

**City of Stanley
Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

Mayor Herb Mumford, Councilmember Steve Botti, Councilmember Laurii Gadwa, Councilmember Lem Sentz, maintenance personnel Greg Wallace, and City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Gary Gadwa, Mark Wilson, Erin Wilson, CJ Sherlock, Jeff Welker, Russell Clark, Mike Graham, Hans Buhler and Ned Flanagan.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order by Mayor Mumford at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None

MAYOR COMMENTS:

The differential went out on the groomer; all the maintenance has been done as scheduled and the miles are still relatively low so we are unsure why it failed. A new differential is approximately \$6,300, which includes freight. Fortunately, we are having conversations with Park & Recreation and they could possibly pay for half or more of the cost of this repair.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Gadwa continues to acknowledge the question that was brought up regarding building permit #859 to Wall Street Investments. She states that after verifying all the information with the permit holder the City Council was correct in approving the building permit. Regarding the evaluation of the required parking within this zone the City Council is still researching and will hopefully report soon on this issue.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mike Graham: Disaster Coordinator with Custer County has been the disaster coordinator for 4 months now and came to the Stanley Council Meeting to introduce himself and to inform the public that he is the facilitator and is here to work for us.

Greg Wallace: Wallace passed out a Dark Sky presentation for the lights at the Ice Rink in Pioneer Park and a lighting presentation for the Groomer Shed that is also located in Pioneer Park to see if the Council would be interest in either of these projects. Wallace notified the Council that the snow blower blew up today. Wallace has already researched prices, it will cost approximately \$1200 - \$1700 for a new snow blower.

Gary Gadwa: Gadwa is disappointed that the City will be holding a town hall meeting on Valley Creek Preserve this Tuesday, January 19, 2016. He states that the Valley Creek Preserve directly effects the homeowners surrounding the preserve and most of the homeowners are not here in the winter months to attend. He would like to see the meeting postponed until later in the year.

Hans Buhler: Buhler reads a letter, dated 1/4/16 by 13 homeowners objecting to the City Town Hall Meeting being held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, they would like to see future meetings regarding the preserve to be conducted on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday. They feel "having a lease prior to a management plan could put unnecessary burden on the City of Stanley. Issue that need to be addressed are the loss of taxes, the restriction put on the land from the original funding agency and any financial obligation put on the city budget." Names noted on the closing of the letter are: Jan & Lotte Buhler, Gary & Laurii Gadwa, Jim Hosac, David & Rain McDonald, Drew & Ann Nosworthy, David & Melissa Pinney, and Jeff Welker & CJ Sherlock, Buhler recognized these individual at the conclusion of reading the letter.

Jeff Welker: Welker wanted to further state that he feels it is a "travesty" for the Valley Creek Preserve to be converted into something that would be developed that attracts people and dogs, along with the possibly of changing the landscape to add bathrooms, trash cans, parking lots and lighting. He is very concerned about vandalism of the property. Kid's playing and disrupting the landscape is one of the examples he referred to.

Russel Clark: Clark opened his comments by saying December was a unique month for snow removal. Clark's has been receiving several complaints about plowing driveways shut and the piles of snow on the city streets in front of their property. He gives an analogy of when ITD blades snow from plowing the State Highways. It is the same for Stanley Construction cleaning the city streets, Clark emphasis's that their equipment leaves a very small amount of snow from the blades of their equipment and unfortunately this is unavoidable. Residence are also pushing their snow into the City streets, which is costing the City more money to clean up the snow. Mayor Mumford commented that he recently sent out a letter concerning this issue. Clark is also very worried about the safety of the kids playing in the snow piles, he states that kid are making igloos and they have no way of knowing if kids may be in the piles when they are compiling the snow. Clark has asked the Mayor to write a letter notifying the residents of the hazards. Clark gave an update on the Valley Creek Bridge, currently they have all the supplies needed to tear out and replace the bridge. The volunteers will try to complete the bridge as soon as possible; their plan is to have it completed in time for the Stanley Sled Dog Race at the end of February. Clark concludes his comments stating that he has had to contact Custer County Sheriff's office over 22 times in the month of December for several different reasons, all of these issues, he felt, could have been addressed within the City of Stanley and he is hoping that the City is getting closer to hiring a police officer or contracting with Custer County.

