

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DIETRICH, IDAHO
JUNE 6, 2005

The city council met in regular session at Dietrich City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Knowles at 7:00 P.M. Roll was called: Wayne Perron, present, Don Heiken, present, Wanless Southwick, present and Janet Towne, absent.

Motion: Motion made was made by D. Heiken and 2nd by W. Perron to approve the minutes. All in favor and the motion carried.

The following bills were received:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
Forsgren and Associates	* on account for sewer work	\$250.00
Glenn's Business Machine	service contract(31.00	\$31.00
Roberts Electric	* check the well house,wires at Southwicks	\$257.40
E. Scott Paul	retainer for council	\$75.00
Dept. of Enviromental Quality	* payment on sewer bond(paid)	\$3,817.74
Idaho Power	st.lights(90.09	
	park(3.43	
	hall(73.90	
	* *well(129.94	
	* lift station(92.68	\$390.04
Timberline Trash	garbage removal	\$37.75
Angelina Sorensen	park maintenance	\$400.00
Agriliance Agronomy Center(* weed spray	\$178.44
Valley Co-Op	* gasoline	\$214.54
Skinner Fawcett Law Offices	* on account for sewer bond	\$50.00
Craig Hobdey	* city attorney	\$250.00
Qwest	city hall(44.32	
	Excel long distance(8.29	
	* lift station(28.68	
	* pump house(25.84	\$106.73
Dietrich Water & Sewer	city hall(64.00 + 66.20	
	Grange(22.00 +23.10	\$175.30
Iva Lee Green	* 32.50x10.00=327.50-49.86=	\$275.14
Tom Young	*	
Federal Government	* FICA & Medicare Match	\$34.86
Magic Valley Labs	* 2 water tests),	\$24.00
Citcorp Vendor Finance, Inc.	copy machine rental	\$79.00
Dietrich Highway Dist.	highway to city	\$117.63
Dietrich Hlghway Dist.	on old account	\$50.00
Shaw L & L	* chlorax, oil, oil, clamp, fix a flat, mis.	\$15.59
State Insurance Fund	* workmens comp insurance(Paid)	\$335.00
Floyd Lilly Company	* meter parts	\$24.25
Wells Fargo	* internet services, Big Daddy, book	\$87.81
	total	\$7,277.22

Motion: Motion made by Southwick and 2nd by Heiken to pay the bills. All in favor and the motion carried.

The following credits were received:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
Lincoln County	Quarterly AG Exempt(2.50	
	AG exemp Highway to city(.48	
	Sales tax dist. excess tax(597.27	
	2004 current real tax(80.80	
	2004 Penalty tax(.71	
	2004 Interest tax(1.06	
	2004 Highway to city(21.75	
	2003 Deliquent tax(55.66	
	2003 Penalty tax(1.10	
	2003 Interest tax(8.52	
	2003 Highway to city deliq. tax(17.78	
	2002 Deliquent tax(119.64	
	2002 Penalty tax(2.38	
	2002 Interest tax(32.94	
	2001 Deliquent tax(113.94	
	2001 Penalty tax	
	2001 Interest tax(45.09	
	2001 Deliquent Highway to city(38.30	
	total county tax	\$1,180.91
Lawrence Estate	Borden water	\$12.93
Wayne Perron	Borden water	\$8.25
Pat Voloshen	Borden water	\$12.93
	total money received	\$1,215.02

Ordinance: The ordinance for vacating parts of 5th street, and Lincoln Street was read for the second time.

Step: New device for the irrigation ditch for Ron Beckley plugged up and broke the culvert. Water had flowed out of the box. The fine mesh net was taken off and the wider mesh was left to catch debris. Box was anchored down with concrete slabs.

No new sewer lines have been added to the system. Trying to wait for the evaporation process to take care of high levels at the lagoon.

Wind Farm: Not much new to report on what is happening. BLM had told Mr. Southwick that you could not charge taxes on federal lands. State Tax Commission is looking into the matter.

