

**APPROVED**

**City of Stanley  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:**

Mayor Steve Botti, Councilmember Austin Clegg, Councilmember Tim Cron, Councilmember Gabriel Cardoso and Council President Laurii Gadwa. All answered to roll call. City staff members included: City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano and Kimberly Peters maintenance supervisor.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Kim Hernandez, Gary Gadwa, Charlie Thompson, Christy Thompson, Mike McGee

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Botti at 5:05 p.m.

**Town Hall Meeting – Discuss Stanley to Redfish Lake connector trail in Pioneer Park and the related facilities plan:** the city will be applying for a grant from the State of Idaho Department of Lands to construct facilities depicted on the map of Pioneer Park showing the potential sewer line marked in turquoise that would need to be installed for related park facilities; this sewer line could also go over to a personal resident near the park (which the cost could be shared between the city and the resident). Indicated in green shows flushable restrooms south of the Picnic Shelter, the yellow highlights indicate new parking lots to accommodate all the new traffic in the area. The trail itself is indicated with a red line. The purple line is a section of the trail that permissions from the Forest Service (to include a special use permit) and Division of Aeronautics would be required, this section of the trail will have approximately a 5% grade, which would also be ADA compliant, which is a requirement of the grant with IDPR. Once the trail comes down to Critchfield (indicated in Red) it would be necessary to obtain an easement from the landowner B&C Properties which would be approximately 12' wide and 20' long. The cost to construct the trail and amenities would cost approximately \$372,000: \$150,000 for the trail, \$50,000 for two restrooms, \$22,000 for parking lots and \$150,000 for the sewer line. The cost of the easement has not yet been negotiated. The deadline to apply for the grant is January 26, 2024, and the city would have a required 20% match based off the cost basis, this could be paid for with Option Tax money that the City has been saving.

If the proposed trail were moved to the west side of Airport Road, we would not need permission from the Forest Service or Division of Aeronautics, but unfortunately that is not a viable option due the unsafe slope of the road; currently there are no stop signs at the end of Airport Road. Airport Road is simply too dangerous for pedestrians due to the speed and terrain of the road itself, cars descending the steep hill on Airport Road south of Critchfield Avenue would have a difficult time stopping even if stop signs were installed.

Mayor Botti adjourns the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Council Meeting is called to order by Mayor Botti at 6:04 p.m.

Roll call was retaken, and all councilmembers are still present.

**ORIGINAL IN RED**

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

none

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Work Force Housing project: we would like to apply for the Community Development Block Grant by the end of November 2023, currently we are uncertain if we can meet that deadline due to a variety of reasons. At this point we would be removing from the block grant application the possible appropriations from Congressman Simpson (Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Community Project) for \$4,000,000. This has not yet been approved by Congress and this will unlikely happen before November. We would still like to apply for only the infrastructure: road, water, sewer and electrical. The Block grant would be a \$500,000 grant with a 20% match by the city, that can also be paid by saved Option Tax money already budgeted for FY24.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

none

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Mike McGee is the new acting Area Ranger for the SNRA. McGee reported there is a prescribed burn by the fish hatchery. Their intention is to burn 72 acres with a 20-person crew with hoses strung out and an engine in place.

**COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:**

none

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

5-22-23 Work Session, 07-25-23 Works Session, 08/17/23 Council Meeting and the payment approval report – unpaid and prepaid bills for August/September. Council President Gadwa moves to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Clegg seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING:**

Custer County is requesting use of the Community Building with all fees waived for the evening of the 11/6/23 and all day on 11/7/23 for the city election. Councilmember Cardoso moves to approve the use of the community building with all fees waived with the request that the County use as many local residents as possible. Councilmember Gadwa seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

**PIONEER PARK:**

Redfish Lake Trail connector trail and the related facilities to support the Redfish Trail: Councilmember Cardoso moves to have the mayor to continue with the process with the IDPR grant and working with the necessary parties for the grant deadline of January 2024. Councilmember Cron seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

**STREET AND ROADS:**

Peters reported all the logs have been removed from the parking spots on Wall Street and will be replaced with new barriers in the spring. It was also discussed that in the spring if the County agrees we will have re-milled asphalt for Airport Road.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

Cemetery: none

Code Review: Annex and survey the 4-acres for Work Force Housing.

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association: none

Snowmobile Groomer: Gary Gadwa is frustrated that the trail system is still not groomer friendly for the upcoming grooming season and will need to have another discussion with the necessary parties to try and have this rectified prior to the snow falling.  
Chamber of Commerce: none

**OLD BUSINESS:**

none

**NEW BUISNESS:**

2023-2024 Law Enforcement Agreement and Financial Aid Agreement between the city of Stanley, Custer County and Custer County Sheriff's Office. It was discussed that there has been very little presence of the Custer County Deputy, and the City Council has not been updated by the Sheriff's office of the intentions of the department in the coming months. Council President Gadwa moves to table this agreement until our next meeting on October 12, 2023, in hopes of receiving an update. Councilmember Cardoso seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

**BUILDING PERMITS/CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL:**

none


**BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY THE BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Permit #991 - Feltman, Michael - 860 Merritt Lane - Roof  
Permit #992 - Krapfl, Kurt - 110 Valley Creek Road - Fence

**CITY CLERK REPORT:**

Priorities: Ending the FY2023 (9/30/2023) and preparing for the audit. Completing State of Idaho Controller's Office new financial reporting for 2022/2023. Starting the quarterly reports.

Mayor Botti adjourns the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Steve Botti, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Carl Tassano, City Clerk

