

**City Council Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 15, 2003 ~ 5:00PM**  
**City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska**

The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on April 15, 2003 in the conference room at City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska. Mary Leith-Dowling, Mayor Pro tem presided, calling the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Council members present: Mary Leith-Dowling, Mark Weller, Susie Kemp and Lou Heinbockel  
Judy Dewar arrived after the pledge and prayer.  
Council members excused: Roy Gilbertson, Henry Summers  
City employees present: Dave Zimmerman, Pete Hallgren, Lamar Cotten, Dennis Dooley, Pat White  
Additionally there were six members from the community present at the beginning of the meeting.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Leith-Dowling reported three add-ons to New Business:

- ✓ Street Sign Replacement
- ✓ Purchase Orders 07803, 07804, 07805, 07806 and 07807
- ✓ Immaculate Conception Parish Request to Waive Fees for Use of the Community Center

Hallgren reported one other add-on (discussed under Airport Report):

- ✓ Airport Subdivision Electrical Extension

Kemp moved to approve agenda as amended; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Kemp moved to approve April 1, 2003 minutes as presented; Weller seconded. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK**

Dan Beck, Superintendent from Delta/Greely School District (DGSD), distributed packets, *Partners for Progress in Delta Consortium/Education and Job Training Plan*, to Council members. He stated the original plan has expanded from the initial 3-pages to 20+. He explained the consortium is a partnership between Tanana Valley Campus/University of Alaska Fairbanks, DGSD, Alaska Works, Delta Mine Training Center and Adult Learning Programs of Alaska. It is to offer training opportunities in construction trades to youth and adults within the community. One portion of the plan, dealing with construction of a building, will be held separate because it is still in the discussion stages with the State of Alaska. Beck stated he wished to move forward on the training components. He said the district hopes to get two TVC classes started this month. Construction trade classes have already begun as well as classes at the Delta Mine Training Center. Beck said training opportunities are supposed to be directed to employment at Missile Defense. A lot of training is considered "across the board" such as safety, OSHA and Hazwoper. Beck asked Council to reaffirm support to using this approach for the training programs. Beck said he feels this product, the Partners for Progress, will offer a lot to this community. He said issues with the construction project are on hold and money that comes directly to the district will not be spent until those issues and questions are dealt with.

Hallgren said the process has become confusing in recent months. He reported he requested Beck deal directly with the State until issues were resolved and a proposal was acceptable. He asked for an acceptable draft. Hallgren said the plan does meet the criteria as set by the Under Secretary of the State's decision last September. Hallgren said his one concern involves the \$1,500,000 building in the latest draft and Beck's statement that the school district's plans are to not deal with the construction of this building at this time. The State said they would not agree to release any construction dollars until certain conditions are met. Hallgren said the State expressed to him that they do not want to approve construction of the building until all the money to construct is available. The proposal would put \$450,000 of the \$700,000, available for the first year toward the building. The district will also contribute \$200,000 toward the building. There is question if the State will agree with the plan because 2004 funding has not yet been

approved. The City is involved because we are subcontracting to the school through the school district consortium.

Hallgren said he is concerned with design-build. There was a question about propriety as to going out for the non-bid prison project several years ago. The Attorney General said sole sourcing was not allowable at that point but then the law was changed to allow a private prison to be sole sourced. Hallgren said City Attorney, Jim DeWitt, is creating a new procurement code. DeWitt said such construction methods might not be allowable under State Statute. It is in his opinion that we would be taking a chance because it is unclear if it is allowed under State Statute. He said Beck wants to build this million plus building under something other than a straight bid package.

Beck said the training plan is critical to get through. The construction is on hold until unanswered questions are resolved.

Dewar asked about training for food service.

Discussion followed about expansion of the training and program development.

Hallgren asked that the school district revise their plan and discuss just the training portion, deferring question of construction. He said he would agree if the plan were revised to clarify this.

Leith-Dowling asked for a motion.

**Kemp moved** to approve the *Partners for Progress* training plan as presented with the exception of the portion regarding construction; Dewar seconded.

Weller said he was uncomfortable approving the plan as written.

Hallgren asked Council to view how this plan will affect the community.

Weller stated we are approving a plan for \$280,000.

Hallgren said we are not voting to support the construction of the building. Council is asked to vote on the education/job training minus the construction portion of the proposal.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote to endorse continued support of the job-training program.

Hallgren asked Beck to redraft his plan to match tonight's verbal proposal so that the City can send their recommendation.

Beck said he spoke with Jo (Grove) and DeAnna (Orris) and they will accept a verbal response of support from the City. He asked Hallgren to make this call to the State in the morning. He does not want to clean up this report. He wants to move on the training portion of the program. The concepts are to train and get people to work.

Hallgren said he is due to put in a request for the next three-month's funding. He asked Beck what he would like. Hallgren needs to identify figures and how money will be spent in the next three months.

Beck said he would provide a report (what has been spent to date and a projection for the next quarter) to Hallgren soon.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Pro tem Leith-Dowling called for correspondence with none being offered.

## **REPORTS**

**Rescue Squad** – Roger Harris reported that ambulance runs are down about 10% from last year. He said apparatus and equipment is all working fine.

Hallgren said bid specs for the new ambulance are in the process but not as easy to put together as expected.

**Airport** – Mark Weller referred to handouts prepared by Dennis Dooley, City Planner. Dooley submitted a report regarding the cost for GVEA to provide electricity to the airport lots.

**Weller moved** to accept the proposal and pay GVEA \$18,250 to install 4 power poles along the new airport lots; Kemp seconded.

Discussion followed regarding cost to install and income brought in from the sale of the properties.

Hallgren said the City committed to put in power and a taxiway to lots 1 and 2 of each block. Lots 3 & 4 are of lesser value. If pole #5 is put in, it will provide electricity to the less expensive lots and it would use up all the funds brought in from the sale of the lots. There would be nothing leftover to pay for the taxiway. There is no commitment to provide electricity to Lot #3 and 4.

Heinbockel asked about burying electrical cable or stringing wires overhead.

Dooley said he would inquire.

Hallgren said the City must make progress on our obligation to provide electricity.

Weller said he was quoted \$75,000 to bury electrical power at the end of the runway along the Richardson Highway.

Heinbockel said GVEA has been reluctant in moving the power lines because of expense. He said \$75,000 is not a lot considering the hazard that it is associated with. He said the City probably has enough money left to complete the taxiway improvements. Heinbockel also said there is no reason to extend power if the other lots have not sold.

Hallgren said the City was clear at the time of the airport sale that electricity would not be provided to the less expensive lots.

Weller said it would be advantageous to bury the phone line along with the electric lines. He inquired but was not given satisfactory information for burying both.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote to accept the proposal from GVEA.

Weller asked about MACTEC clearing trees on airport land and State land. He reported that Jack Morris has given approval.

Hallgren reported the bid opening for the airport runway resurfacing, along with the Mill-Tan paving project, would be opened April 18. He said the tree cutting in the glide path would likely be in-house.

**Cemetery** – Mary Leith-Dowling discussed summer projects with Ron Lester. The fence and back gate will be finished. She said he also plans to plant grass in the northeast corner.

Leith-Dowling said the lawn maintenance contracts should be extended to a longer term so that the contractor could feel more comfortable purchasing bigger equipment. She asked Council to extend the cutting season to September 15.

Hallgren said bid packets for lawn maintenance (for the City, along the highway, the park and the cemetery) are ready to go out. He added provision to allow for up to three years of cutting with an inflation factor. The contract could end after one year or it could extend for three years if both parties (the City and the contractor) are satisfied.

Leith-Dowling said the contract currently ends the end of August and she asked to extend it to September 15.

Hallgren said he edited the new bids so that additional payment would be issued to cover additional cuttings. In recent years, the City normally spends a lot of time and general fund on grass cutting.

**City Clerk** – Pat White reminded Council that Mayor Gilbertson proclaimed May 1 *A Day of Prayer* on February 18. The Delta Christian Ministerial Association will sponsor *National Day of Prayer* from 12:00 to 1:00pm at the Community Center. Finger foods will be provided.

White distributed a partially completed request from AML. She asked if Council members would provide their personal e-mails as requested by AML for the purpose of distributing their newsletters and other publications.

White reported she was asked by Linda Sorensen to request Council members' presence at 6:00pm, May 1 in the City Conference Room for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting in which Dave Lieberbach, head of Division of Emergency Services (DES) in Anchorage, will be present. LEPC wishes to discuss their purpose and involvement in the community. They also need the City Council to approve the manual, Emergency Plan, which was recently completed. Sorensen states copies of the manual will be distributed prior to the May 1 meeting. Should Council members not be able to attend, they are asked to give their verbal opinions.

White asked Council to review bid packets (put in boxes) for fuel and lawn maintenance. She asked that they comment if changes are needed.

White reported she addressed a letter to the State Fire Marshal regarding deficiencies at the Community Center. Tom DePeter, State Fire Marshal, was in Delta on March 10 to inspect the Senior Lounge. Corrections to identified deficiencies were to be completed by April 10. One item (the fire alarm system) is too old to locate replacement sensors and battery. Grinnel, a Fairbanks business who handles alarm systems, advised to replace the existing system but would attempt to re-use the existing wiring if it is not defective. This quote is \$4,206.00.

Hallgren said the funds would come from the EDA grant.

Dewar asked to request a waiver, explaining that the City is in the process of remodeling and would like to not replace the 20-year-old fire system that exists now. Putting \$4000 into a new system now may not meet the requirements. She asked for some type of assurance that the money spent on this new system would be accepted should the Community Center be renovated.

Hallgren reported the list of problems pointed out by the Fire Marshal were minor with the exception of the alarm system in the Community Center. Grinnel got involved when Morley was unable to repair the alarm system and it was their recommendation to replace it. Hallgren reported Morley would get two more quotes. He said Council could decide on whether or not to upgrade the Community Center with impact grant dollars at the joint Council/DREDC special meeting on April 21 when Bettisworth and PDC will discuss capital projects. A decision can be made at that time.

Dewar asked if the City decides to upgrade, would this \$4206, the cost to install a new fire alarm system, be a "band-aide" or will it be a permanent fix. Will we have to invest more money again? Must we act now?

Kemp asked to communicate with the Fire Marshal's office and ask them to waive their request.

Hallgren said to wait to contact the Fire Marshal until Bettisworth meets with the Council on April 21.

**Dept of Economic Development** – Pete Hallgren reminded Council of the April 21 meeting (6:00pm at the Conference Room in City Hall) to discuss Capital Projects Definition with Bettisworth and PDC. He said DREDC and the public have been invited to attend. The meeting with the consultants is to discuss options for upgrading municipal buildings. Hallgren said he considers the report provided by Bettisworth/PDC to be incomplete. It covers the City Hall and library building and the recreation center. He said descriptions of the fire hall, rescue squad and the equipment buildings and the condition they are in are provided but options and rough costs are not yet available to consider. Available funding for this year for the City Hall and rec center is \$1,200,000. There will be an additional \$1,330,000 for FY04. A number of things must be completed with the money. Plans must be created to upgrade the library and extend the City Hall. This does not require actual construction to expand City offices.

Hallgren explained the three potential options that Bettisworth proposed in their April 18, 2003 booklet. He said none of the options include the recreation center. Bettisworth stated they were initially overly optimistic in what could be built for \$1.2 million. The outcome of the April 21 meeting is to proceed with building. Decisions need to be made whether to add on to the library, do nothing with the community center and/or put the remaining \$600,000 to build the stand-alone recreation center. He said there is approximately \$45,000 of EDA funds that can be used to re-roof and make other repairs to the Community Center.

Dewar asked when OSHA gets involved.

Discussion followed about regulations, disabled/handicapped access, remodeling versus constructing an addition.

Heinbockel said we do not have repair/remodel money. The impact grant funds are to be used only for construction.

Hallgren said money is available to fill any of the options presented as additions. There will be some remodeling.

Discussion followed regarding possible options.

Hallgren said to ask questions to the engineers and architects during the April 21 meeting.

Dooley stated he requested information from the constructor of the hockey building and the person who did the engineering assessment in 1999. Neither have any useful information in their archives. This contact information was provided to City contractors, Bettisworth & PDC. ACI in Seattle, who manufactured the building, does not keep information that far back. The outfit that actually constructed the building is based in Wasilla. They too, were unable to provide any information. Dooley said he questions why the engineering firm is not doing these calculations themselves.

Hallgren reported he would send notice of award for the loader bid tomorrow and order the 5-yard loader from CMI for \$222,999. He said 90 days is the longest it will take to arrive.

Hallgren reported a used dump truck has been located. He stated EDA informed that specs must include a sufficient number of quotes from a variety of businesses. He will investigate specs and quotes. He said it is unlikely that a new dump truck could be purchased for what is left (\$125,000) in the equipment fund.

Discussion followed regarding equipment needs, leasing and having materials delivered for projects to be completed during the summer.

Hallgren reported on today's Roundtable meeting. He said that Cleeta Barger, Mt. Hayes Realtor, reported appraisals are now the same as the costs of building. Residents can get financing on homes between \$85,000 and \$165,000.

Kemp said she had conversation with a local resident who is considering building a new home. They reported the cost of building is not good.

Weller said another person had their home appraised and it is less than what they expected.

Discussion followed regarding differences in appraisals.

Hallgren said it would be good to find out whom Barger deals with.

Cotten reported Boeing's full time manager, Jerry Milakowski, would be at the next Roundtable meeting on May 20. He said Milakowski would discuss employment opportunities. Cotten said Fluor still intends to employ 550 and Bechtel, 150. The mancamp will accommodate 350. The number of guardsmen is between 110-184. They will eventually take over the security.

Cotten reported that Cleeta Barger reported 85 lots in the Delta area have been sold to Slavic descent. This includes some who have purchased land with the intent to move here. They will probably build during the summer months.

Cotten reported that the Regional Government Option Study met on April 8. He reported about a recent article in the Fairbanks News-Miner in which Senator Wilken discussed Delta and Tok becoming a borough but did not mention other (7) areas that were under consideration.

Cotten reported what he considered "useful information", that Karl Hanneman, Regional Manager for Teck-Pogo, Inc., stated property tax would be his preference. Hanneman said Fort Knox pays \$4.5 million annually to the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Cotten stated he has spoken with the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). When an area becomes a borough the State entitles you to 10% of the new lands, which are un-appropriated and unreserved lands. The State basically gives lands to boroughs as a way to increase revenue. Cotten said Delta and Tok REAA's combined is equal to 270,000 acres. Delta alone is only 30-40,000. Matsu has 400,000 acres.

Cotten reported the government option study group is on task. Their next meeting is May 7 at 7:00pm in the conference room. They will explore expenditures and revenues. The State provided a report that looked at income, housing values, etc., which identifies Delta as a wealthier area.

Weller asked what the unemployment rate is in Delta.

Zimmerman reported unemployment in Delta is 16%.

Cotten said that report could be misleading because not everyone applies for unemployment compensation. He felt it is higher, like 18%.

Weller asked how much revenue the pipeline brings.

Dooley said the pipeline is valued at \$300 million.

Heinbockel said it is taxed at 20 mils and would bring \$6 million per year.

Dewar said, "as long as it keeps running."

Discussion followed regarding the value of the pump stations and when they will be dismantled.

**School Liaison** – Judy Dewar reported 12 teachers would be hired to replace the 8 teachers that are retiring this year and the 2 certified resignations. Members of the school administration attended the recent job fair and will recommend hiring 7 new teachers to the school board. The school hopes to fill the other 5 positions also.

Dewar reported Dale Tumey, who taught music in Delta in the 70's, was recently the head conductor for the Regional Band Festival. She also said that local student, Maria Blood, was selected for the State String Orchestra. Maria plays the viola. Also Amber Rhode was selected for the State Choir.

**Landfill** – Lou Heinbockel stated improvements are planned for next summer if the City acquires a dump truck and a loader.

Hallgren said equipment could be rented if it becomes necessary.

**Library** – Mary Leith-Dowling reported three computers, donated by the Gates Foundation, have arrived.

**Park** – Judy Dewar reported the Park Committee will meet on Thursday at 7:00pm and she will report back to Council afterwards. The committee consists of Eileen Herman, representing Little League; Diane Ludwig, representing playground equipment; Colton St. Peter, basketball; Becky Wilburn, softball; and Bob Geise who oversees opening and closing the park and water system each year.

Hallgren reported that there are one or two sinkholes that need filled, a steamroller will be rented to take out ridges in the area and several loads of gravel will be hauled into the east end. Morley will remove smaller brush on the corner of Kimball and Harper.

**Public Works** – Lou Heinbockel stated he is concerned about increasing liability to cover summer hires. He asked that employees be properly licensed (CDL, etc. whatever is required). He also said the City should have a drug testing policy similar to what our ambulance crew instituted, especially for employees operating equipment.

Hallgren stated those that were hired temporarily last summer would be hired this year. All are fully licensed.

Hallgren said the City Fire Chief has inquired about a drug policy and the City Attorney is reviewing it even though State Statutes has an exemption for emergency medical and fire departments. However, heavy equipment operators are not exempt under State Statute. Hallgren said a drug testing policy would be created for City employees who drive heavy equipment.

Weller asked if the City has an on-call work list and Hallgren agreed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **o Enhanced 911**

Zimmerman distributed a report from the meeting with Tim Briggane, North Star Borough, and Helen Stewart and Vern Craig, Alaska Communications Systems (ACS). The meeting took place on April 9 in Fairbanks and both Zimmerman and Dooley attended. Zimmerman detailed this meeting for Council.

- ✓ ACS does not need to add anything to the electronic system already in place in Delta in order to obtain E911.
- ✓ A mutual aid agreement may need to be established if the City collects and takes responsibility for paying for services. Money is collected from any 895 numbers, whether it is located within the City limits or in the Delta area.
- ✓ The military is checking to see if they want to be included in Enhanced 911 services.
- ✓ Mrs. Stewart is presently getting a list matching physical locations to phone numbers. There is currently 2117 phone numbers that contribute on a monthly basis. It will be up to

the City to prepare a master street guide once the list is obtained. It is recommended to contract a third party company to prepare the street guide. Zimmerman is investigating the cost and what companies are available to complete this task. It will be worked on between now and the end of the summer.

Dooley said there was some confusion about addresses and street numbers. GVEA says ACS should have the data. It is possible the data is readily available.

Discussion followed about the numbering system and how it evolved.

Dooley said Fairbanks is happy with Delta's interest and timing of interest.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 2003-01, An Ordinance for Abatement of Garbage and Litter and Setting Penalties and Enforcement Procedures**

**Kemp moved** to open the Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 2003-01; Weller seconded.

Hallgren distributed the current ordinance in which this new code references.

**Motion passed** by unanimous consent for public comment.

Weller asked about section D regarding failing to request a timely hearing.

Hallgren said it is defined in section C.

Tana Wood said she had some concerns and wished for Council to consider them. She asked about the process of issuing a notice and if someone checks out a complaint before a notice is issued.

Hallgren said any complaint would be checked out before a notice would be issued.

Wood asked who could make a complaint, if a non-City resident can complain.

Hallgren said yes.

Wood asked about the cost of enforcement. The City may end up paying to clean up an offender's property. She also asked to make sure the ordinance does not target some but is enforced to all.

Hallgren said two properties of concern were brought to Council last year. Both are still in the same condition. Hallgren said he feels it is not a debatable condition. He explained the process of complaining and following up on the complaint. It may be a degree of discretion. A lien is useful and allows coverage in getting the property cleaned up. It is good for a number of years. The offender can also be taken to small claims court.

Kemp said she felt small claims would be a waste of time.

Hallgren proposed to not use this ordinance as a beautification measure but rather in certain awful instances. Some things do not put the town in the greatest light and one of them is along the Richardson Highway. He said if notice is given and the offender feels they are being hassled, they have the right to address it to Council as an agenda item.

Discussion followed about hazards of garbage.

Dewar stated she would like, at some point, to add to the policy to have old rusty vehicles hauled off and removed from property if they are not registered and licensed. She said if a small town in South Dakota can do this, we should be able to do the same in removing eyesores.

**Weller moved** to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2003-01; Heinbockel seconded.

**Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

Heinbockel said concerned citizens have asked for something to be done.

Dewar said it becomes a public nuisance when someone complains.

**Heinbockel moved** to adopt Ordinance 2003-01, An Ordinance for Abatement of Garbage and Litter and Setting Penalties and Enforcement Procedures; Dewar seconded.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote.

- **Senior Citizens Request to Waive Community Center Fees for 55 Alive**
- **Delta Job Center Request to Waive CC Fees for Job Fair**
- **Delta Youth Court Request to Waive CC Fees for Youth Social Event**

o **Immaculate Conception Parish Request to Waive CC Fees to Distribute Clothes to Needy Families**

**Weller moved** to approve the Senior Citizen's request, the Delta Job Center's request, the Youth Court request and the Immaculate Conception's request to waive rental fees to use the Community Center; Kemp seconded.

Discussion followed about when and who pays for the use of the facility.

Kemp said non-profits in this community who volunteer to provide services are legitimate.

Leith-Dowling called for a roll call vote.

**Motion failed** on a roll call vote. Heinbockel, Dewar and Kemp voted in favor. Leith-Dowling and Weller voted against approving fee waivers.

**Weller moved** to approve the Senior Citizen's request to use the Community Center without fee to host a safe driving class for the community on April 17 (9:00-6:00pm) "because it will affect everyone in the community"; Dewar seconded.

**Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

**Weller moved** to approve Delta Youth Court's request to use the Community Center without fee to host a youth social event on April 18 (6:00-12:00pm); Dewar seconded.

**Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

**Weller moved** to approve Delta Job Center's request to waive fees to use the Community Center to host a Job Fair on May 15 (10:00-2:00pm); Dewar seconded.

**Motion passed** on a roll call vote with Leith-Dowling opposing.

**Dewar moved** to approve Immaculate Conception Parish's request to use the Community Center without fee for the purpose of distributing clothing to families in need on April 19 (9:00-6:00pm) and April 25 (9:00-6:00pm); Weller seconded.

**Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

o **Purchase Orders**

**PO#07795** to ATT & Alascom in the amount of \$573.34 for April 03 electricity

**PO#07796** to Bank of America in the amount of \$5,209.23 for fire department codes/regulations, supplies and membership, computer virus upgrade, Cotten travel, City Hall office supplies and printer, library/Juneau expenses, flowers delivered to Linda Sorensen.

**PO#07797** to Delta Fuel Company in the amount of \$1,004.08 for March 03 fuel oil to City buildings

**PO#07798** to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$3,158.34 for legal assistance on review of loader bid protest, general finance memo, review of trash ordinance, review letter to the Governor

**PO#07799** to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$3,769.97 for legal assistance on Eddy Drop Zone protest

**PO#07800** to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$5,082.50 for legal assistance on revision of procurement code, review Mill-Tan bid documents, review Airport bid documents

**PO#07801** to MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc in the amount of \$13,716.90 for preparing EPA documents on the landfill

**PO#07802** to Tesco in the amount of \$1,468.01 for emergency lighting in the Community Center

**PO#07803** to ACS in the amount of \$957.00 for April phone service

**PO#07804** to Amazon.com in the amount of \$934.16 for library books and videos

**PO#07805** to Gateway Companies Inc in the amount of \$7,276.00 for two computers and printers for the library (funds donated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)

**PO#07806** to GVEA in the amount of \$904.48 for March electricity

**PO#07807** to GPN in the amount of \$499.43 for library materials and books

**Kemp moved** to approve paying purchase orders 07795-07802 and 07803-07807 as presented; Weller seconded.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote.

Heinbockel said he was reluctant in paying attorney fees. He said the amount of money spent on attorney fees for the good of the community has cost over \$10,000. Another \$10,000 was paid to fight the Army on the Eddy Drop Zone.

o **Street Sign Replacement**

A memo prepared by Dennis Dooley was distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Hallgren explained the need to replace many street and highway signs. Two price quotes were received and because the lowest price is over \$5,000 Council approval is required. Hallgren explained the solicited prices.

Hallgren stated the State does not provide signs. However, they will install one sign at the Nistler and Richardson Highway intersection.

Hallgren recommended accepting the bid from Zumar Industries because 1) they have the lowest bid and 2) their signs are the most reflective.

**Weller moved** to approve the bid by Zumar Industries for the cost of replacing signs in the amount of \$7,083.15; Kemp seconded.

Heinbockel asked where Zumar is located.

Discussion followed regarding location of bidders and the cost difference between two bidders versus the quality of the signs.

Zimmerman said the signs used around the park last year came from Zumar.

**Motion passed** on a roll call vote to accept Zumar's bid with Heinbockel voting not in favor.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro tem Leith-Dowling called for additional public comments with none being offered.

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Weller stated it is confusing about the school district's presentation and whether or not the City approved their building monies.

Hallgren said Beck does not intend to provide a rewritten proposal to exclude the construction portion.

Kemp said the City could include a copy of the motion to the State.

Weller asked for more clarity in the school's communications. He said he hopes the students do not get "the junk" based on past experience.

Kemp reported volunteers are needed the next two Saturdays (April 19 and 26) to work at the Visitor's Center. The Council authorized paying for materials if volunteers provided the service to upgrade the facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kemp moved to adjourn at 7:16pm; Weller seconded. Motion carried.