeting; Clerk will consult with City Attorney.



**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW:** Work is continuing; community surveys went out this month with utility bills. September 14<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

**PAST DUE WSG ACCOUNTS/UTILITY CHANGES:** reviewed

**FACILITY RENTAL APPLICATIONS**

RCC – Wild River Adventures – 8/26/22 from 3-9 p.m. – Kitchen Only

**SEWER ORDINANCE REVIEW:** tabled

PERPETUA RESOURCES – Bob Crump: Crump thanked those who were able to participate in the Stibnite Tour last month. He is getting OSHA certification in order to take part in the Water Monitoring tests coming up. Also, the Air Quality Permit is being challenged.

ITD – MAIN STREET – Bob Crump: Crump asked when the State is going to resurface Main Street. Dan indicated they have no plans to for at least 10 years. Crump suggested meeting with ITD officials to put pressure on them to do this. Crump also stressed the need to coordinate with ITD for replacement of the manhole covers on Main Street. Dan has consulted with ITD who indicated they would supply flaggers only.

LETTER FROM ROGER & KATHY RASHOK: Mayor McClure shared the letter received from the Rashok's in appreciation for the community assistance following their fire.

**CLERK REPORT:**

- Vacation Rentals – report showing nightly rental rate, and current water rate was distributed.
- Radio Communications System Update – E-mail from Zumalt, County Disaster Management Coordinator, was reviewed; reported that Davis Communication went into the Riggins Repeater site at Salmon Point on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Replaced the Link Radio; installed additional brackets to improve anchoring; solar panels inspected and functioning well; emergency backup batteries tested and all passed with substantial remaining performance capacity – charging and in good condition; inspected and replaced damaged coax and cable runs. They will attempt to schedule another trip in this fall for Fire Tac installation, but their current priorities are Rocky Point and Castle Butte near Highway 12, and War Eagle near Warren. Davis would also like to go into Cold Springs and may combine that trip with availability to program user radios in Riggins so Fire and Ambulance would have access to the Fire TAC for local use.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brenda Tilley*, City Clerk-Treasurer