



June 5, 2001
City of Delta Junction City Council
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:06pm by Mayor Gilbertson with council members Lou Heinbockel, Mary Leith-Dowling, Nathaniel Good and Susan Kemp. Richard Johnson was excused and Mark Weller called and will be late but will attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Leith-Dowling moved to approve the agenda as written; Kemp seconded. **Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leith-Dowling moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2001 regular meeting and May 29, 2001 work session minutes as written; Heinbockel seconded. **Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Representative John Harris on financial obligation – information only.

Letter from Senator Georgianna Lincoln on budget appropriations for Delta Junction – information only.

Letter from Annalee McConnell from the Office of Management & Budget – information only.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Steve DuBois – BMX Course in City Park – City Council conceptually agreed with having a BMX bike course in the City Park and would like DuBois to bring the City Council a proposal. Sorensen will look into the insurance costs for having this at the City Park.

Steve DuBois – Speed Trenches on City Streets – DuBois would like to work with the City Council on a solution to deal with the people who are speeding through the City streets and not stopping at stop signs. The City Council will investigate the laws on digging trenches and having speed bumps and the liability to the City. The Troopers will be contacted and asked if they will begin patrolling the streets to catch these speeders.

REPORTS

Airport – Sorensen brought up the airport liability insurance policy renewal notice for consideration. The insurance for the airport is going up to \$6,625. Jack Morris asked the status of Teck paying their part of the insurance for the airport. Hallgren reported on his meeting with Robert Layne of the

Department of Lands. **Kemp moved** to solicit bids for airport the survey; Heinbockel seconded. **Roll call vote** with unanimous consent.

Mark Weller arrived at 5:55pm.

Kemp moved to find out what the cost would be to appraise the airport lots and to add the other City lots to the appraisal list if adding the lots to the appraisal would make the lot appraisals cheaper; Good seconded. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

BTO – Richard Anderson reported there is now a four way stop sign by Post Headquarters at Fort Greely. There is a line of dumpsters across Allen Army Airfield runway to keep people out. The Army is patching the runway per defense budget. The Base should be 90% empty of personal property by June 30th and by July 13th the base will be realigned, with Lt Col Vaughn leaving Fort Greely on the 14th of July. Anderson stated he would be having a retirement party for himself as well as all the people who are being laid off from Fort Greely. The radio station will be unmanned but will have break-in capabilities for emergency announcements only.

Cemetery – Leith-Dowling handed out a letter Kassie Farrar wrote for the newspaper about improvements at the cemetery that said the City and Deltana are coordinating.

City Clerk/Treasurer – Sorensen reported that the Bicycle Rodeo was a great success and fun was had by everyone that attended. The Majestic Circus will be in Delta June 11th for one show only. The Rescue Squad and Fire Department will get 15% of the total advance sales.

Correction Facility – Hallgren reported a letter was written to Paul Johnson declining to file the EDC application. A letter was written to Tony Gallegos that to extend the OEA grant, as all the funds will not be expended. Gallegos told Hallgren he does not want to extend the grant at this time and would rather he work on the EDA grant to get the \$1,000,000 instead. An Economic Development Administrator representative will be here Tuesday, June 11th to meet with the City to help prepare grant applications for the \$1,000,000. **Kemp moved** to approve Hallgren and Mayor Gilbertson to sign the EDA grant applications; Leith-Dowling seconded. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

Hallgren reported that when NMD comes there will be OEA planning money. Discussion followed as to what the money can be used for. Heinbockel would like Mark Miller come down for a work session to discuss his ideas on how to improve our television service and to build a new tower.

Finance – Good reported on finances and gave an explanation of where our money is.

Hockey Rink – Letters were received from community members opposing a road going through the hockey rink parking lot and outlining the safety hazards. The City Council has not given anyone permission to put a road through the rink parking lot.

Landfill – The landfill needs upgrades and we need to go out to bid for the improvements. **Heinbockel moved** to add \$21,000 to budget for FY02 for the improvements at the landfill; Weller seconded. **Roll call vote** with unanimous consent.

Land – Kemp reported Sorensen had discussed locating land the City owns with Fairbanks Title Agency. Kemp suggested we send Sorensen to the Fairbanks Recorder's Office to do the searches.

Library – Hallgren reported on the copy machine and transferring of the contract. A refrigerator was donated to the City Hall for the kitchen. Discussion followed about using the library for meetings.

Council does not want to have any meetings in the library at any time except the library board meetings.

Park – Weller reported that his family cleaned up trash dumped from the garbage cans at the park and wants Morley to check it more than on Mondays as previously suggested by council. The gates are fixed at the park and it looks nice.

Personnel – Hallgren reported on Personnel Policy and that it needs updating. We will post notices and get the policy changed. The most significant change will be that the office will be open from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Hallgren reported on proposed personnel changes and the City costs for FY02. **Heinbockel moved** to give Hallgren a raise of \$5,000 a year; Weller seconded. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

Public Health & Safety - The May ambulance report was submitted by Patricia White. A letter requested forgiveness of an ambulance bill. **Heinbockel moved** to forgive this ambulance bill; Good seconded. **Roll call vote** with unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from Alaska Homestead Museum – **Weller moved** to give Larry Dorhorst a long-term loan of the old Fire Truck for his museum per the conditions he described; Leith-Dowling seconded. **Roll call vote** with unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Final Order for the Laurel Barger-Sheen Grievance – **Leith-Dowling moved** to execute the Final Order of the Laurel Barger-Sheen Grievance; Good seconded. **Roll call vote** with unanimous consent.

PO#06137 to Mikunda, Cotrell & Co. – **Leith-Dowling moved** to pay PO#06137 in the amount of \$2,225.00 to Mikunda, Cotrell & Co. for the Final Bill for FY99 & FY00 Audit; Good seconded. **Roll call vote** with unanimous consent.

Public Hearing, Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2001-02, An Ordinance for the amendment to the FY01 budget – **Leith-Dowling moved** to have a public hearing on Ordinance 2001-02; Kemp seconded. **Unanimous consent.** **Leith-Dowling moved** to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2001-2; Kemp seconded. **Unanimous consent.** Leith-Dowling is concerned about where Ellis has the grant money in the budget and would like it to be tabled again. **Good moved** to table Ordinance 2001-02 until Sorensen and he can come back with correct figures; Kemp seconded. **Unanimous consent.**

Public Hearing, First Reading of Ordinance 2002-01, An ordinance providing for the budget for FY02 – **Weller moved** to have a public hearing and first reading on Ordinance 2002-01; Good seconded.

Unanimous consent. **Leith-Dowling moved** to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2002-01; Kemp seconded. **Unanimous consent.** **Leith-Dowling moved** to table Ordinance 2002-01 until the 19th meeting; Weller seconded. **Unanimous consent.**

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Weller asked if we should look into our investments more closely. Kemp would like to have an investment workshop with Dean Witter.

Kemp discussed the 4th of July celebration that the Delta Convention and Visitor's Bureau is having again this year at the Fairgrounds. DCVB are looking for donations.

Heinbockel commented on the dumpsters being on the Allen Army Airfield runway.

ADJOURMENT at 8:20pm by Heinbockel; Weller seconded. **Unanimous consent.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Sorensen
Acting City Clerk/Treasurer