

City of Rigby  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Nov 16, 2017

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm Thursday, November 16, 2017. The pledge of allegiance was given by Dr. Richard Datwyler and the prayer given by Doug Burke.

The mayor asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Present
Councilwoman Weight	Present
Councilman Taylor	Present
Councilman Datwyler	Present
Councilman Olsen	Absent
Councilwoman Thomas	Absent

Also present: Chief Tower, Attorney Dunn

Rigby Youth Advisory Committee:

Christian Parrott came forward and discussed the by-laws that he drafted with the assistance from Councilwoman Weight. Councilwoman Weight noted a few minor technical items that may need to be changed: number of persons on the committee and dates. Christian is doing the youth advisory as his senior project. He came forward and stated there were three topics for the advisory committee to focus on: teen activities; service activity; and governmental affairs committee. The advisory committee will consist of three to five students on each of the three committees making the total between nine or fifteen. They must be enrolled in either Rigby School or are being home taught within the Jefferson school system. All grades are available who are of high school age. If the student is interested in serving on the committee they must submit a written application as to their goals and what they would like to achieve while on the committee.

Council's discussion was very supportive of the advisory committee. Several of the council expressed concern with having non-city students on the committee but felt some of the positions on the youth advisory should be reserved to students residing in the city boundaries. The mayor asked the attorney if there were any legality with residents versus non-residents serving on an advisory committee. The attorney would have to research that question and get back to the council.

Christian and the mayor will meet later and finalize the by-laws for the council to review later.

Public Works Director:

The mayor reviewed the qualification of Mitch Bradley and supported him with nominating him to the position of public works director for the city. The mayor indicated that in discussion with Mitch that Mitch is excited to move into the position. Further the mayor said Mitch will be on probation for nine months although those nine months are going to be very hectic with all the projects that will be going on.

Councilman Datwyler moved to accept the nomination of Mitch Bradley to the position of city's director of public works. Motion seconded by Councilman Burke.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes - Commented that based on the prior meeting the council had with Mr. Bradley he was very impressed and supported Mr. Bradley.
Councilman Datwyler	Yes

The mayor then asked Mitch to come forward and be sworn in as Rigby's Public Works Director.

Resolution # 187-2017 – Fair Housing Resolution:

The mayor read the Fair Housing Resolution #187-2017.

Councilman Taylor moved to adopt resolution #187-2017 – Fair Housing Resolution seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes

Resolution # 188-2017 – Policy Regarding Nondiscrimination Based on Disability:

The mayor reads the policy regarding nondiscrimination based on disability Resolution #188 – 2017.

Councilman Burke moved to adopt resolution #188-2017 Policy Regarding Nondiscrimination Based on Disability –seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes

Review of city elections:

The clerk handed out to the council the certified results of the November 7, 2017 city elections. The results as certified by the board of county commissioners were as follows:

	<u>Mayor</u>		<u>Council Member</u>		
	Jason Richardson	Richard Datwyler	Juan Gonzalez	Benson Taylor	Nichole Weight
<u>Votes:</u>					
Absentee	14	13	6	11	12
Rigby	<u>155</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>167</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>179</b>

The results were reviewed with Jason Richardson winning the mayor's position and Richard Datwyler, Benson Taylor and Nichole Weight the three seats for council.

Councilman Burke moved to accept the results of the November 7, 2017 election and enter same into the minutes of the Rigby city council. Motion seconded by Councilman Datwyler.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes

Certificates of election were handed to the three winning candidates.

#### Annis Highway Upgrade and Funding:

Kyle Jones representing Harper Leavitt Engineers came forward and presented the council with an alternative for funding the Annis Highway. Mr. Jones indicated there are highway funds available this December for up to \$1 million that would be awarded for projects meeting the criteria under the state Idaho Surface Transportation Funding (STP). The costs of designing the upgrades are included as part of the city's match and the design could be used not only with the STP grant but also for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP).

The catch is that the city does not have the time to select an engineering firm based on Idaho code 67-2320 where the expected cost of the engineer fees exceed \$25,000.

The council indicated they were interested in proceeding with the option for the Annis Highway and will review the topic in February, 2018 and have time to submit the application by December, 2018.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2017 seconded by Councilman Burke.

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

#### Approval of Bills:

Councilman Burke moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes

#### Other Council Business:

- Employee Christmas Party: Councilman Burke indicated he had discussed having the Christmas party at Mountain River. The price would run around \$32 to \$38 per person. Further discussions that January 12, 2018 would be the best time to have a party and Councilman Burke will explore other venues to host the party.

- Walking Paths: The mayor commented that Angie found a grant for the installation of walking paths around the central park. But due to the funding it would require an engineer to design the walking paths at a significant higher cost than would be warranted. It was felt using the grant to pay for an engineer is not worth the effort and the mayor concurred with the decision that such a funding is not the best use of funds given the restrictions imposed on them.
- Soccer Fields: Councilwoman Weight mentioned that the soccer association will not be hosting any soccer events in the city for the coming year due to the poor condition of the fields and the disassociation of maintenance by the school on the school owned property. She stated further that the city field by the Harwood School needs to have fill brought in to repair the divots in the field which is causing twisted ankles. The soccer association is looking at options from the city.
- Intersection West 2<sup>nd</sup> North and North 1<sup>st</sup> West: Councilman Taylor mentioned the intersection is causing concern with cars going north and south slowing down to cross the valley gutter and cars going east and west thinking the north/south bound cars are stopping are continuing through the intersection causing near misses. He suggested making it a four way stop at the intersection.
- Recognition: The mayor commented that he appreciated the effort and diligence that Mr. Lamoreaux gave the city over the years and presented him with a shadow box and quilt in appreciation of his years of service to the city. The mayor reminded the council and the public of the luncheon being held tomorrow from 1:00-5:00 on behalf of Mr. Lamoreaux.

Public Comment:

None

Executive Session:

Councilman Burke moved that the council enter into executive session per Idaho Code #74-206(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes
Councilman Taylor	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes

Council enters executive session: 7:55 pm.

Council exits executive session: 8:07 pm.

Council discussion:

Council discussed the options on obtaining the required land for the proposed new water tank.

Councilman Datwyler asked if an environmental impact study had been done on all three sites being considered. The mayor indicated an impact study had been conducted and approved for all three sites.

Councilman Datwyler moved to select the ground at the rodeo ground for the proposed new water tank and forego the other site. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke Yes  
Councilman Datwyler Yes  
Councilman Taylor Yes - Commenting a better site but it was not available from the owner.  
Councilwoman Weight Yes

Councilman Burke: Reminded the council of the upcoming AIC meeting being held for current and newly elected officials in Idaho Falls Tuesday November 28. The meetings are very informative.

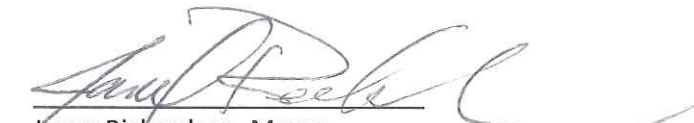
Adjournment:

Councilman Burke moved to adjourn seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm

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Jason Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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David Swager, Clerk