

## DUBOIS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES—April 10, 2024

A meeting of the Dubois City Council was held on April 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dubois City Hall. Present were Mayor Dan Bramwell, Councilwoman Erica Perez, Councilwoman Michelle Ames, Councilman Blake Dory, Austin Borresen, Ace Hensley, Clerk Kerri Ellis, Bev and Steve Gilger, Connie and Marty Owen, Treva May, Andrew Rawlins, Valerie Steigerwald, Allen Laird, Danette Frederiksen, Allene Frederiksen. Sheriff Mark McClure, Aaron Swensen, Forsgrens, Rick Miller, Alturas, by Zoom.

No Public Comments

Aaron Swensen with Forsgren's gave an update on grants and reported that the bid opening was done for pathway project at the city park. Low bid was from Depatco/Sunrock for \$176,044 with \$134,384 going for pathway. Award was contingent on being compliant. Aaron said that they are planning on 10% change order. There will be \$42,560 left. Other costs were ADA Parking \$10,000, \$8,500 Curbing, \$3,000 for benches, and \$20,000 for basketball court. Bridge project was discussed. Aaron said they received no bids on the sidewalk project. If sidewalk project is not completed by Sept 30<sup>th</sup> the \$250,000 in funds goes back to the state. Aaron also reported the DEQ is backed up so the seepage test will be done as soon as they get back what is needed from DEQ. Aaron reported that the Bridge project will have a fall construction time frame.

**Motion** by Councilwoman Perez to award contract on bid but is contingent on compliance. Second by Councilwoman Ames. **Motion passed.**

Sheriff Report was given. It was reported that there was 24 incidents in the County, 17 incidents in the City of Dubois, for a total of 41 incidents. He discussed having the city move a couple of their speed signs to a different place. A new law enforcement agreement was presented with no changes but would expire September 30, 2024. **Motion** by Councilman Dory to approve the law enforcement agreement for 2023. Second by Councilwoman Ames. **Motion passed.**

Blake Dory road was discussed. It was determined that the City road does run to his property line.

Airport Lease was discussed. Visser Ag has purchased Desert Air and is interested in taking over the lease of the airport. Discussion was held on the price. **Motion** by Councilwoman Ames to raise the lease \$500 making it \$3500 for the year. Seconded by Councilman Dory. **Motion passed.**

Airport Farm lease was discussed. Randy and Jill Grover said they would only pay \$75 per acre for farm lease. Discussion was held on the price. **Motion** by Councilwoman Perez to renew lease for 2024 for \$80 an acre. Seconded by Councilwoman Ames. **Motion passed.**

City Cleanup was discussed. It was decided 2 Saturdays in a row were needed. **Motion** by Councilwoman Perez to hold the cleanup on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> with the City paying costs. Seconded by Councilman Dory. **Motion passed.**

Rick Miller with Alturas discussed a housing study. He said that RCHS could help with the study but it could cost \$6,000 to \$10,000 to complete. He said that North West Real Estate would possibly be interested and send out an RFQ. He will give more information at the next city council meeting. He said it would take 30-60 days and funds for CBDG wouldn't be available until fall (Nov).

Budget Hearing was discussed. **Motion** by Councilwoman Perez to set the Budget Hearing for September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m at the Regular City Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Dory. **Motion passed.**

Fair Housing Proclamation was read. **Motion** by Councilman Dory to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation. Seconded by Councilwoman Ames. **Motion passed.**

City Surplus property was discussed. Mayor Bramwell reported that he had met with County Commissioners and discussed where we are on the gravel pit correction. Forsgren's has replotted the map. No action was needed.

The City Website was discussed. The cost is an annual cost of \$665.00 per year, with a onetime set up fee of \$449.00 for a total of \$1,114. Mayor Bramwell is working to get the .gov set up done so that we have the domain name of either Duboisidaho.gov or CityofDuboisIdaho.gov. **Motion** by Councilwoman Ames to approve the website expense and the website. Second by Councilman Dory. **Motion passed.**

Maintenance Report- Austin reported that the white plow went down to the blade. He purchased the metal and Jake said he would help with it. He reported he needs new blades for the brush hog. Austin said that he they will be grading the airport run way. He mentioned that he needs something to cut the asphalt out with when they start on bridge project this fall.

Ace reported that they are a long way from doing the seepage test. They will need to start irrigating the airport. He reported there were 2 more new hook-ups. Ace reported that Connie Owen had gotten a new wind sock for the city for the airport so they got that put up.

Clerks Report-- Clerk Ellis asked the council to consider looking at the sick leave and annual leave as the public works department works 10 hour days but they only get paid for 8. Mayor asked to put on next month agenda.

**Consent Items:** Minutes of March 13, 2024 and City Bills.

Councilwoman Perez made **motion** to approve the minutes of March 13, 2024. Second by Councilwoman Ames. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Councilwoman Perez to approve paying the bills. Seconded by Councilwoman Ames.

**Motion passed.** Roll call vote: Councilman Dory, aye, Councilwoman Perez, aye, Councilwoman Ames, aye.

**Motion** to adjourn by Councilwoman Ames. Seconded by Councilwoman Perez. **Motion passed.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Dan Bramwell, Mayor