



September 4, 2001
City of Delta Junction
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Mayor Gilbertson with council members Mark Weller, Mary Leith-Dowling, Henry Summers and Susie Kemp present. Lou Heinbockel and Nat Good were excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added to the agenda were minutes of the August 29th and 31st workshops. Purchase Order 06344 to Mark Miller for work on the TV translators was added to New Business.

Kemp moved to approve the agenda with additions; Summers seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Summers move to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2001 meeting as presented; Leith-Dowling seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Leith-Dowling changed Councilman Summers' attendance from being absent to being excused in the minutes of the August 31, 2001 workshop.

Leith-Dowling moved to approve the minutes from the August 29 and 31, 2001 workshops as amended; Kemp seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Catholic Social Services was received inviting the Mayor and City Council to a meeting at the Community Center at 1:30 on September 25, 2001. They will be discussing the refugee population in Delta Junction and how their needs can best be served. Mayor Gilbertson and Pete Hallgren will attend.

An email from Janet Thompson was received on behalf of the Labor Management Committee requesting the support of the City for a grant for Peer Support staff.

Hallgren stated the City will not be able to provide match for the grant, if it is required, but we are interested in looking into it and helping however we can. He will call and discuss the grant details with Thompson.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer – Ellis said Bob Morley looked into installing a drinking fountain in City Hall, but there isn't a drain available anywhere. He suggested one could be attached to the sinks in the bathrooms and they would drain into the sinks.

Summers suggested we look into the water bottle type dispensers that have hot and cold water. The bottles can be refilled and the unit can be placed anywhere in the building.

Ellis reported the boiler inspection requirements are on hold while the insurance company investigates. The inspector required a manual shut-off switch which, in the case of severe cold and no one around to manually reset it, could cause severe damage freezing the trucks and buildings at the Fire Station, Rescue Squad or City Hall where there may be no one available to monitor it.

We received a partial list of materials for the television translator needs from Mark Miller. He was researching some additional materials and will send the completed list as soon as he is done. The project can go out to bid when the list is complete.

He worked on the repeaters this past weekend.

Department of Economic Development – Hallgren reported there is a scheduled protest on Saturday by “No Nukes North” at the Fort Greely gate.

Hallgren asked council to allow him to write to George Lyle giving Lyle permission to sign on behalf of the City on the letter received recently concerning the Allvest settlement. Council agreed.

Neil Rodriguez, a research analyst with the State of Alaska, Department of Economic Development, will be in Delta tomorrow, September 5, 2001, to meet with the City and Chamber representatives to discuss the potential socioeconomic impacts related to the construction of the proposed natural gas pipeline. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be held in the conference room at 1:00pm.

Hallgren reported the judge for the reapportionment suit would be hearing testimony in Fairbanks. The trial will most likely be in January.

There is a memo to council addressing the EDA grant in the meeting packet. The final draft was submitted Friday, and EDA had a few minor changes. The final document will be sent in this week.

Lands – Bill Donet attended the meeting to see if council has made any decisions about selling the property he is interested in purchasing.

Hallgren stated Councilman Good talked to Ray Dinger about the appraisal and Dinger has never been contacted by the appraiser.

There are still several questions about the appraisal Council would like answered before voting to accept it.

Finance - Hallgren said he is working on a permanent fund report for Council. There is approximately \$650,000.00 in the account now.

Landfill – Joe Peters asked Council when the new septage pits are scheduled to be dug.

Hallgren answered the EDA will issue an early authority to spend the funds after the final request is submitted this week.

Peters said he is getting rid of more cars in the landfill. The Troopers asked him if they could dispose of the burned car on Nistler Road in the landfill. Council gave their permission.

Mayor Gilbertson said a meeting and walk-through needs to be scheduled to discuss the deficiencies on the landfill inspection. These items need to be brought into compliance.

Peters said he will be working all day Thursday at the landfill and it can be done then.

Ellis said it is also time to review the lease agreement, as it has been a year since it was signed.

Park – Weller reported there were softball games between the teachers and the girls’ team played in the park. Teachers lost!

Public Health and Safety – Summers reported he would be attending a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

Weller moved to show no opposition to the renewal of the liquor license for Jack's Liquor store; Summers seconded.

Roll call vote with motion passing unanimously.

Council discussed the letter from Ruby Hollembaek and Sandy Dighton regarding use of the Community Center for Safe Schools' teen activities and asking for a waiver of fees.

Leith-Dowling moved to approve the request for the use of the Community Center for teen activities with the stipulation that a paying customer has priority if they give a week's advance notice; Weller seconded.

Roll call vote with motion passing unanimously.

Weller moved to approve:

- PO#6330 to Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. for 911 Activity for June 01 for \$1,320.00
- PO#6331 to George Sandlin for Lawn Maintenance for \$2,000.00
- PO#6341 to Wells Fargo Bank for payroll taxes ending 8/31/01 for \$2,402.51
- PO#6343 to Public Employees Retirement for payroll ending 8/31/01 for \$881.79
- PO#6326 to Mike Smith for a windshield for the Seagraves Fire Truck for \$721.75
- PO#6344 to Mark Miller for work on the television translators for \$750.00

Kemp seconded.

Roll call vote with motion passing unanimously.

Kemp moved to approve the request from the Wolf Cubs for a waiver of fees to use the conference room on September 12 and 19, 2001, and requesting clarification in regards to whether they want to use the room on a regular basis; Summers seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Kelley Hegarty and Nancy Webb were connected to the meeting telephonically at 5:50pm to discuss their proposal for NMD.

Council went through the details of the Capital Project and other request categories line by line and made some changes to the document.

Mayor Gilbertson left the meeting at 6:55pm. Mayor pro-tem Mary Leith-Dowling assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

Weller stated the report should include the fact that this is for the NMD employees that are moving to the area. It is to enhance their quality of life here and to provide things that they may miss due to not living in a larger community.

Kemp commented that nothing has been done over the years to mitigate the impact on the community until now.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Victoria Naegele asked if the funding was to be used within a year, or lost.

Hallgren answered that it had to be appropriated from EDA within the year.

Adjournment at 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela R. Ellis
City Clerk/Treasurer