MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2024

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council meeting held August 6, 2024, and the call of the Mayor, the Driggs City Council met **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and present were: Mayor August Christensen, Council President Miles Knowles, Council Members: Allison Michalski, Jennifer Bragg and Jason Popilsky; City Clerk Kreslyn Schuehler, Public Works Director Jay Mazalewski, Airport Manager Meredith Fox, and City Attorney Sam Angell. Council President Knowles lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNITY INPUT
There was no community input at this time.

Council Member Knowles requested an amendment to the agenda. Mayor Christensen stated it was too late to amend the agenda. City Clerk, Kreslyn Schuehler, also believed it was too late, but suggested the Council ask the City Attorney once he arrived.

CONSENT AGENDA
City Council Minutes from 8/6/24
Claims from 8/7/24 – 8/20/24

Council Member Knowles moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Michalski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING- FY2025 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
Mayor Christensen opened the Public Hearing at 6:05pm. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Knowles made a motion to waive the rules, read by title only, and consider the ordinance thrice read, for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Appropriations ordinance. Council Member Bragg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council Member Knowles, aye; Council Member Michalski, aye; Council Member Popilsky, aye and Council Member Bragg, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Knowles read the Title of the Ordinance.

Council Member Knowles made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Appropriation Ordinance 476-24 in the amount of $22,790,884 with an effective date of October 1, 2024. Council Member Michalski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council Member Knowles, aye; Council Member Michalski, aye; Council Member Popilsky, aye and Council Member Bragg, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM TETON BASIN WATER USERS
Wyatt Penfold presented information to the Council. He gave a brief background and stated the association had been formed for 6-7 years, but was beginning to concentrate on specific matters such as the aquifer recharge. He stated they were working with those in the county to seek a grant for help map every canal, main line, irrigation lines, etc. through the whole valley. He

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concluded by stating the Mayor had been a great support and was a good representative within this group for the City of Driggs.

PUBLIC HEARING – JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION FOR WASTEWATER
Rick Miller, from Altura, stated this was a public hearing for the judicial confirmation process for the wastewater treatment plant funding approval. He stated this would allow the city to borrow funds with a judge's review instead of taking it to the voters. The action was to request up to $25 million.

Mayor Christensen opened the Public Hearing at 6:22pm.

Robert Boyle, spoke in opposition. He stated the voters should have the ability to make this decision and stated he felt the Council doesn't want to hear from them. He further stated the voters should be able to tell EPA to "drop dead."

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:24pm.

WASTEWATER II APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION AWARD FOR MATTHEW SENITZER
Gary Sievers, with the Idaho Rural Water Association Apprenticeship Program, presented Matthew Senitzer with a completion certificate. He presented a video on the apprenticeship program.

Mr. Siever stated the certificate included over 4,000 hours of job training and over 288 hours of related training and instruction.

WILL SERVE REQUEST FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THE AREA OF IMPACT
Mr. Mazalewski stated the will serve request was for fire protection only. It was in the area of impact and adjacent to two other subdivisions that had been given will serve approval. He further stated if there wasn't adequate fire flow, it would be the applicant's responsibility to provide the upgrades needed.

Council Member Michalski made a motion to authorize a "Fire Protection Will Serve Letter" for use of the city system for fire protection, not to exceed nine residential units with the following conditions: Consent to being annexed, at any time, by the city, without protest; be required to construct any upgrades or extensions to the water system to meet its fire protection needs; and the Will Serve will expire in two years if the project has not progressed. A roll call vote was taken: Council Member Knowles, aye; Council Member Michalski, aye; Council Member Popilsky, aye and Council Member Bragg, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

BACKHOE PURCHSE FROM WESTERN STATES CAT
Mr. Mazalewski stated the backhoe purchase was approved for the fiscal year 2025. He had found a vendor that can do a piggyback to purchase a new backhoe if done this fiscal year. He stated he was still working with the financial officer to determine if the loan could be paid off in 2 years. Mr. Mazalewski stated the City Attorney had reviewed the contract and because of the upcoming winter season, he would like this to be approved soon as there was a 10-week delivery time.

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Council Member Michalski made a motion to approve the lease and purchase of a 2024 Caterpillar 420XE from Western States CAT pending final approval of financing and contract by the Attorney. Council Member Bragg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council Member Knowles, aye; Council Member Michalski, aye; Council Member Popilsky, aye and Council Member Bragg, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA
Council Member Knowles requested an amendment to the agenda to include Personnel in the Executive Session. City Attorney Sam Angell questioned if this addition to the agenda was due to a good faith effort to add the item prior to the deadline. Council Member Knowles stated he just became aware of some information that should be shared about the previous discussion at the last meeting. Mr. Angell stated he agreed this could be added.

Council Member Knowles made a motion to amend the agenda to include Personnel in the Executive Session with no action to be taken, due to the information received after the agenda was posted. Council Member Michalski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council Member Knowles, aye; Council Member Michalski, aye; Council Member Popilsky, aye and Council Member Bragg, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES
Staff presented their quarterly updates and answered minor questions as needed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES
Mayor Christensen updated the Council on the Open Meeting Law Training which would be on September 3, 2024 at 5:00pm. All Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners and Committee members are invited to attend.

Mayor Christensen presented the Plein Air Painting given to the City from this year's events. She also shared the upcoming meetings she would attend with ITD and Resort Cities Coalition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Council President Knowles moved to go into Executive Session at 7:01 pm pursuant to Idaho State Code 74-206 for legal and personnel reasons. Council Member Michalski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council Member Knowles, aye; Council Member Michalski, aye; Council Member Popilsky, aye and Council Member Bragg, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT
Council Member Knowles moved to adjourn. Council Member Michalski seconded. The motion carried unanimously with the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

ATTEST:

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Kreslyn Schuehler, City Clerk August Christensen, Mayor

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