

**City of Stanley  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2014**

**IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:**

Mayor Herb Mumford, Council President Steve Botti, Councilmember Lem Sentez, Councilmember Melinda Hadzor, Councilmember Laurii Gadwa, City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano, and maintenance personnel Greg Wallace and James Denhart.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Charlie Thompson, Randy Townsend, Gary Gadwa, Jennie Stephenson, Phil Enright and Dani Mazzotta.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

None

**MAYORAL COMMENTS:**

Our police officer has handed in his resignation and plans on going back to school at the University of Montana.

Mayor Mumford appreciates all the hard work that has been done on the winter events.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council President Botti commented that the Boise State Public Radio has been upgraded and is now in effect, new equipment is installed at Basin Butte. 106.3 FM is being broadcast for Stanley listeners. 91.1 FM is being broadcast to Lower Stanley listeners.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

None

**COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA/MEETING MINUTES:**

October 9, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes, Council President Botti had a couple of corrections, City Clerk noted corrections. Council President Botti made a motion to approve consent agenda with corrections. Councilmember Gadwa seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

Mayor Mumford is concerned with the overages of planned hours by our City Police Officer, acknowledging that with his resignation it should take care of itself.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING:**

Boise Curling Club – January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Requesting of the use of the Community Building with daily rental fee waived, they will pay the security deposit. Council

President Botti made a motion to approve waiving daily rental fees. Councilmember Sentz Seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

**PIONEER PARK:**

Ice rink agreement with the Stanley Skating Club and curling sheet agreement with the Stanley Curling Club. The City Council made some changes that effect both agreements. The City Clerk will make changes and have all necessary parties sign agreements. It was also discussed about the placement of the curling sheet. Before any grading is started it is agreed that all parties will meet to preapprove the exact location of the curling sheet. Parties will include: Representative for the City of Stanley, Randy or Gary from the grooming department and a representative from the Curling Club. It is important that all parties meet to make sure we don't interfere with the daily operations of the groomer's or create a safety issue with the snowmobile trail.

James Fowler dba Nothing but Love – Music Event August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 in the Pioneer Park. Mr. Fowler was unable to attend the meeting due to weather conditions, but had sent an email describing his intent. There are quite a few details that need to be spelled out. The City Council is favorable to the idea and looks forward to speaking with James Fowler about particulars of the event when he is able to attend a meeting.

**STREETS AND ROADS:**

Stanley Construction has contacted the City prior to the first snow of the year. Russell spoke with Mayor Mumford and they will have roads done in plenty of time for the school bus in the morning. Mayor Mumford was happy to have them contact us and was happy to hear they are on the job.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

CEDA: Mayor Mumford will give us a full report once meeting minutes are published from the last meeting.

Cemetery: None

Code Review: Council President Botti will start drafting changes as per the Work Session on 10/13/2014. This will take a little while.

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association: Within a week the fall newsletter will be out. Grants are in place to continue restoration work on the museum. They have already completed about \$20,000 worth of work.

Groomer: Groomer is not up and running yet, but have until the middle of December before we start any grooming.

Chamber of Commerce: Posters just went up for fall, summer and winter. Idaho was featured in the Horizon magazine, City of Stanley had a ½ page add featured in the magazine. James Denhart commented he would like to see us advertise in the Idaho Heartland magazine.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUISNESS:**

Stanley Police Officer: A new police officer has been hired, Ron Pumphrey. Mayor Mumford was very impressed with his resume and all his references checked out

very well. Ron will start December 1, 2014, and will work limited hours to make up for the previous police officer overage in hours.

The Sixth Annual Stanley Winterfest February 20-22 2015:

**Permission requests:** The City Council requested a couple of changes to be notated on the City of Stanley's permission list. 1. In order for the City of Stanley to supply liability insurance the City needs to be listed as a sponsor for the event. 2. Administrative details by the City Clerk will be done at regular business hours. 3. The City Council reminded Jennie if booth operators sell anything they will need to follow city regulation for a catering permit if alcohol is being served and collect the 2.5% option tax. According to Jennie as of right now, Sawtooth Brewery is the only anticipated vendor. In addition there will be booths with demos only. 4. Fire pits need to be preapproved by Andy Gunderson Fire Chief. 5. The City of Stanley will supply the trash cans. There will need to be a volunteer to monitor the trash cans and coordinate with the Cities maintenance department to get the trash cans emptied.

**Drag Race:** The Mayor has concerns about where the drag race finish line ends; the possibility that someone may sled past the finish line and injure themselves. Mayor Mumford suggested that bales of hay or some kind of barrier need to be placed at the finish line to avoid any injury.

**Raft/Tubing Lane:** The City is more than happy to supply our snowmobile to take the raft back up the hill for this event. There will have to be a volunteer to run the snowmobile. We need to make sure the tubing lane does not cross the snowmobile trail. There will need to be safety controls in place if the snowmobile is running back up the snowmobile trail to return the raft to the top of the hill. Jennie Stephenson will meet with Gary Gadwa to make sure these things are addressed and to see if there is any possibility of the groomers helping with the grooming of the lanes. The Council also suggested that Jennie needs to get in touch with David Keiski with the Sawtooth Ski Club to see if there is any possibility they could assist with the grooming of the lanes also.

The City Council commented Jennie Stephenson has done a great job. Once all these changes are made, then the Winterfest Committee can bring the requests back in front of the City Council for approval.

National Monument proposal – CIEDRA Bill – Geothermal land in Stanley: Mayor Mumford discussed the background and a proposal for a land transfer to the City of Stanley based on a Geothermal Feasibility Study done in 2012. The best place for tapping into these resources is on U.S. Forest Service land. The Forest Service is unable to lease property that is in a National Recreational Area so the proposal is to potentially acquire the land thru the CIEDRA Bill (wilderness proposal) or the monument declaration. Charlie Thompson is in support of the land transfer. He feels this property is important to the community of Stanley. Charlie would like to see the proposal to include Parcel "C". Mayor Mumford agrees we would much rather include parcel "C" with our request. The group discussed that it needs to be done within the next 60 days, if it is going to be accepted within the CIEDRA Bill.

Letter to the President: Council President Steve Botti would like another letter to go to the President. He thinks we need to stay engaged on both the CIEDRA Bill and the monument, he believes one of these two will be passed. It is best to stay informed

on what is going on so we can voice our opinion. Council President Botti summarized some of the main points that we may want to include in our letter.

Wood River Bicycle Coalition:

Mayor Mumford read a letter from Wood River Bicycle Coalition in opposition to the CIEDRA Bill.

**BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY CITY CLERK:**

Jon Cummings – Permit #845 – Temporary Fence.

**BUILDING PERMITS/CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL:**

Temporary sign permit – Permit #1409171, Sawtooth Traxx. Councilmember Gadwa moves to approve Sign Permit #1409171, Council President Botti seconds. Motion passes.

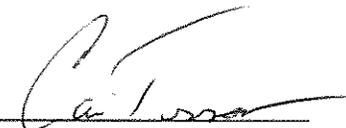
**CITY CLERK REPORT:** (City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano)

City Clerk issued a financial report for the end of the fiscal year 2014 showing all additional business that was applied to the appropriate year, along with financial report for October, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Mumford adjourns meeting at 8:15 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Botti, Council President

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cari Tassano, City Clerk

Noted attachments follow:

Geothermal Background and Proposal  
Council President Botti summary of possible wording for monument letter

## **BACKGROUND**

Residents and visitors to Stanley have long dreamed of making use of the warm geothermal waters that are present in the immediate Stanley area. For that reason the City of Stanley obtained a Department of Agriculture grant and performed a professional study of the location and potential of the geothermal resources in our immediate vicinity. The study was concluded and a final report issued on May 4, 2012, including recommendations for best well locations to tap the resource and the range of temperature that might be expected from the resource. Unfortunately the location for tapping the resource turned out to be located on U.S. Forest Service property, not within the privately owned property within the city limits.

The city initiated dialogue with the U.S. Forest Service regarding the possibility of a long term lease that might enable the next step of drilling a slim hole to verify the depth of accessible warm water and the actual temperature range at the source. Drilling the slim hole is the next logical step exploration and possible use of the geothermal resource. As of the completion of the Study in 2012, the potential still might be adequate for carbon-dioxide-free, renewable resource, power generation at one end of the possibilities, or might only be warm enough for recreational bathing, not power generation. The possibility of power generation together with recreational bathing or just recreation bathing alone are exciting for the community as they could bring a much needed boost to the local economy.

The progress came to a halt when the U.S. Forest Service pointed out that they can lease land for geothermal development **except** where that U.S. Forest Service land is in a National Recreation Area. This is spelled out in the Public Law 91-581, The Geothermal Steam Act of 1970. Consequently we believe our only chance to develop geothermal resources, in an environmentally responsible way, for the benefit of our community, would be to have the small area of land transferred from U.S. Forest Service ownership to City of Stanley ownership as part of a new (or renewed) wilderness proposal or monument declaration. Our understanding is that Public Law 91-581 would permit development of the geothermal resources, inside the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, if the land is owned by the city, not by U.S. Forest Service.

## **THE PROPOSAL**

Transfer a small portion of land from U.S. Forest Service ownership to City of Stanley ownership as depicted on Figure 1, below. The small portion of land, very few acres, would be located to include the drilling sites A and B as identified in the Stanley Geothermal Feasibility Study, Final Report, dated May 4, 2012. The land would include highway 75 frontage to facilitate access to utility right of ways along the highway. Access and egress would be possible along existing roads on the property.

