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**City of Stanley
Public Hearing/Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2012**

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Mayor Mumford called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Stanley Community Building.

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY: Mayor Herbert Mumford, Council President Steve Botti, Councilwoman Laurii Gadwa, Councilwoman Melinda Hadzor, and City Clerk Doug Plass.

OTHER ATTENDEES: David McDonald (by telephone), Jeff Welker, Ellen Libertine, Sari O'Malley, and Custer County Sheriff's Deputy Justin Mitchell

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Council is considering the issuance of a conditional use permits for short-term vacation rental in Residential 'B' zone.

Public Testimony:

David McDonald: He would like to make sure that the neighborhood isn't impacted by this. He would like to continue to own this property, but, due to the state of the economy, may not be able to without doing something like this. He thinks that the structure of the agreement will result in very little impact on the neighborhood while benefitting the City by increasing housing for tourism.

Sari O'Malley: She has been contacted by David McDonald to manage this property as a vacation rental in the same way as she manages other properties in Stanley. She spoke at great length with him about his goal for keeping the impact on the neighborhood at a minimum and the management style the Sawtooth Vista Rentals employs. She will be the local contact person and will manage this property in the same way as she does the other two properties within the city limits. The rental agreement has been built with a two car parked on site maximum, a 'no events' clause, and a 'no noise after 10:00 pm' clause. There will be no wedding events at this property.

Jeff Welker: He lives nearby and would like to support the application of David McDonald. He feels that the right to use private properties as the owners see fit is important, whether from convenience, financial hardship, or just to use something that is being underutilized.

Ellen Libertine: She would also like to support the application. Other rental properties, such as the Salmon River Lodge, have gone away in recent years, and the addition of this property helps to make up for some of that. In the summertime, we never have enough rooms, and this helps a little bit.

Laurii Gadwa: She has discussed this at length with David McDonald and would like to note that the owners will often be there while the property is being rented out. She feels that this will further guarantee that problems will be dealt with quickly.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 5:55 pm.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Mumford called the regular Council meeting to order at 5:55 pm. Council members Botti, Gadwa and Hadzor are present. Councilman Sentz is absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

MAYORAL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Mumford notes the passing of Neil Anderson. He was a valued member of the community and will be missed. The Mayor suggests that Neil ought to be honored during the Sled Dog Races as he was an integral part in making them happen.
- Upcoming events include the Stanley Winterfest on the weekend of February 11-12, the Snowmobiler's Ball on February 18th, the Sawtooth Ski Festival on March 3-4' and the Stanley Sled Dog Rendezvous on March 10-11.

PRESENTATION/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: The city clerk reads a letter submitted by John Graham regarding plans for the Stanley Street Dance Series that is included in the minutes. Councilwoman Gadwa motions to support the Street Dance Series. Councilwoman Hadzor 2nd. All approved. Motion passes.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST: The CAIL is available for review in the City Office.

CONSENT AGENDA: January 18, 2012 Minutes, bills for January and prepaid bills for January. Councilwoman Gadwa motions to approve the consent agenda. Council President Botti 2nd. All approved. Motion passes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: The Custer County Sheriff's report is included in the minutes. The City of Stanley will soon be accepting applications for part-time police officers. Sheriff's Deputy Justin Mitchell asks if grants may be available to fund a police officer. The Mayor responds the salaries are generally not covered by grants. Council President Botti asks what coverage is needed from a police officer in Stanley. The Mayor responds that coverage is needed for emergency response, special events, and routine bar patrols. Councilwoman Hadzor notes that the community supports the hiring of a part-time rather than a full-time officer, and asks if the possibility exists to contract with Custer County for that purpose. Mayor Mumford says that it is a possibility, but that if the situation with Mackay is any indication, it is difficult to get an arrangement where all parties are happy. Sheriff's Deputy Mitchell responds that it can work with the right personnel, but the remoteness of Stanley makes it more difficult. Mayor Mumford notes that having an officer living in the area is important. The Mayor thinks that contracting with the county would require another officer based in or near Stanley, and would thus increase the expense to at or above what the City would pay to hire a full-time officer itself. Thus, he believes that hiring one or more part-time officers is the best solution. As an aside, Deputy Mitchell reports the Forest Service has opened up the position for a Law Enforcement Officer. Councilwoman Gadwa fears that it may take a long time for that to materialize. Deputy Mitchell thinks that it could happen much sooner. Mayor Mumford notes that increased depth of coverage is welcome, but it does not solve the City's needs.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Groomer Committee: (Councilwoman Gadwa for Gary Gadwa) –There have been a number of breakdowns, but the groomer is currently operational and all trails have been groomed or will be groomed for the upcoming weekend.

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- CEDA: (Mayor Mumford) -Meeting will be held next week.
- Gem Committee/Park: (Doug Plass) –A report from the 1/31 meeting has been included in the minutes. Councilwoman Gadwa notes that there may be help with the upgrades of the historic buildings located in Pioneer Park by the Idaho Heritage trust. Council President Botti reports that Forest Service has just announced the \$150,000 has been received for Redfish Lake Trail planning and to complete the NEPA study. This may take a couple of years, but things are moving forward.
- Chamber of Commerce: (Ellen Libertine) – There is a new Idaho Tourism director who will be coming around to the different cities to meet with the Councils and Chambers of Commerce. Ellen expressed the desire of the community of Stanley to get a new snowmobile groomer and to deal with the issue of Highway 21's frequent closures. The new tourism director was supportive. The National Brotherhood of Skiers will be coming to Sun Valley and will receive Stanley brochures and information. No word on the non-profit status, but there is now a priority application procedure that the chamber is following.
- Code Review: (Council President Botti) The minutes include an outline for code review items to be discussed in the upcoming work session of 2/16/2012.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Conditional Use Permit Application (McDonald) – Council President Botti moves to approve the Conditional Use Permit for one year with the correction that the property is in Residential B zone, not Residential A. Councilwoman Hadzor 2nd. Three votes yes. One member abstains. Motion passes.

CITY CLERK REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Plass)

City officials and employees need to complete the ICRMP training by 3/1 for the city to be eligible for a discount program.

The office will be closed early on 2/29 and all day on 3/1.

OPTION TAX REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Plass)

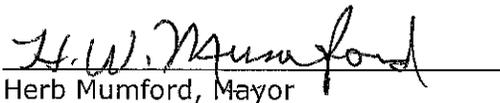
Option Tax Comparison Sheets are reviewed. A budget amendment is suggested to take into account the expected Option Tax revenue. A workshop will be scheduled for next month.

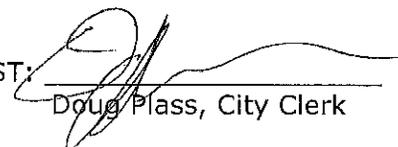
TREASURER REPORT:

The monthly financials are reviewed. An LGIP deposit of \$20,000 was recently made, returning all the monies that had been withdrawn in the previous fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mumford adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.


Herb Mumford, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Doug Plass, City Clerk