

November 8, 2002 - City Hall
Delta Junction City Council
6:00pm Work Session - Missile Defense Impact Funds

MINUTES

Mayor Gilbertson called the work session to order at 6:11pm. Present were Ron Beck, Mark Weller, Mary Leith-Dowling, Susie Kemp, Pete Hallgren, Dennis Dooley and Pat White. Henry Summers arrived at 6:15pm. Lou Heinbockel was excused.

- **Discussion about Missile Defense Impact Funds**

Hallgren reported the impact funds should be hitting the State coffers today or early next week. Cotten met with the State in Fairbanks last Thursday. The State will generate the necessary paperwork. Hallgren stated they plan to request reimbursement/refund for what has been spent through October. That will be asked immediately. The second refund would cover what is spent between now and December. After that we would ask to advance money for funding beyond December. Ballpark figure, Hallgren stated we would ask for \$150,000 at this time. He stated we are in line to put money back into the general fund.

Hallgren stated that in addition we would be asking for the \$270,000 remaining on the landfill option. That option expires next month.

Hallgren stated he received a call from Candice Rogers, from Senator Steven's office, just prior to tonight's meeting. The President has signed an executive order declaring this area a disaster because of the earthquake. Letha Burcham has the phone number for reporting damages to FEMA. Hallgren stated he is currently charging the library damages to the EDA grant as maintenance.

Hallgren distributed handouts from Harding ESE, a MACTEC Company. The report detailed breakdown of the \$17,301.50 work order, a proposal for survey and topographical mapping of the landfill site. The report identified the previously approved (\$9,000) aerial mapping. Actual cost was \$8,090. The remaining cost, \$9,211.50, covers the actual surveying of the plat. A crew is ready to complete the surveying prior to our next meeting. Hallgren requested recommendation to give a go-ahead.

Beck asked if the City plans to purchase the whole plot of land, with or without partnering with the Missile Defense and the military.

Hallgren reported the entire parcel would be purchased. He stated the military understands the importance of their cooperation but they are not in a position to negotiate until the land is purchased and the design work has been completed.

Hallgren stated he did have Harding's written recommendation to purchase the property. He distributed their study, showing both portions (the usable portion and the house). The well is inside the portion that is recommended to not buy. They don't believe the well is contaminated, but it is simply in a contaminated area. It is very likely that a new well will be put in before the house is sold, if not sooner.

Discussion followed regarding the contamination (small amounts of lead, mercury, asbestos and PCB).

Kemp stated it is believed to be from the site of an old house that burned 40 years ago.

Hallgren stated there are some barrels in the northern section that are three-quarters covered. It is in a debris site, unknown whether it is military or civilian. However, the barrels are military. They checked the barrels but could not find anything bad.

Mayor Gilbertson reported an agreement is being worked out for use of the landfill. MD will work with the City.

Gilbertson also reported that Ken Cole stated money was being transferred yesterday.

Kemp moved to authorize Hallgren to proceed with Harding ESE's proposal, completing the physical survey and the topographical map; Mary Leith-Dowling seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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Gilbertson reported he had a number of items to discuss. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the upgrade of Allen Army Airfield, to aid military aircraft stationed elsewhere and the missile base on Fort Greely.

Council set a public work session for 4:00pm on Thursday, November 21. PDC, Inc. and partner, Charles Bettisworth & Company will be present. Hallgren will invite DREDC to join at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT Weller moved to adjourn at 7:44pm; Summers seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat White
City Clerk