

City of Rigby  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2013

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 17, 2013. The pledge of allegiance was given by Benson Taylor and Mike Maloney offered the prayer.

Mayor Smith asked the clerk to call the roll.

Councilwoman Hinckley	Present
Councilman Maloney	Present
Councilman Zimmermann	Present
Councilman Olsen	Present
Councilman Simonson	Present
Councilman Sullenger	Absent

Also present: Chief Hammon and Attorney Robin Dunn

Dept. Head Goals and Accomplishments:

- Public Works: Rick Lamoreaux came forward and recapped the various departments.
  - Road: Rick recapped the quantity of roads seal coated and crack sealed for the 2013 year. Accomplishments: new street signs, striping of parking lots and intersections.
  - Sanitation: Ordered 10- 300 gallon containers to be used as replacements. Costs of the two garbage trucks being monitored with the anticipation replacement of the older truck in 2015. Will continue to do curb side pickup as a means to reduce hauling to landfill.
  - Parks: South park converted to canal water. Tennis court will need new surface/net in 2014. Purchased upgraded security camera for Veteran Park and skate park. Early Iron Car Show proposes using the proceeds from the 2013 along with the 2014 event to build a new shelter south of the skate park. Would like to consider building a gazebo somewhere in the central park. Replace wood picnic tables with aluminum tables. Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their \$1,000 donation they gave last year and also for the current year. He thanked the crew for decorating of Main Street with the Christmas lights.
  - Sewer: Continuing to work on old sewer lines. Plan on sealing the manholes in the coming year, but subject to the amount of sub-water the city experiences. The 5 lift stations throughout the city are all working and operational.
  - Treatment Plant: Completed the drying pad which should allow the sludge to dry out prior to being shipped.
  - Water: Dove Ave water lines have been upgraded and the project completed. Continuing to work on water service lines as they leak or wear out. Will continue to have the system inspected for leaks as an ongoing project. Looking at replacing Spud Alley water line this coming year at an estimated cost of \$70- 90 thousand. Continuing to replace/repair fire hydrants around the city.
  - Equipment: Needs includes truck with snowplow, street sweeper, street sander, replace the JCB backhoe.

- Labor: He feels he is operating with a lean and efficient crew. Several of the employees are working on their water, sewer, and road certification. He thanked the guys for their dedication and service to the city.

Concluding his remarks the mayor asked if the council had any questions.

Councilman Zimmermann asked about the sewer lift station and the clogging of the pumps. Rick responded they have replaced the three lift pumps with new vortech pumps and the problem appears to have decreased.

- Library: Marilyn Kamoe, library director, stated the library has upgraded their software system to allow for email, e-books and other electronic media. There were 29,000 visitors through the library with 84,000 items checked out. The library hosts the food bank, assists with the proctoring of tests, and conducts story times, the summer reading program (which had 350 kids participating last year). The library began a Mother/Daughter Book Group this year and had their 5K fun run. The new ceiling fans helped with the heating of the building this year and they replaced 9 of the 15 computers.

The Mayor thanked her for her report along with the other department heads for their reports.

Abandoned Storage Containers:

The clerk presented pictures of two storage containers that have been abandoned at the wastewater treatment plant. He indicated they have been there for the past four years. He indicated the police would like to use the railroad box car for their use or a possible use to allow the youth baseball and football programs to use it for their storage. The truck box van could be utilized at the treatment plant instead of purchasing a bully barn. If the council had no objection he would like the council to approve with the legal process to declare the two containers as abandoned property.

Council discussed who owned the containers, to which no one knew.

Councilman Zimmermann moved to direct the attorney to proceed with the legal procedures to declare the containers as being abandoned seconded by Council Maloney.

Mayor Smith asked the clerk to poll the council.

Councilwoman Hinckley	Yes
Councilman Maloney	Yes
Councilman Zimmermann	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Simonson	Yes

Impact on sanitation fund with elimination of county's tonnage fee:

The clerk reviewed with the council the exemption that the city has been receiving from the county to the tonnage fee. He noted a recent news article wherein the exemption the city has been receiving may be unconstitutional. If the county were to begin charging the city what

impact would those fees have on the city. With that being said he reviewed with the council a worksheet he developed which compares shipping the waste to the Circular Butte landfill or to Bonneville County. The city would realize equipment and labor savings amounting to \$28,750 per year if the waste were to be hauled to Bonneville. The city would pay more per ton if the Bonneville County landfill is used amounting to \$14,220 per year. The overall savings if the Bonneville landfill were to be used would total \$14,525. The Circular Butte landfill would add approximately \$60,600 in tonnage fees. This would equate to a per 90-gallon can cost of \$2.84 per month per can. If the Bonneville landfill were to be used, the increase in costs equates to \$00.68 per month per can. This is assuming the Jefferson rates to be \$32.40 per ton and the Bonneville fee to be \$40 per ton.

He gave this information as informational only and he has not heard what the county intends to do regarding this issue.

Verizon Cell Phone Lease on water tower:

The clerk reminded the council of the request from Verizon cell phone to lease space on the water tower similar to the AT&T lease. Verizon has provided a diagram of the area they would like to use to house their transmission equipment. He noted the public works have reviewed the site plan and have no objection with the proposed site. Verizon would need to obtain a special use permit from planning and zoning but prior to doing so, would like to know if the council had any objection to the proposal.

The Mayor hesitated asking the council for their commitment, as it may be a conflict if the decision comes before the council. Having said that, he asked if any councilmember had objection, none were expressed.

Quarterly Interfund Transfers:

End of the quarter transfers from the three enterprise funds to general fund need to be approved. \$6,250 from water, sewer and sanitation to General Fund for a total of \$18,750. These are the amounts set up in the budget to offset the administration expense incurred on the three funds.

Councilman Simonson moved to approve the transfer seconded by Councilman Olsen.

Mayor Smith asked the clerk to poll the council.

Councilwoman Hinckley	Yes
Councilman Maloney	Yes
Councilman Zimmermann	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Simonson	Yes

Other Council Business:

- Employee of the Year – Mayor Smith informed the council that during the employee’s Christmas luncheon, David Swager was presented as employee of the year award. The Mayor commented the clerk has added to the financial stability of the city during this past year.

- Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers: Rob Dunn thanked Councilwoman Hinckley for the work and effort she put forth in the little things she does: birthdays, treats and other things she brought to the council. He also thanked Councilman Zimmermann for his time and effort. He also complimented the Mayor for the things he did: the lighting along Hwy 48 and Main Street.

Review and Approval of Bills:

The council reviewed the bills and Councilman Simonson moved to approve the bills seconded by Councilman Zimmermann.

Mayor Smith asked the clerk to poll the council.

Councilwoman Hinckley	Yes
Councilman Maloney	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes
Councilman Simonson	Yes
Santa Clause aka Councilman Zimmermann	Yes

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes seconded by Councilman Olsen.

The Mayor called for a voice poll: All in favor, none opposed, Councilman Simonson abstained.

Public Comment:

None

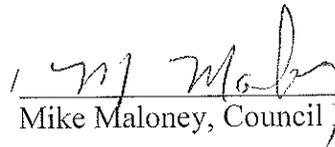
Adjournment:

Councilman Simonson move to adjourn seconded by Councilman Zimmermann.

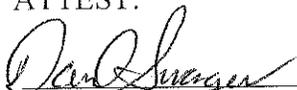
The Mayor called for a voice poll: All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm

CITY OF RIGBY

  
 Mike Maloney, Council President

ATTEST:

  
 David Swager, Clerk