

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DIETRICH, IDAHO
JANURARY 8, 2007

The city council met in regular session at city hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeanetta Knowles at 7:00 P.M. Meeting was turned over to President of the Council, Don Heiken.

Roll was called and those answering present were Anne Eschliman, Don Heiken, Ryan Smith with Fred Hill being absent.

Also present at the meeting was Robert Lanford from USDA Rural Development and Jim Phillips from Rural Community Assistance Corporation and Don Knowles, community member.

Addition to the agenda was a letter from Marvin Miller.

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:

Iva Lee Green	*	38 x 10.00=380.00-62.07=	\$317.93	4676
Tom Young	*	65 x6.00=390.00-63.84=	\$326.16	4677
Federal Government	*	FICA & Medicare Match	\$58.91	4678
Craig Hobdey	*	city attorney	\$250.00	4679
Dietrich Highway Dist.		on old account	\$50.00	4680
Dietrich Highway Dist		highway to city	\$33.74	4680
Dietrich Water & Sewer		city hall(64.00 + 66.20		
		Grange(22.00 +23.10	\$175.30	4681
E. Scott Paul		retainer for council	\$75.00	4682
Evans & Poulsen	*	city audit	\$2,800.00	4683
Forsgren and Associates	**	on account for sewer work	\$250.00	4684
G & H Hardware		2 light bulbs, battery	\$11.77	4685
Gem State Welders	*	1 drum hypochlorite solution	\$55.12	4686
Glenn's Business Machine		service contract(31.00	\$31.00	4687
Idaho Power		st.lights(87.68		
		hall(140.97		
	*	lift station(81.60		
		park(4.06		
	*	Well(126.39	\$440.70	4688
Les Schwab Tires	*	tires for generator trailer	\$133.00	4689
Lincoln Co. Auto	*	gas treatment for generator	\$7.35	4690
Magic Valley Labs	*	2 water tests),	\$24.00	4691
Qwest		city hall(41.94		
		Excel long distance(11.92		
	*	well(25.75		
	*	lift station(27.84	\$107.45	4692
Skinner Fawcett Law Offices	**	on account for sewer bond	\$50.00	4693
Teton Wireless		Internet connection	\$20.43	4694
Valley Co-op	*	Gasoline	\$258.73	4695
Wells Fargo	*	Go Daddy,	\$9.99	4696
Idaho Dept of Commerce		State Unemployment tax	\$23.43	4697
State of Idaho Tax Comm.		State taxes	\$73.00	4698
		total	\$5,583.01	

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

The following credits were received:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
Lincoln County	2005 deliquent tax(29.91	
	2005 Penalty on tax(.59	
	2005 interest(3.24	
	2005 Highway to city(7.96	
	2005 highway to city penalty(.17	
	2005 highway to cityinterest(..87	
	2006 current real tax(91.78	
	2006 highway to city(24.74	\$159.26
State of Idaho	Liquor distribution	\$801.00
Almalgamated Sugar	* water usage	\$54.00
William Bingham	internet e-mail(1 year)	\$25.00
Shaw L & L	beer license	\$18.00
Eagles Nest	beer and liquor license	\$128.00
	total	\$1,185.26

Jim Phillips and Robert Lanford attended the meeting to discuss a new well and how to finish the sewer lines going down Waucanza Street.

Discussion also touched on the back up well at the school which is not adequate because it is unable to supply the entire town with water during an emergency. The main well can run up to 13 hours during peak summer time usage The council also discussed where water and sewer lines could go down Waucanza Street.

Mr. Lanford told the council that USDA Rural Develop is not for developers and so would have to make sure we met their criteria. He said we needed to adjust our rates and Mr. Phillips suggested we raise our hook up fees.

USDA has the ability to do a study for rates at no cost to the city. They could do the rate study and bring the information to the council for further review. Council was also told that development of rates is very important. By raising rates we can start to accumulate some money to help with some of the finances. A letter needs to be send to USDA Rural Development requesting that help us with a rate study.

Grants are now 25% with a 75% match from the community that is applying. The council needs to get started as quickly as possible to get it done before material prices go up.

A request for proposal letter needs to be sent to the many engineers and see what their qualifications are for such a project.

Rural Community Assistance Corp. does “bridge work” to help with such expenses as for engineering study.

Council was told that help from Region IV for a Block Grant will probably be at least 2 years before anything could be started.

Old Business: Tabled needs assessment, snow plow, and road by Greenfield’s.

Clerk informed the council that Diane Sauer from Idaho Rural Water would be here on January 10th to help with the Quick Books.

New Business: Water/Sewer rates was tabled.

Clerk to send a letter to Robert Lanford requesting a rate study

Discussion was made on a raise for Tom Young. Per council request he presented quotes from other cities on what their pay scale is for an operator. Most cities pay their operators with 2 licenses at least \$15.00 and hour.

Discussed raising his salary to \$9.00 and hour and decided to discuss in Executive Session.

Tom Young reported on water rates from other communities for selling water to tanker trucks.

Discussed PSI for water for a fire. Also discussed way to determine well's peak usage.

Letter from Marvin Miller was read concerning his development of the 5 acres above the school. His letter discussed having a community well which would service 18 homes.

The council discussed contacting Mr. Miller and telling him about our progress for getting a new well. The council also talked about the possibility if had only 5 homes going in being able to supply water to them. Irrigation for the ground was also discussed. Need to know if irrigation water goes with the land.

Raise was tabled for Tom Young until a full quorum is present.

Motion made by D. Heiken and 2nd by R. Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

_____ Mayor

_____ City clerk