Electrician has not shown up yet at the well to fix the power so can start to use the chlorination device. He maybe waiting until parts come in for sewer station before coming out.

Tom Young has done some spread sheets for the city showing pumping of the well, power usage and etc.

Lawn Mower have had problems with the lawn mower at the park. Maintenance people have had to use school mower to move last week. When maintenance personal first got the mower it needed some maintenance. Then it started using a lot of oil and after that stopped working altogether. Need to purchase a new mower.

Options were discussed about the mower. Could look on E-bay, ask school if they want to replace their mower, check with Outdoor Power for their cost, and look at Federal Surplus in Boise.

Motion: Motion made by Perron and 2nd by W. Southwick to have Craig and Marianna Sorensen to research the options and get something that would not break down after a year. Water at park needs to be started. Check with Tracy Perron about hooking into the sprinkler system for the irrigation water.

Need to let Dennis Race know that we need more water.

The following is for the community service day.

Community Service Day – Park Clean-up June 11, 2005

Park Building – Treat Logs with Sealer

Mike Languen will be supervisor of the “painting” of the park building

Supplies needed for project:

1. Total of ten gallons of Linseed oil (we already have 4 gallons)
2. One gallon of graphite to mix with 5 gallons of linseed oil for treating roof
3. Six (?) 4” oil-base brushes
4. Air compressor with nozzle to blow out dirt (don’t want dirt in brushes)
5. Ladders
6. Safety Harness for volunteer that will do roof with graphite.

Consider using hay wagon parked next to building for safety while working on roof
Paint inside of building also?

Sand Blast Graffiti from Fireplace Rock

_____ be in charge of sand blasting

Supplies needed fro project:

1. Large trailer-mounted air compressor (\$98 per day from Barry Rental)
2. Sand Blaster (\$37 per day from Barry Rental)
3. Coarse Grit (2 to 4 hundred pound bags @ \$8 /bag from Franklin Building)
4. Face Shield
5. Particle Mask
6. Gloves and Ear Protection

Person in charge needs to pick up sand blaster and air compressor from Barry Rental in Jerome on Friday night or Early Saturday morning.

Sand blasting needs to be done before painting inside building starts.

Install Public Address System

Steve Southwick will do installation of electronic equipment

1. Install one speaker on roof, anchored to chimney
2. Install one speaker to east eave of building
3. Install electronic equipment inside storage closet of building
4. Put microphone jack on inside wall of building
5. Run speaker wires from speaker to electronic equipment cabinet in storage closet

Replace Parking Barrier

Leon Hubsmith in charge of selecting boulders and delivering them to the park

Equipment needed for project:

1. Loader or backhoe to pull up old log barriers
2. Pickup to carry barrier logs to Craig Sorensen’s dry pasture
3. Loader to select and load boulders from lagoon site
4. Dump truck to carry boulders from lagoon site to park
5. Back hoe or track hoe to place boulders as barrier

Installation plan for rock barrier:

1. Lift old log barriers out of ground and haul away
2. Store logs at Sorensen's for use as community firewood resource
3. Select lava rock boulders of about 3' x 4' in size to use in barrier
4. Load rocks into dump truck and dump them at parking area of park
5. Back hoe or track hoe place boulders as a parking barrier
6. Boulders to be spaced about 3' apart (so baby strollers can pass between rocks)
7. At the sidewalk, leave a space big enough for a pickup to back up between rocks for unloading and loading of event supplies

Problems to be Solved:

1. Consider removing water faucet inside building
 - a. It makes a water mess inside (despite drain area)
 - b. Use pipe hole for microphone jack?
2. Big drain inside building smells like a latrine
 - a. Probably used as a urinal when park toilet is locked
 - b. Consider cementing the drain over or plumbing drain into sewer
 - c. Consider leaving the park toilet open (security options?)