The proposed parcel of land would include the old ranger station now being operated as the Stanley Museum by the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historic Association. The City of Stanley would be happy to maintain the relationship with SIHA for operation and maintenance of the museum as is currently established with the U.S. Forest Service as the current land lord. The geothermal well, electrical generation facilities (if adequate heat and quantity of energy is found to be available) and recreational warm water bathing facilities would be developed to the west of the museum.

The City of Stanley is committed to minimizing the environmental impact of whatever development is ultimately found to be feasible. This includes potential use of air cooled heat exchanger for the electrical generation facility and reinjection of water drawn from the thermal reservoir and/or submerged heat exchanger for heat removal from the reservoir. We would not want to adversely affect the temperatures in Valley Creek which joins the Salmon River just beyond this point. Similarly we would want to use the geothermal resource only in ways that assure its sustainability.



**Figure 1**

**Reference: Stanley Geothermal Feasibility Study  
Final Report dated May 4, 2012.**

Approximate boundary of land transfer



The following proposed language could be incorporated within a Presidential Proclamation designating a Boulder-White Clouds National Monument. This language is not intended to be inclusive, but merely representative of the type of language that would help define management intent and provide a blueprint for developing a management plan. These provisions, combined with a detailed enumeration of the historic and scientific objects to be protected, would help ensure that local stakeholders have a voice in the development of management policies and that existing rights, and existing types of recreational uses would continue under a Monument.

1. BLM and Forest Service shall manage the monument cooperatively.
2. Nothing in the establishment of the Monument shall affect any lands or interests of lands held by the State of Idaho, any political subdivision of the State of Idaho, or any private property rights within the boundaries of the National Monument.
3. Not later than 3 years after of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall complete a management plan for the conservation and protection of the National Monument. Existing authorities applicable to Federal lands included in the National Monument shall not be diminished.
4. Pending completion of the management plan for the National Monument, the Secretaries shall manage Federal lands and interests in lands within the National Monument substantially consistent with current uses occurring on such lands and under the general guidelines and authorities of the existing management plans of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management for such lands, in a manner consistent with other applicable Federal law.
5. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly establish an advisory committee for the National Monument, whose purpose shall be to advise the Secretaries with respect to the preparation and implementation of the management plan. The Secretaries may appoint an existing local collaborative group with established ties to the Forest Service and the BLM as the advisory committee, or the advisory committee shall include one representative each from: Challis, Mackay, Stanley, Ketchum, Sun Valley, a local university science department, Idaho Fish and Game, a local business establishment, a local conservation organization.
6. The Secretaries shall prepare and implement the management plan in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and in consultation with the local advisory committee to the extent practicable, and with interested owners of private property, and holders of valid existing

rights located within the boundaries of the Monument. Such consultation shall be on a periodic and regular basis.

7. The advisory committee shall cease to exist on the date upon which the management plan is officially adopted by the Secretaries, or later at the discretion of the Secretaries.

8. Consistent with the management plan and existing authorities, the Secretaries may enter into cooperative agreements and shared management arrangements, which may include special use permits with any person or entity, for the purposes of management, interpretation, and research and education regarding the resources of the National Monument.

9. The management plan shall include provisions to continue to authorize recreation uses of the National Monument such as hiking, camping, mountain biking, sightseeing, and horseback riding, snowmobiling, and commercial outfitter services as long as such recreation use is consistent with the purposes of the Proclamation. Except where or when needed for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the management plan shall restrict motor vehicles to roads and trails designated for such use, and non-motorized mechanized vehicle to roads and trails designated for such use.

10. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall permit hunting, trapping, and fishing within the National Monument in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States and the State of Idaho.

11. The Secretaries shall provide adequate access to nonfederally owned land or interests in land within the boundaries of the National Monument, which will provide the owner of the land or the holder of the interest the reasonable use and enjoyment of the land or interest, as the case may be.

12. Nothing in the Act shall have the effect of terminating any existing right of way.

13. The Secretaries shall issue and administer any grazing leases or permits in the National Monument in accordance with the same laws and regulations and Executive orders followed by the Secretaries in issuing and administering grazing leases and permits on other land under the jurisdiction of the Secretaries.

14. Land acquisition shall be by donation, exchange with willing party, or purchase from willing seller. Land acquired after the date of this Proclamation shall be added to and administered as part of this Monument.

15. To the extent practicable, the Secretaries shall use conservation easements to acquire interests in land in lieu of fee simple acquisition, if preferred by landowners.

16. In order to preserve its wild character, and to reduce human impacts within the Monument, development of roads and visitor use infrastructure shall be minimized on federal lands within the Monument, and shall be discouraged on private lands within the boundaries of the Monument through the use of voluntary conservation easements.