

City of Rigby  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2019

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm Thursday, Mar 28, 2019. The pledge of allegiance was given by Doug Burke and the prayer given by Kirk Olsen.

The mayor asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Present
Councilman Taylor	Present
Councilman Datwyler	Present
Councilman Hall	Present
Councilwoman Weight	Present
Councilman Olsen	Present

Also present: Mitch Bradley Public Works Director, Attorney Dunn

The mayor explained the reason for this evening special meeting of the council was to review a change in the approved water line being installed on 4000 East to service the Holbrooke LDS Church meeting house. And in addition this would be the only item that would be discussed. He then asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and the company they represent.

Those in attendance: Mitch Bradley – city of Rigby; Dave Walrath – Jefferson county’s road sup’t; Blair Baker – DL Beck Const; Ryan Loftus – Aspen Eng; Marvin Fielding – Keller Eng; Allen Christean – facilities mgr – LDS Church.

The mayor asked Mitch Bradley to come forward and explain the reason for the meeting and address his concern.

Mr. Bradley indicated that during the design phase of the water line it was engineered to be installed on the east side of 4000 East. When construction began it was noted that there were fiber optics lines, telephone lines and a 4 inch natural gas line all running along the east side. There was discussion of moving the water line to the west side but Rocky Mountain Power indicated they would require 20 foot separation from the power poles all along 4000 East. Mr. Bradley stated that the further south you move along 4000 East the power poles/road merge closer together and the 20 foot separation could not be maintained the length of the road. As the final alternative the water line could be installed in the roadway. By installing it in the roadway, the county is requiring a full overlay and would not allow a half over lay with a cold seam on the road. The cost of the 4” overlay is estimated at \$250,000. The church is asking for assistance to assist in covering the added costs for the road asphalt.

Mr. Bradley also said that being the water line would need to be installed under the Burgess Canal it was critical that a decision be made to proceed or not to proceed. The canal company has informed him that they have a commitment to put water in the canal no later than April 10 and that date if firm and cannot

be negotiated. Asked if as an alternative to 4000 East if installing the line down 200 North would be an alternative. He stated no, the cost for the number of services is greater than along 4000 East, the water line would only be a 12 inch line and the line would not be looped which would cause issues with the health district.

Allen Christean from the church came forward and said the error in the design of the water line is under the church's umbrella and as part of the church's team they will be addressing the design error in-house. As for the road overlay with this cost being added to the job the overall cost of the project is what the church had estimated for the water line. When the construction bids came in being lower than the engineer's estimate the church made the decision to go with the water line on 4000 East. Given this added cost, they are debating whether to abandon the line on 4000 East and go to a fire well. If the church could have some assistance on the road overlay then given the commitment everyone has made they would continue with the project. He indicated he was not in a position to negotiate any amount but he would like to know if the city would participate and take the city's willingness to participate back to his people. He added that knowing the date of water being released into the canal he has authorized the contractor to begin the installation of the water line this week. If the project is scrapped, then the city will have the benefit of having a water line under the Burgess all at the church's expense.

The mayor stated that the city has invested time and planning in this project. One of the main issues was the moratorium on building that the county/city issued to stop construction in this area which was based on having the water line installed on 4000 East. Also the area of impact has been expanded in anticipation of this water line. If the water line is scrapped, then the city's need for the land at the intersection of 4000 E and 200 N would be in doubt as would the community development block grant of \$400,000. The city has invested \$135,000 for the upsizing of the water line which needs to be addressed along with the time spent by Mitch and Sharon in planning/zoning. The city has "skin" in the game that has been expended.

Ryan Loftus from Aspen Eng explained the work his firm did in designing the water line. He said they located the telephone pedestals, gas connections along with the power. He said they have done work for Idaho Falls and Bonneville County where a half overlay was acceptable. The full overlay of 4" is adding \$100,000 to the project.

Dave Walrath from the county explained why a half overlay on the road would not be acceptable. A half overlay allows a cold seam which degrades the road. He mentioned 400 North as an example and why he wouldn't accept a half overlay. As for participating on part of the road he explained this spring thaw is higher than usual and he's concerned with the budget for repairs. Any commitment from the county would need to be approved by the county commissioners. Mr. Walrath wants the road put back in as good as or better condition than what exists now. He also had concern with traffic control on 48 being that 4000 E is a heavily traveled road.

After council discussion the mayor asked for a straw vote from the council as to their feelings on participating with the road costs with no dollar or percentage being expressed.

Councilman Taylor – Yes to participating

Councilman Weight – Yes

Councilman Datwyler – yes – city has made investment and for future growth

Mayor – yes – he’s concern with the lost resources that the city has invested in time and material plus long term planning.

Councilman Hall – yes feels others should assist not just the church and city.

Councilman Burke – yes but need a dollar cost on what the city’s participation will be.

Councilman Olsen – Yes the city has made a large investment in the project already which is at stake and it’s needed for the long term growth of the city.

Mr. Christean commented that he appreciates the commitment the council is showing and he will forward the council’s feeling to his supervisor and will get back in touch with the mayor. He and the mayor discussed when and how that communication would happen but both said it would be in a matter of days. Mr. Christean also complemented Mitch Bradley for his assistance on the project.

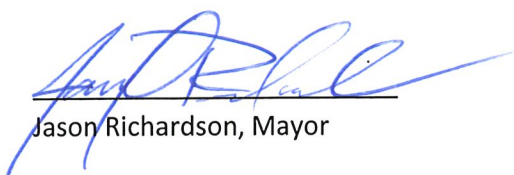
Blair Baker from DL Beck Co stated that with the line being installed in the road versus along the right of way the project could be completed in a matter of weeks versus months due to the elimination of having to repair private driveways. He also indicated that DL Beck would be considering credits for the reduction in work for the change.

Having no further business: Councilman Taylor moved to adjourn seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

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

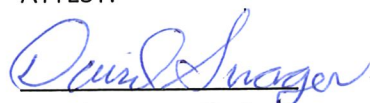
Meeting adjourned: 6.25 pm

CITY OF RIGBY



Jason Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Swager, Clerk