Mayor Mumford replied to those that are opposed to the town hall meeting on the 19th: The City will still be holding the Town Hall meeting as scheduled, this is just the first of a series of meetings that we will be holding; he further states that the City will not be making any decisions at this meeting. Mumford understands the importance of the subdivision owners to be able to attend the meeting, but there are also several other community members that are interested in this meeting that plan on attending. Mayor Mumford hopes everyone that is unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday the 19th will be able to attend the next meeting addressing the preserve.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:

None

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL:

Mayor Mumford administers the oath of office to the newly elected councilmember Steve Botti, and presented him with a certificate of election for a term of 4 years.

Mayor Mumford states he would like to nominate Mark Wilson to be appointed to the open councilmember seat #1 and asks for the City Council's support. Councilmember Botti moves to appoint Mark Wilson for council seat #1. Councilmember Gadwa seconds. All approve. Motion passes. The City Clerk administers the oath of office to the newly appointed councilmember Mark Wilson and presented him with a certificate of appointment, term will be up at the next general election (2017).

Councilmember Sentz moves to retain Steve Botti as council president. Councilmember Gadwa seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA/MEETING MINUTES:

December 10, 2015 Council Meeting and the payment approval report for unpaid and prepaid bills for December 2015 and January 2016. Councilmember Gadwa asked how the Sewer Association bill is calculated, she was concerned if it was based off the number of toilets. The City Clerk said she would look into this and report back to the Council. Councilmember Gadwa moves to approve the consent agenda. Council President Botti seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

The City Council is in receipt of the written report from the Custer County Sheriff's office. The Council acknowledges the report.

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

The 14th annual ski festival is requesting use of the community building with all fees waived on March 5, 2016. Council president Botti moves to approve the request. Councilmember Gadwa seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

PIONEER PARK:

Request for approval of the 2nd annual Sawtooth Valley Gathering Music Festival for August 17-21, 2016. Ned Flanagan was present to answer any questions that the Council may have. The Council commented on the projected festival attendees of 1,250, which is still under the 2,000 capacity; we will need to watch and make sure SVG stays under the capacity limit. It was also pointed out that there is a designated camping area, it is unclear if 250 tents will fit in this area. Regarding permission for early campers: the Council pointed out that SVG would need to have personnel available on Thursday along with toilet, trash services, and park fees paid for all of these dates if that was to occur. The Council suggested that they limit how many early camping passes are issued. Councilmember Gadwa makes a motion to approve the SVG August 17-21, 2016 contingent upon the contract being signed and park fees being paid. Gadwa stated how pleased she was with the presentation of the SVG 2016 festival. Council President Botti seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

STREETS AND ROADS:

None

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

CEDA: None

Cemetery: None

Code Review: None

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association: None

Groomer: The Groomer windshield broke due to a tree limb. Due to the large snow fall Stanley was receiving the groomer Randy Townsend ordered a new one immediately. Unfortunately it was order for overnight shipping on the 31st of December, which of course meant the earliest arrival date was January 4th, which in turn cost the city \$1,000.00 in shipping cost. Fortunately, the City of Stanley was able to report this to their insurance carrier and get some of the costs reimbursed. Townsend feels terrible and will never order any parts for overnight delivery again without confirming the delivery cost prior to shipment.

Chamber of Commerce: According to Erin Wilson the chamber is working on setting up their 1st meeting of the year with their newly elected president Josh Franks and all the members. It's been difficult to coordinate a time with everyone.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUISNESS

None

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY CITY CLERK:

None

BUILDING PERMITS/CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL:

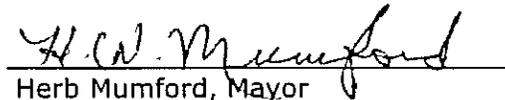
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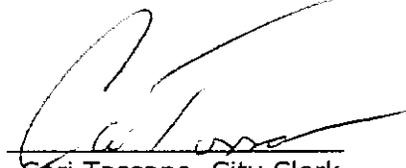
CITY CLERK REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano)

The auditor came to Stanley on January 5, 2016, and the audit is almost complete. We are working on the Stanley Sled Dog Race and encourage all volunteers to participate. The City Clerk asked the Council for permission to order a banner for the Sled Dog Race which would be taken out of the winter activities fund, costing approximated \$450.00. The council agreed to this expense.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mumford adjourns the meeting at 7:05 p.m.


Herb Mumford, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Cari Tassano, City Clerk