4th of July Celebration: The council also discussed some plans for the celebration at the park. Some suggestions were: Flag raising by the scouts followed by a breakfast, parade, games, a potluck and anyone who wanted to bring fireworks could do so and have the fire dept. stand by in case they are needed.

Ben and Susan Flores attended the meeting to see if something could be done about the ditch water that is flooding them out. They have no irrigation shares and the neighbors water is going under their house. City will check with the attorney to see who is responsible for taking care of the waste water. Have the lawyer write a letter to the responsible parties. They also had a question about how many dogs a person could have on their property. 1st Ordinance of the city doesn't restrict the number of dogs but does say should be licensed. P & Z Ordinance does not address the issue of the number of dogs allowed. May need to add and amendment to the P & Z Ordinance because of a growing problem in our community. Council will monitor the dog situation.

Motion: Motion was made by Heiken and 2nd by Perron to approve the sewer letter which reads:

City of Dietrich

35 West First Street
Dietrich, Idaho 83324
(208) 544-2102

June 1, 2005

Person's Name
Address
Dietrich, Idaho 83324

Dear _____.

We encourage you to connect to the City's sewer service this summer. Please call the city clerk, Iva Lee Green (544-2102), to schedule your sewer connection. The cost to connect to the sewer is the actual cost of excavating and connecting to the sewer, plus a \$300 connection fee and a \$10 inspection fee. The State Plumbing Inspector charges \$35.

City sewer services have been available for your residence since the summer of 2004. If you are not scheduled to be connected to the sewer this summer, you are required to have your septic tank and drain field inspected by a certified septic tank installer. You bear the expense of the septic tank inspection. If the City does not receive a copy of the inspection report by July 31, 2005, the City will hire an inspector to inspect your septic tank and drain field, and will bill you for the cost of the inspection.

Sincerely,

Jeanetta R. Knowles,
Mayor

All in favor and the motion carried.

Motion: Motion made by Heiken and 2nd by Southwick to approve the letter for past due accounts and how to handle them in the future. The letter is as follows:

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#City of Dietrich

35 West First Street
Dietrich, Idaho 83324

208-544-2864

June 7, 2005

Dear Water and Sewer Users,

The City of Dietrich will be able to meet the financial obligations for its water and sewer utility services if every utility user will pay their utility bills, including their past due sewer and water bills. It is important to the well-being of our community that utility bills are paid on time.

At it's June 6th meeting, the city council adopted a uniform utility bill collection strategy, based on existing city ordinances:

- 1- The City of Dietrich expects all water and sewer users to pay their monthly utility bills within 10 days of receiving their bills.
- 2- If their account has a balance owing and they pay extra (10% of the balance owing or at least \$10 extra) every month to catch up their bill, the city will count their payment as satisfactory.
- 3- If the utility bill is not paid within 10 days of billing, a past due notice will be mailed.
- 4- If the utility bill is not paid within 30 days after it is past due, then water service will be shut off.
- 5- Before water will be turned back on, the whole amount due must be paid, including a \$100 turn-on fee.

In extenuating circumstances a contract may be executed to give the water and sewer user more time to make full payment.

We need everyone's help to keep our city on a sound financial footing.

Sincerely,

Jeanetta R. Knowles,
Mayor

Example of Past Due Notice

(A post card will be mailed when utility payment is past due)

City of Dietrich – 35 West First Street – Dietrich, Idaho 83324 – 208-544-2102

Past Due Notice!

We have not received your monthly utility bill payment, which is due 10 days after we send the bill to you.

You now have 30 days to pay your utility bill in full, or we must

turn off your water service on: May ??, 2005

There will be a \$100 fee charged to turn your water back on, after you pay your full utility bill.

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A Post card will be send and then a notice put on their door the day before the water is shut off. All in favor and the motion carried.

Motion: Motion was made by Heiken and 2nd by Perron to adjourn the meeting. All in favor and the meeting adjourned by 10:00 P.M.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk