

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DIETRICH, IDAHO
FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The city council met in regular session at Dietrich City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Knowles. Roll was called and those answering present were, Ryan Smith, Anne Eschliman and Fred Hill and Don Heiken absent. Also attending the meeting was Dan Olmstead, Idaho Power Representative, Jim Rodgers, from Dietrich School, and Jeff Weber, community member.

Addition to the agenda was discussion of tennis court.

Motion was made by R. Smith and 2nd by A. Eschliman to approve the minutes as read. All in favor and the motion carried.

The following bills were received:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT	Check No.
U.S. Post Office	* stamps	\$156.00	4699
Iva Lee Green	* 49.75 x 10.00=497.50-88.06=	\$409.44	4700
Tom Young	* 52.50 x 6.00=315.00-47.09 =	\$267.91	4701
Federal Government	* FICA & Medicare Match	\$71.94	4702
Craig Hobdey	* city attorney	\$250.00	4703
Dietrich Highway Dist.	on old account	\$50.00	
Dietrich Highway Dist	Highway User's	\$1,638.74	
Dietrich Highway Dist.	highway city	\$1,837.64	4704
Dietrich Water & Sewer	city hall(64.00 + 66.20		4705
	Grange(22.00 +23.10	\$175.30	4705
E. Scott Paul	retainer for council	\$75.00	4706
Forsgren and Associates	**on account for sewer work	\$250.00	4707
Glenn's Business Machine	service contract(31.00	\$31.00	4708
HD Supply waterworks	* 2 meters,	\$198.83	4709
Idaho Power	st.lights(91.68		
	hall(189.39		
	* lift station(86.97		
	park(4.06		
	* Well(142.27	\$510.31	4710
Lincoln Co. Auto	chevron, chevron oil	\$12.86	4711
Magic Valley Labs	* 2 water tests),	\$24.00	4712
Qwest	city hall(41.98		
	Excel long distance(11.93		
	* well(10.05		
	* lift station(27.94	\$92.54	4713
Shaw L & L	paper towels, hot dogs tp paper	\$30.97	4714
Skinner Fawcett Law Offices	**on account for sewer bond	\$50.00	4715
Teton Wireless	Internet connection	\$20.43	4716
United Pipe & Sypply	* epoxy MTR	\$65.27	4717
Wells Fargo	* Go Daddy,	\$9.99	4718
Idaho Rural Water	* registration for conference	\$200.00	4719
	total	\$6,272.17	

Motion was made by R. Smith and 2nd by A. Eschliman to pay the bills. All in favor and the motion carried.

The following credits were received:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
Lincoln County	2006 occupancy tax(121.50	
	2006 highway to city(32.79	
	2006 current real tax(6024.65	
	2006 Hlghway to city(1624.34	
	first1/2 circut breaker(344.28	
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	total	\$8,240.35
State of Idaho	Highway User"s	\$1,638.74
State of Idaho	Revenue Sharing	\$1,200.15
	total	\$11,079.24

Old business: Someone needs to talk to Lyle Towne about the snowplow and how we can pay the additional \$500.00. We need to know if that amount can come out of the highway user funds?

Road at Greenfields needs to be looked into more and need to find where the easements are located.

Raise for Tom Young was discussed and was decided that a rate assessment needs to be done and after that give him a raise and make it retroactive.

New business: Dan Olmstead, Idaho Power Representative, presented a Franchise agreement with Idaho Power. The old franchise expired in 1996. The franchise allows Idaho Power to use the right of ways for power. The old franchise basically said they could use the right of ways and clean up after their work and to make sure of the safety of lines and poles. In 1995 a change in the franchise allowed cities 1%, 2% or 3% added on to customers' bills and collected by Idaho Power. This money is paid quarterly to the city. The money can be used for whatever is necessary. Mr. Olmstead came before the council in the year 2000 to discuss the franchise. The council at that time did not act upon renewing it. He is asking the council to consider renewing the franchise. He gave a copy of the franchise agreement to the city clerk and asked that a copy be distributed to each council member and send a copy to our lawyer to review it. He said that most cities are signing a 10 year agreement and if we want to start the process he will come to all the council meetings to answer questions about the franchise.

Mr. Olmstead stated you can start at the 1% but are not locked into that rate. It could by mutual agreement be raised to 2% or 3%. Idaho Power gets benefit of having legality to work on lines in right of way and city gets the benefit of extra revenue.

Mr. Olmstead told council that Idaho Power does help cities with some grant money. Usually the amount is not over \$1000.00 depending on the project.

Jim Rodgers attended the meeting to discuss with the city council about annexing the Area of Impact for the school. This is approximately 69 acres on the east side of Dietrich. He is trying to establish a buffer zone around the school for future expansion. The way it is right now if they sell the land they have to sell all 69 acres. If this area is annexed the school would not have to sell the land around the school. They could use the "old Fechner property" as a building fund from the money received from the sale. The buffer zone would be the present city limits.

Question was asked what was the benefit to the city? The council was told hopefully more tax revenue and better control over development and benefit to school would be a bumper zone around the school.

A discussion followed of location of water and sewer lines adjacent to the property in question.

Jeff Weber, one of the property owners, wanted to know what size the city would allow. He would like to divide into 5 acre lots that would have irrigation water and have nicer homes built on the land.

Councilman Hill stated pending talking with the lawyer he had no problem with annexation of bumper area for the school and the 69 acres of ground.

Councilwoman Eschliman was appointed to talk to the lawyer concerning the annexation.

E-mail from Marvin Miller was read to the council discussing the development of the ground he purchased from Sid Edwards.

Brad Dotson, P & Z Administrator discussed with the council that #1 Michelle Higginbotham's term of office expires this summer and she is not interested in being reappointed. The council needs to think of a replacement. Her seat is in the city limits, so need to appoint someone in the city. #2 Kelly Jennings has not been to a meeting for 6 months. His position needs to be replaced and filled from someone outside the city limits in the Area of Impact.

Councilman Hill will talk to Kelly Jennings and also to Shirley Bingham about being on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Electrical bill payment from the Fire District is not keeping up with the amount of electricity being used when the fire truck bay is being heated

Tom Young report: Tom reported that some of the meters have frozen and had to replace them. He was able to borrow one from Shoshone and given them a new meter.

We need backflow preventor and meter at the R.V. Dump that is being put in down by the highway office.

He also said some people have water leaks at their homes but are waiting until Spring to fix them.

Tom also discussed the size of the meters in town. He said almost all the cities around use a 5/8" meter.

Idaho Rural Conference is in March and Tom has been nominated for Rookie of the Year Operator. **Motion** made by R. Smith and 2nd by F. Hill for Tom to attend the meeting. All in favor and the motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Eschliman and 2nd by R. Smith to purchase virus software for the computer. All in favor and the motion carried.

Deb Cottonware from Dietrich School is working a grant to refurbish the tennis Court. She will use the tennis net as a match.

Miranna Sorensen doesn't want to be involved with the 4th of July celebration this year.

Motion was made by R. Smith and 2nd by F. Hill to adjourn the meeting. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk

