

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DIETRICH, IDAHO
MARCH 1, 2004

The Dietrich City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 P.M.
Mayor Knowles called roll: Janet Towne, present, Wayne Perron, present, Don Heiken, present, Wanless Southwick, present.

Motion made by D. Heiken and 2nd by J. Towne to approve the minutes. All in favor and the motion carried.

The following bills were received:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT	
State Insurance Fund	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$209.00	
Valley Co-op	fuel	\$129.45	
Water District 130	* annual assessment	\$179.00	
Glenn's Business Machine	service contract(31.00	\$31.00	
E. Scott Paul	retainer for council	\$75.00	
Idaho Power	st.lights(96.42		
	park(2.51		
	hall(182.25		
	* *well(131.16		
	* lift station(98.26	\$510.60	
Craig Hobdey	city attorney	\$250.00	
Qwest	city hall(41.91		
	Excel long distance(7.87		
	* lift station(27.79		
	* pump house(25.72	\$103.29	
Dietrich Water & Sewer	city hall(64.00 + 66.20		
	Grange(22.00 +23.10	\$175.40	
Iva Lee Green	* 34hr x 10.00=340.00-47.01	\$292.99	
Federal Government	* FICA & Medicare Match	\$26.01	
Magic Valley Labs	* *water test	\$11.00	
Citcorp Vendor Finance, Inc.	copy machine rental	\$79.00	
Wells Fargo	internet services	\$16.99	
Dietrich Highway District	on account for road work	\$300.00	
	total		\$2,179.73

Motion made by J. Tjowne and 2nd by d. Heiken to pay the bills. All in favor and the motion carried.

The following credits were received:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
Lincoln County	ag exempt(2.50	
	ag exempt tax hwy(.48	
	county & city tax base(538.41	
	2003 current tax(220.01	
	2003 penalty tax(3.45	
	2003 interest on tax(.77	
	highway to city(61.12	
	2000 delinquent tax(12.23	
	2000 penalty tax(.24	
	2000 interest on tax(4.50	
	2000 highway to city(3.77	\$847.48

New business- Discussion of several people who have objected to paying for sewer without having the service. After discussion with our lawyer, Mr. Hobdey, items in the sewer ordinance should have been reviewed and charges should have been made for hooking-up to the sewer. Mr. Hobdey stated you couldn't ask people to pay before they have the service several things should have been done and were not. Section 18 should be paying for sewer hook-up. Suppose to charge \$300.00 hook-up fee just for the privilege of hooking up to the sewer. The rates need to be reviewed to see if they are okay. Seems if currently on city water services should hook up to sewer. Sewer permits should have charged \$10.00. Mr. Hobdey is recommending we go back and charge the \$300 hook-up fee with credit for those who have pre- paid. Could charge a 60% surcharge for someone outside the city limits. Need to implement a deposit fee before turning on water so city is not left with unpaid bills if people move. The deposit would be returned after so long and if people kept their bills current.

He also recommended that people that are more than 30 days delinquent that their water is shut off.

Sewer Construction Committee met and a spreadsheet was put together; name, address, date of hook up, and the cost to tap into the sewer (actual cost and day hooked up). People who have paid for a long time will be given a credit but will have to pay the tap in charge. Credit to patron would be subtracted from the tap in charge and any left over will be assessed each month about \$10.00 less a month on their bills.

Spreadsheet is very complicated and will need to be refined for explanation to patrons. The fees will be \$300 for privilege of hooking up to sewer, \$10.00 permit fee. This is the only way to make it fair and legal.

Need to schedule a time after spreadsheet is perfected to meet with the lawyer and with some outside committee members to discuss how to present changes to patrons and bring charges in line with the ordinance.

A Sewer Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 4 at 7:00 P.M.

Planning and Zoning-question of Area of Impact finalized. County had to approved the Zoning map but don't know if it has been published.

Need to give our attorney everything we have on Area of Impact and them have him help with Annexation.

Motion made by Janet Towne and 2nd by Wayne Perron to send a letter to Mr. Hobdey. All in favor and the motion carried.

Steep Bills and Reports: Councilman Southwick attended a meeting with Region IV. Kathy Uker was present and went over spreadsheet item by item to check

where finances come from. If we pay everything we owe we would be approximately \$1000.00 in the hole, but do not know for sure until spreadsheet is refined.

Need to have a meeting with the funding partners.

Finish of sewer line by rock hammering and fixing of the irrigation pipe.

Discussed way to fix line for water with a screen to catch debris.

Discussed way to hook up Mr. Lyons Estate by angling instead of trying to go straight that will help miss a rock ledge.

Report on financial status is we have no money.

Council looked at audit report. Councilman Southwick read audit report letter.

Motion made by D. Heiken and 2nd by W. Southwick to accept the audit with the provision that we don't understand it. All in favor and the motion carried.

School is advertising for bids for the Fechner house.

Is a problem with the streets that needs to be fixed. Streets can be vacated but not sold. School might be more willing to help with our other street problem if we abandon part of Lincoln and 5th street through the school property.

Mr. Hobdey suggested get together and get with other cities and hire an attorney to fight what is going on with water resources of Idaho.

Other options is hire our own attorney, join Northside Ground Water District or prove our draw is not affecting water down in Hagerman Valley.

1st step is to check with curtailment letter. Don Heiken to check out why got a curtailment letter for the city water.

At this time 2 people have applied for job of maintenance person from newspaper ad, copy needs to be sent out for job in water bills.

Water bill has to say something about the process of revising water bills. Trying to comply with advice from city attorney.

Motion made by D. Heiken and 2nd by J. Towne to adjourn the meeting. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk