

**City of Rigby
City Council Meeting
March 2, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the time over to Councilman Maloney who invited everyone to join him in the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Smith then turned the time over to Robin Dunn, City Attorney, who gave the prayer.

Dave Swager, City Clerk/Treasurer, performed roll call. Those present were: Mayor Smith, Councilman Blackburn, Councilwoman Hinckley, Councilman Simonson, Councilman Zimmermann, Councilman Maloney and Councilman Day.

Mayor Smith stated that before they began he wanted to make a change on the agenda and stated that under "other council business" they would be hearing from Ted Hendricks as well.

Airport-

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the agenda was the report on the airport and turned the time over to a representative for the presentation.

a. Annual Report on Airport-

Terry Kofoed came forward and stated that he has been the President of the Airport Board for the past four years and explained this would be his 15th year as a Board Member on the Airport Board. Mr. Kofoed stated he had been called upon tonight to present to the council the reason behind the recent grant request and to make them aware of the airport status. Mr. Kofoed stated that every time the airport does improvements they try to stay with the master plan. Mr. Kofoed explained the master plan they have been working on in prior years is currently ten years old. Mr. Kofoed stated that when discussing the new improvements they decided they needed to update their master plan so they can have guidelines and therefore do what is best for the city. Mr. Kofoed explained that in order to apply for grants they are required to have a master plan filed with the Idaho Transportation Department Division of Aeronautics. Mr. Kofoed stated they have been very good in the past to take care of the airport. Mr. Kofoed stated he felt they worked with airports that put forth effort. Mr. Kofoed stated the grant they have applied for would be for the fiscal year 2010 and would benefit the master plan. Mr. Kofoed gave a brief explanation on some of the meetings and things they do in order to apply for grants. Mr. Kofoed explained the grant, the matching funds requirements which would equal \$4,000 and also stated they were not asking the city for any money. Mr. Kofoed stated the airport tries to be very efficient with the money they are given. Mr. Kofoed stated it was his belief that the city would pay the engineering costs and then would be reimbursed by the Idaho Transportation department and then the airport pays their fair share after that. Mr. Kofoed stated he was here to ask for permission for this to be done. Mayor Smith indicated this would require a motion from the council. Councilman Blackburn asked when this was expected to be funded and Mr. Kofoed stated immediately and explained the airport has already paid \$2,900. Mr. Kofoed referred to an email he had received earlier today and stated it does not state when the money would be due and then stated the city would probably be receiving a bill pretty soon. Mr. Swager stated there was some questions and asked how much the total expenditures for engineering

would be and Mr. Kofoed stated \$16,017. Mr. Swager asked how much the grant would be for and Mr. Kofoed stated it would be for 75% of that total or \$13,037. Mr. Swager asked if the airport board would pay the remaining \$3,937 and Mr. Kofoed stated that was correct and reiterated that they have already paid \$2,900 of that amount which leaves them a balance of \$1,037. Mr. Swager stated the city would pay these fees and then the grant would come to the city and asked if that was correct and Mr. Kofoed stated that it was correct. Councilman Day referred to part 2 of the Grant Agreement, under G where it states if the city takes this money they agree to keep the airport open for the term of its useful life. Councilman Day asked if it would default to the city to keep the airport open should they have financial difficulty and Mr. Dunn stated that was incorrect. Mr. Dunn stated that meant the city would have to pay back the grant in the event the airport did not remain open. Councilman Day stated he felt there would be some financial liability for the city should that happen and asked Mr. Dunn if he thought this was a concern. Mr. Dunn stated the airport has been there since 1949 and has not had any problems. Mr. Dunn stated there was a part in there regarding exclusive operating agreements. Mayor Smith stated he has been over there many times and feels they are financially stable. Councilman Day moved to accept the grant that will pay for these engineering fees. Councilman Zimmermann seconded. All were in favor.

b. Reading Resolution #2010-147 for Development of Airport-

Terry Kofoed stated that along with this grant there was some information gathered that talks about the economic impact of the airport. Mr. Kofoed stated this information was not figures they came up with but were from the engineers through surveys. Mr. Kofoed stated that Rigby's Airport had the largest payroll and most economic impact of any state-funded airport in the state. Mr. Kofoed explained this impact has been studied again on different aspects of what they provide. Mr. Kofoed referred to some documents distributed to the council and gave a brief explanation of the study results and also showed some comparisons. Mr. Kofoed stated this was one of the reasons they felt the airport was so important and worked to keep it functioning and up to code.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Kofoed if he had met his new councilperson yet and referred to Councilman Zimmermann. Mr. Kofoed stated that he had not before now. Mayor Smith stated that Councilman Zimmermann would be the airport liaison to the council. Mr. Kofoed stated that he wanted to go on record and thank Councilwoman Poole for her hard work for the airport during her tenure on the council. Mr. Kofoed also expressed his appreciation for all the help they receive from the City of Rigby.

Larry Boam stated he had attended a legislative luncheon in Boise last Tuesday and they presented this survey. Mr. Boam stated that Chip Kemper who runs Queen Bee Air Specialties had been appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to sit on the State Aviation Advisory Board.

Mayor Smith turned the time over to Councilman Zimmermann to read Resolution #2010-147 into record. Councilman Zimmermann did so as follows:

Resolution number 2010-147 of the City of Rigby, Idaho accepting the Grant Offer of the State of Idaho through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautic, in the maximum amount of \$20,000 to be used under the Idaho Airport Aid Program, Program number: LNS8U56, Project number: S-04308.A-10 in the development of the Rigby-Jefferson County Airport; and

Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rigby, Idaho (herein referred to as the "City") as follows:

Section 1. That the City shall accept the Grant Offer of the State of Idaho in the amount of \$20,000, for the purpose of obtaining State Aid under Program Number: LNS8U56, Project Number SP-04308.A-10 in the development of the Rigby-Jefferson County Airport; and

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Rigby is hereby authorized and directed to sign the statement of Acceptance of said Grant Offer (entitled Acceptance) on behalf of the City. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the Mayor and to impress the official seal of the City on the aforesaid statement of Acceptance; and

Section 3. A true copy of the Grant Agreement referred to herein be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

Councilman Blackburn moved to approve Resolution 2010-147 as read. Councilman Simonson seconded. On a roll call vote:

Councilman Blackburn	--	aye
Councilman Day	--	aye
Councilwoman Hinckley	--	aye
Councilman Maloney	--	aye
Councilman Simonson	--	aye
Councilman Zimmermann	--	aye

Mayor Smith referred to their impact survey and stated that he didn't realize there were jobs being performed out there or some of the other things and felt having this study was beneficial to him and others. Mr. Kofoed gave a brief explanation of some of the businesses and people offering services and making an impact.

Mayor Smith stated that before they continued with the agenda he wanted to take a moment and acknowledge the scouts in the audience. Mayor Smith asked what merit badge they were working on and one stated Citizenship in the Community.

Converting Burgess Canal from Surface Water to Ground Water-

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the agenda was regarding water rights but stated that he didn't see Lloyd Hicks in the audience. Mr. Swager stated that he had not received confirmation that he would be able to attend but added him to the agenda just in case.

Special Event Permit-

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the agenda was regarding a Special Event Permit and turned the time over to Mr. Swager for his presentation.

Mr. Swager referred to a document on the table in front of the council members and stated this was currently the only one in effect and explained it was regarding alcohol. Mr. Swager stated this was

a compilation from various area cities and explained the reason the city needed this was for control of who is coming and going. Mr. Swager stated there was also a waiver of liability insurance included that would take the burden of any accidents away from the city and onto the event sponsor. Mr. Swager stated that any event that offered food would have to have a temporary food license from the Department of Health. Mr. Swager stated this was a way to make sure the people obtained all the necessary requirements. Mr. Swager gave a brief explanation on the impact to various city departments that events could have. Mr. Swager stated that he has been working with Police Chief Larry Anderson on this project. Mayor Smith stated he agreed there was a cost involved in this and felt they needed to be placed on the person putting on the event. Mr. Swager stated he would like to get moving on this as quickly as possible as there are events coming up that will need city staff. Councilman Blackburn asked what kind of fee was being considered and Mr. Swager stated that it was up to the council but most cities were charging around \$100 for the permit with food permits being additional. Mayor Smith asked if this was something that could be made ready by the next council meeting so a vote could be made and Mr. Swager stated he could. Councilman Blackburn asked if this is something that could be made available on the website and Mr. Swager stated that was correct. Councilwoman Hinckley referred to the City Code book and stated there is a section that states no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park and asked how this would be worked with the special event permits. Mr. Swager stated there is also a provision under the police code that would allow it under certain restrictions. Councilwoman Hinckley referred to the restriction on not throwing candy and felt this would be an interesting topic. Councilman Simonson stated he felt the Police Department, the Street Department and Sanitation needed to have some input on the charges for this permit. Mr. Swager stated there would be a department head tomorrow morning and this could be discussed at that time. Councilman Day suggested having some consideration given to the people putting together these events and didn't want to deter this from happening. Mayor Smith referred to the parade and how it has been transferred back to the Chamber and explained that some fees could be waived altogether depending on who and what it is. Mayor Smith stated the main reason for this permit was to make sure the city was aware of events before they happened so the different departments were not surprised. There was a brief discussion on problems that have come up in the past and how this permit would prevent them from happening in the future. Mr. Swager stated that he would really like to get an approval for the package this evening and Mayor Smith suggested approving the permit contingent upon the fee schedule. Councilman Zimmermann referred to page 8 regarding the insurance limits and was concerned this would become a problem and Mayor Smith stated that was a standard amount for limited liability insurance policies. Councilwoman Hinckley expressed her appreciation for Mr. Swager's work and dedication to the city but stated she agreed with Councilman Day on making sure it was a nominal fee especially where the city has never charged one before. Councilman Simonson stated he felt the people putting on these events needed to pay for them because the city could not keep taking money out of the pockets of the seniors to pay for this stuff but agreed it needed to be a reasonable amount. Scott Barry asked if this would affect the baseball tournaments and there was a brief discussion regarding at least paying for the liability insurance.

Change in Alcohol Use Allowing Sales on Sunday

Mayor Smith discussed that he had been approach by a local bar owner that she would like to be able to have Sunday sale of beer in her bar. Current city code does not allow a bar to serve beer/alcohol on Sunday. He went on to explain that he felt this was a restraint of trade in that

Idaho Falls does allow bar owners to be open on Sunday. Having said that, he turned the time over to Attorney Robin Dunn.

Robin Dunn, City Attorney, stated that in order to implement a new ordinance there needed to be a repeal of any other ordinances. Mr. Dunn stated there needed to be the addition of fee schedules put into the code to update accordingly. Councilman Zimmermann asked Larry Anderson, Chief of Police, if he felt this change would impact the police. Chief Anderson stated that he didn't agree with Mr. Dunn on repealing ordinances but would rather see old ones taken out and the ones you wanted to keep updated and added upon. Chief Anderson suggested looking at the current ordinance and keeping what was necessary and removing the rest. Mr. Dunn stated he wanted to repeal the old ordinances because there are layers upon layers of things that have been or need to be changed and this way a whole new ordinance would be written that contained everything and have one that is up-to-date. There was a brief discussion on some of the other ordinances that have problems and how repealing those would be beneficial.

Mayor Smith turned the time over to Kathy Jarvis for her presentation.

Kathy Jarvis stated she owns the Old Town Saloon and Café. Ms. Jarvis explained this was more like a sandwich shop rather than a café as she cannot compete with the likes of Applebee's, Garcia's or anything like that. Ms. Jarvis explained they are small town and explained they are very unique. Ms. Jarvis explained they have had a really hard time staying open the past few years. Ms. Jarvis explained the building has been remodeled a couple times as well. Ms. Jarvis stated that she is very involved in motorcycles and explained she has tried to bring in several runs which would bring in lots of people. Ms. Jarvis stated there are car clubs and other groups that would like to have a place to go on Sunday. Ms. Jarvis stated that some people don't have family close by and so there work or friends become their family. Ms. Jarvis explained that she has several coffee drinkers in the morning that never touch a drop of alcohol but want her to cook them something. Ms. Jarvis explained that if you go to Ririe or out to St. Anthony you can drink beer or alcohol or go to Idaho Falls and drink beer. Ms. Jarvis explained they would like to have a place to go that didn't require the expense of a restaurant. Councilman Simonson asked Ms. Jarvis if she wanted every bar to be able to serve beer and alcohol on Sunday. Ms. Jarvis stated she was surprised they were talking alcohol because she was only talking about beer. Councilman Blackburn asked Ms. Jarvis if she was asking for permission to be open and sell beer on Sunday and close at 1 a.m. and Ms. Jarvis stated other than she wanted to close by 10:00 p.m. that was correct. Councilman Day asked if being a sandwich shop qualified as a restaurant and Mr. Dunn compared this request to Gator Jacks rather than like Applebee's. Mr. Dunn stated this was just informational to make a proposal and take the initiative to draft something. Ms. Jarvis stated she was there to ask what was needed to take the next step and asked if she needed to get signatures or something like that. Mr. Dunn suggested getting some ordinances from other cities and compare them to what they would like to see adopted for the city. Councilman Day stated he would be willing to look at a proposal.

Hailey Creek Subdivision

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Dunn if the city had received the water rights from Hailey Creek yet and Mr. Dunn stated they do physically have them. Mr. Swager stated they had the water rights from the Burgess Canal. Mr. Dunn stated they were not in the city's possession until after he had made some calls after the last council meeting. Councilman Zimmermann stated that had been a problem with Hailey Creek when he had been on Planning and Zoning. Councilman Zimmermann explained

they would say they had all this stuff but would never produce the documents. Mr. Dunn stated he had talked to Mr. Homer after the last council meeting regarding the last payment that hadn't been made and the water rights and explained the need to have the actual documents. Mr. Dunn stated they had talked about the DEQ approval of the well at Hailey Creek as well. There was a brief discussion regarding the other subdivisions that have come into the city and their water rights as well. Mr. Swager stated he has been looking for them but currently cannot locate them. Mr. Swager suggested going to the canal companies and getting another copy for city records.

Open Comment:

Mayor Smith turned the time over to Mike McCowin, Building Official/Public Works Director, for his presentation.

Mr. McCowin referred to some documents he had distributed to the council regarding the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. McCowin stated these papers were a brief overview of some accomplishments the treatment plant has made. Mr. McCowin stated the main reason for these documents was because there has been discussion over the workforce out at the treatment plant. Mr. McCowin stated he understood this was a tight budget year and explained they had been told this plant was a 1.5 employee plant or 60 hours per week. Mr. McCowin stated there have been a lot of good things happening out at the treatment plant and wanted to make the council aware of them. Mr. McCowin stated there was more looking at the budget rather than the actual needs of the plant and referred to the lab and explained the savings of \$28,000 by having the tests ran in house rather than taking them to Idaho Falls everyday. Mr. McCowin explained the BOD testing and stated the city would need to pay approximately \$3,000 in order to have the ability to run that test in house as well. Mr. McCowin stated they were currently working on a pretreatment program and were sending Tom Sessions, the assistant at the plant, for training in Rexburg and Idaho Falls. Mr. McCowin explained there would be no cost associated with this. Mr. McCowin explained how the BOD and pretreatment would affect all the businesses and restaurants in town. Mr. McCowin stated they were also looking to generate some additional income by offering lab services to other area cities. Mr. McCowin explained the septic dump procedures and how this was generating income for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. McCowin stated that Scott Barry, Treatment Plant Operator, has done a lot of work in the short time he has been there and expressed his appreciation for that. Mr. McCowin stated that not only are they working out there they are trying to generate income and make it better for the city. Councilman Zimmermann stated that Mr. Barry actually puts in more than his 40 hours but does not write it down and does not get paid for that additional time. Councilman Simonson referred to the revenue from the septic dumps and lab procedures and asked where that money was going and Mr. McCowin stated it goes back into the treatment plant. There was a brief discussion regarding whether this money could be used in other departments.

Hiring Freeze and Financial Protocol:

Mayor Smith reminded the council that Mayor Brown had imposed a hiring freeze approximately one year ago and explained that this is still in effect. Mayor Smith stated there is also a financial protocol for spending that Mr. Swager has put in place and wanted to make sure that it is being followed.

Ted Hendricks and The Development Company

Mayor Smith turned the time over to Ted Hendricks for his presentation.

Ted Hendricks started by distributing a document to the council for reference while he spoke. Mr. Hendricks stated that he had been speaking with Mayor Smith about things that could be done to help the city with the wastewater treatment plant and the user fee. Mr. Hendricks stated there have been cities all over Idaho that have been receiving very good financial terms on improving their water and wastewater systems. Mr. Hendricks explained that some of this has been happening through stimulus monies. Mr. Hendricks stated Mayor Smith had made some contacts in Boise, his company and Jim have been working with Willie Teuscher of DEQ and explained he had received an email from Barry Bernell. Mr. Hendricks explained that Mr. Bernell works directly under Tony Hardesty who is the State Director for DEQ. Mr. Hendricks stated that what is being proposed are several offers starting with option one being to reduce the current interest rate from 3.75 to 2.4% and that would have an effect of reducing the user fee to the residents. Mr. Hendricks stated an issue of concern was having some money to fix the collection system and so option two was for the city to be able to incur more debt and obtain a loan. Mr. Hendricks stated what was being proposed was for the city to apply for an additional loan through their criteria and ranking procedure. Mr. Hendricks stated that was going on currently and explained that the city would most likely be approved. Mr. Hendricks stated that if the city was to do this DEQ would lower the interest rate to zero on both the original loan and on any new money. Mr. Hendricks stated that under the direction of Mayor Smith he went down and talked to Rural Development to see if the City of Rigby could not have Rural Development or Farmers Home buy the \$3 million of bond obligated to them. Mr. Hendricks stated their loan is for 30 years at 4.25% interest with no way to change. Mr. Hendricks stated that when he approached DEQ for their \$4 million he decided to ask \$7 million under a lower interest rate. Mr. Hendricks stated that under option two or three they have agreed to do just that. Mr. Hendricks stated that option three is the best option and went on to explain that it would be to do nothing more than to amend the current loan offer with DEQ. Mr. Hendricks stated the current loan offer with DEQ is \$7 million because they provide the interim financing for the city. Mr. Hendricks explained the intent to sell the bond at the end of the project and stated the plan was to sell \$4 million to DEQ and \$3 million to Rural Development. Mr. Hendricks explained the terms and conditions of both bonds were different. Mr. Hendricks stated that option three would mean selling all \$7 million to DEQ, plus go out and borrow more or at least create the vehicle to allow the city to borrow more and then DEQ would drop the interest rate down to zero on both of those loans. Mr. Hendricks stated this meant another \$3.4 million on top of the current \$7 million for a total loan of \$10.4 million. Mr. Hendricks referred to another page and stated that with a zero percent interest on the loan meant a savings on the interest for the life of the loan. Mr. Hendricks gave a brief explanation of the repayment terms and what that would ultimately cost the city. Mr. Hendricks stated there are only two ways a city can incur more debt and that was through a revenue bond election for the wastewater system or can do what is called ordinary/necessary expenditure and have it judicially confirmed. Mr. Hendricks stated they were of the opinion to accept option three because it gave the ability for more money and lower payback terms. Mr. Hendricks stated that getting some additional money would mean being able to fix up some of the worst parts of the collection system. Mr. Hendricks explained some of the benefits of going with option three and what the savings meant to the city. Mr. Hendricks explained the numbers presented this evening were preliminary. Councilman Blackburn referred to the zero percent interest, the rating of the city and securing money in the future and asked if this had a positive bearing on the city to go with option three. Mr. Hendricks stated he wasn't sure how the rating occurred but knew if the payments

and requirements were met then it couldn't hurt the rating. Mr. Hendricks stated that on behalf of Mayor Smith they submitted an application to the Congressional Delegation for \$1.5 million and also notified the State that the city intends to come in next year and apply for another \$500,000 grant to help. Mr. Hendricks stated he had also talked to Willie Teuscher from DEQ about the \$350,000 the city owes just in past interest charges and they have agreed to allow the city to borrow the money to pay them. Mr. Hendricks stated that money has been held because when the bond is closed that money will need to be paid. Mr. Swager stated this switched that money from interest payable to debt payable and Mr. Hendricks stated that was correct. Mr. Hendricks stated that in order to capitalize on this the city needed to move pretty quickly and explained the city would not have to go through the ranking criteria. Councilman Day asked if these loans were thirty year and Mr. Hendricks stated the \$4 million is twenty years and the \$3 million was thirty years. Councilman Day asked if this new loan was twenty years and Mr. Hendricks stated that was correct. Mr. Hendricks stated this meant the debt would be paid off quicker and the total payout would be significantly less. Councilman Blackburn asked Jim Mullen of Keller Associates if he could tell of an area in town that is most critical and Mr. Mullen stated they have sent cameras down only 50% of the cities lines but indicated 3rd West and the older parts of town are in the worst shape. Mr. Mullen stated that have videos and maps showing some of the bad areas prepared that might be of some help to the city. Councilman Blackburn asked how soon work could commence once the money was acquired and Mr. Mullen stated as soon as weather permitted. Mr. Hendricks stated it would take about 90 days to get the money situation taken care of. There was a brief discussion regarding matching funds for congressional money and block grants and augmenting it with other loan monies. Mr. Mullen asked about parking and storage areas and asked if this money could cover those needs and Mr. Hendricks stated the city would need to look at wants versus needs. Councilman Simonson asked Mr. Swager if he had a chance to look over this information and Mr. Swager stated that he had briefly looked over the email and explained that he had called Barry Bernell himself. Mr. Swager referred to the three cost components of operation of the wastewater, operation of the collection system and debt retirement and stated that one thing that concerned him was they didn't know what the cost of operation for the wastewater system would be because there hadn't been a year of operation yet. Mr. Swager stated there was an 80 year-old collection system that this money will save. Mr. Swager stated there was no way of knowing how much this would actually save except the cost of the debt retirement. Mr. Swager stated the debt retirement is roughly \$30 per user per month which leaves approximately \$25 maintain the wastewater and collection systems. Mr. Hendricks stated it left less than that when you considered the capital reserve requirement and explained the amount was closer to \$18 or \$19. Mr. Swager asked if they could maintain a collection and wastewater system on that amount and Mr. Hendricks stated that was correct. Mr. Swager then stated the city's current costs were above that amount and Mr. Hendricks stated that once the improvements are made the costs to maintain will be significantly less.

Mr. Swager then referred to the 60 man-hour discussion regarding the plant that Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Mullen stated was all that was needed to run the plant and stated they currently cannot maintain that 60 hour limit. Mr. Mullen stated the operator is saying the 60 hours is unrealistic and yet the professionals are saying that it is realistic. Mr. Hendricks stated that number is based upon plants of the same size and operation. Mr. Swager asked why this city could not maintain when they are being told they can and Mr. Hendricks stated there is a learning curve that requires more time or perhaps because it's a new plant and they are trying to get all the bugs worked out. Mr. Hendricks stated they just cannot answer everything and explained that maybe in a year or two

they could answer them better. Mr. Swager stated that he agreed \$3 million interest free was a good opportunity but was concerned about further burdening the residents. Mr. Hendricks stated the financial responsibility was there whether the city took this additional money or not. Mr. Hendricks went on to say he felt this gamble is well worth the \$1.50 in debt. Councilman Blackburn stated that if the city didn't take this money they were going to have to fix the collection system at some point and later may cause more financial burdens. Mr. Mullen stated the current collection system has so much groundwater coming in that it's being pumped and treated at the treatment plant and that is causing your operation costs. Mr. Mullen stated that an improvement to the collection system will actually lower the operation and maintenance costs. There was a brief discussion regarding the costs, expenses, loan possibilities and long-term collection system concerns. Mayor Smith asked if there was a time frame in which the city had to spend this money once it is secured and Mr. Hendricks stated there was not. Mayor Smith stated that no decisions could be made tonight because it was not formally on the agenda but thanked Mr. Hendricks for the information. Mayor Smith stated he felt this was a good choice because the city would actually get \$3 million more and repay \$2 million less overall. Mayor Smith stated the main thing was making sure the city spent and operated with the money as wisely as possible. Mr. Hendricks stated that time is of the essence and suggested accepting Mr. Bernell's offer and move ahead with the process. Mr. Hendricks suggested holding a special meeting and having a presentation and address this issue and the process by which the city would accept this money. Councilman Blackburn suggested speaking with Mr. Bernell and at least let him know of the city's intent and Mr. Hendricks stated that was a possibility. There was a brief discussion regarding holding a meeting and what procedure would need to be done.

Approval of Bills-

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of bills and asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Councilman Blackburn referred to the bill for wastewater treatment plant and stated the one last month was \$2,400 and the one for this month is \$7,400. There was a brief discussion regarding the cost between electricity and gas bills. Councilman Blackburn stated if these were the costs the city was going to incur it is huge amounts. Mr. McCowin explained some of the improvements done regarding insulation and sheetrock and other cost cutting measures being taken at the treatment plant. Councilman Day asked who was paying for this and Mr. McCowin stated they were and Mr. Dunn stated they weren't going to but has since been changed. (there were several conversations going on at the same time for a few minutes) Mr. McCowin stated that with all the improvements going on there should be a decrease in the monthly heating expenses. Councilman Simonson moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilman Maloney seconded. All were in favor.

Approval of February 16, 2010 Minutes-

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of the February 16, 2010 minutes and asked if there were any changes or corrections.

Councilman Day stated there was a discussion regarding setting the cost for Hailey Creek's water and sewer connections and wanted to make sure the city received the cost estimates and set an amount. There was a brief discussion regarding this request. Councilman Day asked if the chip seal was part of the development agreement. Mr. McCowin stated there is a provision in the development agreement where it states street surfacing but did indicate there is no definition in the

code on street surfacing. There was a brief discussion regarding the standards the city has adopted. Councilman Day stated there needed to be a follow-up on the waste disposal for the treatment plant and Mr. Dunn stated he is currently working with the county on an agreement. (there were several conversations going on at the same time for a few minutes). Councilman Maloney moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Zimmermann seconded. All were in favor.

Public Comment-

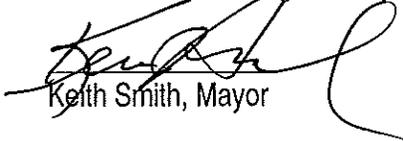
Mayor Smith stated the next item on the agenda was public comment and turned the time over to the audience.

Police Chief Larry Anderson stated there would be an open house for the Police Station on March 17, 2010.

Scott Barry stated they have covered vents and made adjustments in order to take the heat from 90 degrees down to 60 degrees and keep it maintained and safe from freezing.

There was no further public comment given.

Councilman Simonson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hinckley seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Keith Smith, Mayor

Attest: 
David Swager, City Clerk