

**City of Stanley
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY: Mayor Herb Mumford, Councilmember Lem Sentz, Councilmember Melinda Hadzor, Council President Steve Botti and City Clerk Doug Plass. Councilmember Laurii Gadwa joined by phone for a portion of the meeting.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Alison Beechert, Jim Wetzal, Michelle Wetzal, Keith Reese, Anna Means, John Phillips, John Graham.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mumford called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None.

MAYOR COMMENTS/UPDATE:

The School Levy Election was held on March 12, with 35 voters in the Stanley Precinct supporting it and 35 against. Nearly all in person votes were in favor, and nearly all absentee votes were opposed.

The Stanley Sled Dog Rendezvous was held on March 9-10. We received 41 entries, and it seems to be growing every year. A good time was had by all.

The Sawtooth Ski Club held another successful Ski Festival on March 2-3.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

The clerk reads an email from Jocelyn Plass detailing her cleaning up of dog feces on the north side of Valley Creek, and asking that pet owners do a better job of cleaning up after their pets. She feels that the privilege of people walking their dogs on private property will likely be rescinded if pet owners don't stop behaving irresponsibly.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:

The Action Item list is presented to the Council. There are no current updates suggested.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council President Botti moves to approve the February 7th Council Meeting minutes, the prepaid bills for February and March, and the unpaid bills for March. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Mumford asks the Council to consider the addition of housing to the Law Enforcement compensation package. He says that for about \$7200/year an apartment could be provided to the Stanley police officer. This would allow for full time employment during the summer months and part-time/on call employment during the rest of the year. He says that since we are not offering year round full time employment, recruitment is quite difficult without the inclusion of housing.

ORIGINAL IN RED

Council Member Hadzor says that it would be nice if we could develop some of the local people that have expressed interest in becoming the police officer.

Mayor Mumford says that we currently have one applicant that looks good on paper and is in need of housing, but that the city will need to bring in for a visit to determine whether we want to pursue.

John Graham suggests that the city provide a housing allowance to the officer rather than having the city rent the apartment.

Council President Botti stresses that the availability of housing is an important consideration.

Mayor Mumford says that if the city is willing to make the commitment, there is currently housing available that we can tie up now.

Council President Botti says that he agrees in principle with the kind of employment that the mayor is suggesting.

Councilmember Hadzor asks that Councilmember Gadwa be called to get her input. Councilmember Gadwa joins by telephone. After presenting the issue to Councilmember Gadwa, she voices her support of the proposal to offer housing in the compensation package.

Councilmember Gadwa motions to approve including a housing allowance in the law enforcement compensation package. Council President Botti seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

STREETS AND ROADS

The Summer 2013 Streets and Roads contract has been offered for bid until April 4th. Mayor Mumford notes that 'not to exceed' amounts have been added to the contract to increase the accountability of the contractor.

Allison Beechert comments that whoever gets the contract should address the grading of Niece Avenue adjacent to the Salmon River Clinic as it ought to be constructed to drain farther away from the clinic.

Council President Botti thinks that the contract is an improvement from what we had in the past, but expresses his concern that a contractor might perform a portion of the work, and then ask for an amendment to continue the work. He thinks that a fixed price contract might be better controlled. Mayor Mumford responds that with a fixed price contract, the city would lack the ability to be flexible and perform additional work that comes up, and the full amount would have to be paid even if additional grading is not necessary. The Mayor and Council President agree that the contractor will need to be closely managed with the current system.

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

Emergency Services annual DMS training, March 15-16, 2013. Council President Botti moves to waive the community building fee. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

APPROVED

Idaho EMS Bureau Town Hall Meeting to discuss rule changes, May 15, 2013. Council President Botti moves to waive the fee. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Cemetery: The cemetery is quiet.

Groomer: The groomer broke down at the very end of our grooming season. It was discovered that Tucker had a recall on a part, and a replacement is being sent. A charging unit for the battery still needs to be purchased. A smaller drag is coming which will make the groomer easier to maneuver and reduce fuel costs.

CEDA: Mayor Mumford reports that the last meeting was held on February 25th at the Challis Community Events Center boardroom. The events center is complete and in use. CEDA is finalizing the agreement to pass operation and maintenance of the rapid response observatory to BSU. BSU will maintain a website with a library of images as part of the agreement. A community meeting with the topic of developing business in Custer County will be rescheduled for sometime in April.

Chamber of Commerce: Ellen Libertine submits a report by email summarized as follows. She attended a 1.5 day workshop on 'Buses for Byways'. This program will identify what demand exists for buses to drive the scenic byways and to deliver locals and visitors to recreation destinations. It will then identify the supply of buses available for these activities. Also, the Chamber met with the marketing firm rizencreative and identified marketing tactics to increase visibility of the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Stanley Square Development:

The City Clerk reports that the City Attorney has given an opinion on the requirements for 'Off Street Parking' in the Stanley Municipal Code. From the point of view of the city, the phrase 'as long as it remains undeveloped' should be interpreted as 'as long as a car can still be parked there'. Building a carport or garage over a designated off street parking space is therefore allowed.

Keith Reese gives an update on the Stanley Square development. He says that he and the property owners have been listening to the concerns that neighbors have, and that they want to support the community in whatever way they can.

Keith would like to take this opportunity to apologize about how the dirt that had to be exported from the job was handled. It turned out that they had to export far more dirt than was originally thought, and Rebecca's lot was a good alternative for them. Otherwise, the dirt would have had to have been trucked out. He admits that they could have done a better job of dust abatement. He wants to be a good neighbor and be responsive to the community.

Keith acknowledges that off street parking is a big issue. Therefore, the current shop will be converted to two parking spaces and a utility building. 13 parking spaces can be made available, but the courtyard may have to be used for snow storage to accommodate this. Keith says that a condominium proposal that includes parking is in preparation. The first space has already been rented for an art gallery. There is also a tenant for the café. Live/work units are also proposed, and Sawtooth Valley Builders will occupy one of them. Flexibility is the goal for the development at this time. Although some of the units may be used for hotel rooms at some point, residence may be a better fit. One of the residences will be offered to the city for a

police officer, and one as well to SIHA for their executive director. He shows a site plan including parking to the council. He is an advocate of a no-parking zone and a turn-around on Critchfield, and would hope that people see the wisdom of that plan. He plans on submitting a new permit with the additional parking and other changes as well as a condominium proposal.

Councilmember Hadzor asks how many units have available in the North Building. Keith replies that there are 6 living units in the North building as well as 3 living units and 3 ownership opportunities in the South Building.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Graham – Stanley Street Dance Series 2013 – John thanks the city for its support in the past, and presents a slightly amended MOU for the council to consider. The schedule has been expanded somewhat. He hopes to attract 1-2 national acts as well as Idaho and Northwest acts. The schedule includes Thursdays and some special days. Council President Botti moves to approve the MOU. Councilmember Sentsz seconds. All approved. Motion passes. John thanks the council and suggests that the council distribute a request for proposals to promoters and entrepreneurs to get back a music festival in Stanley. He offers to help draw it up.

Pioneer Park Master Plan – An engineering report has been developed by Sunrise Engineering to accompany the current draft of the Pioneer Park Master Plan. A Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 5 pm to discuss the plan with the community.

Mackay Wilderness River Trips – Building Permit #818 for the construction of a storage building. Council President Botti moves to approve the building permit. Councilmember Hadzor seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

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

The record review is ongoing, with about 50% of the records sorted.

A forum has been set up on the Stanley City Website to receive public comment and facilitate discussions on a variety of topics.

The City Office will be closed at noon on March 28th and remain closed on April 1st.

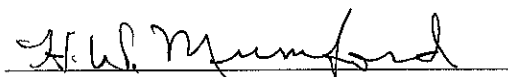
Results from the 2013 Stanley Sled Dog Rendezvous can be found on the city website.

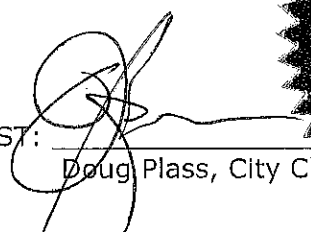
OPTION TAX REPORT/TREASURY REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Plass)

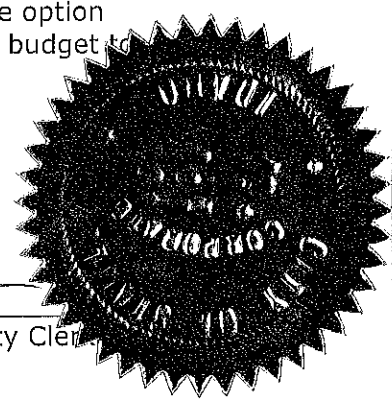
The Clerk/Treasurer presents the current financial information including the option tax report, check register, accounts receivable, state investment pool, and budget to actual comparison.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting is adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Herb Mumford, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Doug Plass, City Clerk



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