

APPROVED

**City of Stanley
Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

Council President Steve Botti, Councilmember Mark Wilson, Councilmember Lem Sentz, maintenance personnel Greg Wallace, and City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano. Herb Mumford and Laurii Gadwa were not present.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

CJ Sherlock, Jeff Welker, Michelle Wetzel, Jim Wetzel, Keri York, Charlie Thompson, Bill Baybutt, Erin Wilson, Campbell Gardett, Roxanne Gardett, Brandon Knight.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order by Council President Botti at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None

MAYOR COMMENTS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Workforce housing: Summer is approaching rapidly and Council President Botti would like to see us start our survey for Work Force Housing in the community. Botti handed out a proposed Stanley Work Force Housing Survey to the Council for review, we will not discuss it tonight, but Botti would like the council to review the survey so we can put it on next month's agenda. Botti also mentioned that he has received an email from the Forest Service, informing us that they are proceeding with the requirements of transferring the 4 acres to the City of Stanley.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Campbell Gardett: Introduced himself and is running for office with Custer County Commissioner, his campaign slogan is "Work is the answer".

Jeff Welker: Welker passed out a picture of a person taking a selfie with a swan and stated that the person killed the swan. Welker further stated that people do not realize how sensitive wildlife is. Welker is opposed to the City signing a lease agreement prior to a management plan and reiterated many of his concerns with private roads, police coverage, maintenance, and property taxes. If the city has extra money, he would like to see it spent on items that need immediate attention and on projects that are already started. Welker is also concerned that this could be "a legal quagmire" due to current discussion between the homeowners and Wood River Land Trust, he would like to see these discussions resolved prior to the City signing an agreement.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:

None

CONSENT AGENDA/MEETING MINUTES:

January 19, 2016 Town Hall Meeting, February 11, 2016 Council Meeting and the payment approval report for unpaid and prepaid bills for February/March 2016. Councilmember

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Sentz moves to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Wilson 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:

None

PIONEER PARK:

Bike and Build is requesting use of Pioneer Park on Monday, July 18, 2016, with all fees waived and are requesting permission to camp overnight for their annual bike ride into Stanley. Councilmember Wilson makes a motion to approve camping and to waive all fees. Councilmember Sentz 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: None

Chamber of Commerce: Erin Wilson was present and commented about a meeting on their meeting they had last week: Their upcoming annual summer kickoff party will be happening in June. On August 21, 2017, there will be a solar eclipse. In fact, Stanley is apparently one of the prime viewing areas for the eclipse and Stanley should be very busy. Erin commented it would be in the best interest of Stanley to plan accordingly for this event.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Option Tax Financial Support Request \$15,000: Council President Botti points out that the Chamber is asking for \$15,000 of the \$20,000 allocated for the FY2016, currently we are only in the 2nd quarter of the FY, therefore Council President Botti make a motion to approve the request for \$10,000. Councilmember Wilson seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Further Discussion of Wood River Land Trust and The City of Stanley Lease Agreement:

Council President Botti passed out copies of the current Lease agreement (that is also on our web site). There have been discussions of changing it from a lease to a MOU. The two attorneys agree and pointed out that the title of the document is relatively unimportant, what is important, are the provisions within the document and what we will be agreeing to. If it is changed to an MOU there would be additional attorney fees for both parties to have the attorneys review again. In Council President Botti personal opinion, he feels we should avoid additional costs. The intent of signing an agreement at this point and time, is to partner with WRLT in the development of the management plan so we can better represent the interests of the residents of Stanley; rather than waiting for the management plan to be completed and the possibility that WRLT could proceed without the City. The lease will expire in September 2016 and at this point it would only be a 6-month lease. Botti feels this gives us time to develop a management plan. At the end of the 6 months we have the option of renewing the lease or discontinuing the lease. Eventually, as stated in prior meetings, the intent is that the property could possibly be transferred to the City of Stanley.

Keri York: York gave an overview of information for the new faces at this council meeting. She described WRLT vision for the property, history of the property, the facilitator that will be coming to Stanley to help with the management plan, and the term left on this current lease agreement. York pointed out that as long as WRLT owns the property, property taxes will be paid. The City will be a managing partner. The \$4,000 that the city has budgeted is to share in cost 50/50 with WRLT, she wanted to make it clear, that these funds will not be transferred directly to WRLT. York pointed out that there are some pending issue that need to be addressed that have to do with the transfer of ownership and property surveys, if the City is a managing partner, then questions could be addressed as we go, and the City would be fully apprised of all negotiation and work that has or is being done on the property. York states that a lot of work has gone into this agreement, by all parties, and she hopes that the Council will vote on this tonight.

Council President Botti commented that many of the public concerns can be addressed in the management plan. Botti agrees with York that we need be part of the due diligence so we are aware of what transpires on the property, and he would like to see use move forward with the decision of the lease agreement. Botti states we could take a vote tonight or we could wait another month. Council President Botti makes a motion to approve the lease. Councilmember Wilson seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Police Coverage with Custer County: As of this date Custer County Sheriff's Office has not yet responded and we therefore will not be voting on this tonight. This has to be a mutual agreement. Council President Botti passed out copies of the current draft agreement and stated that the updated version will be put on the City of Stanley's web site. Botti encouraged suggestion or comments, but did not receive any. Once we hear from Custer County Sheriff's office we will proceed. We really want to have a law enforcement agreement in place by this summer.

Creation of an International Dark Sky Reserve: Dark Sky Reserves are created throughout the world, starting about 15 years ago. For example, there are dark sky communities, reserves, and parks. Basically what a Dark Sky Reserve is: is a plan to control outside lighting, so that lights are shielded and shine down on the ground and reduce light trespass on other properties or reduce glare up into the sky, and preserves darkness of the night sky. There are ecological and environmental benefits for doing this, a IDSR enhances quality of life, is a tourist attraction, and boost local economies. At this point Sun Valley, Ketchum, Blaine County commission, City of Stanley, and SNRA have all agreed to move forward with a IDSR plan. The next step would be, to apply with the International Dark Sky Association which is located is Tucson, Arizona.

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY CITY CLERK:

None

BUILDING PERMITS/CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Building Permit #857 at 725 Ace of Diamonds Street, Bill Baybutt was available for questions, Botti questioned if the old building that was being replaced due to water damaged is within the 2' set back from the alley. Botti stated it is the responsibility of the property owner to verify that the building is complaint with the zoning ordinance. Wilson makes a motion to approve Building Permit #857. Sentz seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

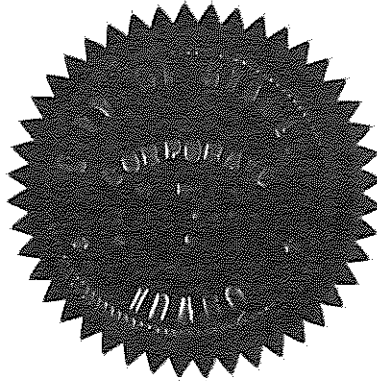
CITY CLERK REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano)

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Botti adjourns the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Herb Mumford
Herb Mumford, Mayor

ATTEST: Carl Tassano
Carl Tassano, City Clerk



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