

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALTON GARDENS

Meeting was held at the City Hall January 5, 2017, 6:00 PM
Meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberge
Councilmember Lundy led the pledge

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilmembers Lundy, Jordan, Smith and Myers. Also present was Valerie Anderson, City Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 1, 2016 a copy of which had been provided and the Financial Statement from December 1, 2016 to December 30, 2016 and the claims so listed. Clerk Anderson gave a brief overview of the report.

Councilmember Lundy made a motion to approve the consent calendar as listed on the agenda.
Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chris Kastella – 6088 N. 18th Street – She commended Councilmember Jordan for the awesome job on the snow plowing on the street this year.

Warren Merritt – Kootenai County Fire Chief – He reported on the Annual Candy Cane Run held in December. He said 1300 pounds of food was collected, 200 toys and \$400 dollars in cash in the Dalton Gardens area. He also talked about home safety in properly disposal of ashes, candles and over load on power. So he warned people to check smoke detectors and have fire hydrants dug out.

DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENT WAY AND WILBUR AVENUE

Matt Gillis of Welch Comer Engineering gave a brief update on the Government Way Project which is a small list of items which need to be completed before the project will begin this spring. The final agreement with the City of Coeur d'Alene and Dalton Water Association on cost sharing is now complete and the right of ways is in the final process for the package to be submitted to LTAHC for bid process. Matt explained the project to the public. On the subject of the Government Way and Wilbur Avenue the City of Coeur d' Alene owns the road on Government Way from the east right of way going to the west. Idaho Transportation Department has a federal grant to do three things: 1. Do improvement to every traffic signal along Highway 95 with a proposed signal at Wilbur and Highway 95, 2: the connection of Wilbur to Highway 95, 3: reconstruct the east side of Highway 95. In the Government Way project the plan was to extend Wilbur Avenue thru to Highway 95. Matt explained that there were several public hearings on the proposed extension with the City of Coeur d' Alene which started back in 2012 to 2015. All the right of ways is purchased, environmental assessments are completed, design is complete, funding is in place and the construction is scheduled for summer of 2017. He explained that some traffic controls which could be put in as small traffic circles, stop signs, speed bumps, installing bike paths which involve a traffic study before any process was put in place. The council would like to see a traffic count study done at the present and in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Robert Wuest – 7776 N. Mt. Carrol – He said he cares about Dalton Gardens and is concerned about the traffic that the extension of Wilbur to Highway 95 will have on the City. He stated that we need a traffic committee started to look at the traffic in the city.

Bruce Hose – 716 E. Wilbur – He stated that he is against the extension of Wilbur Ave. and that it will increase traffic. He asked if a light would have been put on Highway 95 and Wilbur Ave.

Councilmembers Myers stated that the area in question is not in the area of city impact for Dalton Gardens. The City of Dalton Gardens just has the east side ROW and City of Coeur d' Alene owns Government Way and to the West.

Matt Gillis explained that the 95 corridor study was done to balance traffic and do the extension on Wilbur Ave. IDT has done a public outreach effort and study of what needs to be done. The bottom line is that the City of Coeur d' Alene owns the public ROW and road on Government Way.

Ray Craft – 931 E. Wilbur – He stated that he thanked deputies writing tickets and stated that most people come down 4th Street to avoid traffic lights on Government Way and Highway 95.

Yvonne Domanski – 6984 Mt., Carrol – Her concern is the safety of people walking horses on Wilbur which is not wide enough to get cars and folks walking down to the arena. She suggested making Canfield and Wilbur Ave one way streets.

Lila Tatum – 7080 N. Valley – She questioned the benefit of the City of Dalton Gardens in have the road go through to Highway 95. She stated that we do not want race ways in Dalton. She what the role of Dalton Gardens is at this point and Councilmember Myers stated that we are doing a sewer project for the commercial area along Government Way we have nothing to do with the road project.

Sheri Halligan – 871 E. Wilbur – She stated that we need stop sign and that we do not need to widen Wilbur Ave.

Ralph Christensen – 7160 Valley Street – He stated that Wilbur Ave. will be a problem for more traffic in the future when it is extended. This area is great to live and have some place for all the things we want in life. We need to put up stop signs for the safety of the people.

Gary Sonnen – 7447 N. Valley – If Wilbur Ave. would have been kept straight the City of CDA would have had to do something different. The people cut through Dalton to avoid the traffic lights.

Gary Domanski – 6984 Mt. Carrol – He stated that we are bed room community and have a 25 mph speed limit, bike friendly and a healthy environment for our kids. He felt that the Highway 95 and Government Way should be our call not the City of CDA.

Richard Epstein – 7224 Valley Street – He stated that he was on council when this issue came up and it will impact the citizens of Dalton Gardens. He stated that we have no said on the impact but urged people to contact their legislators and explain that when a project like this one to please inform the adjoining city to see what can be done for both parties.

Public comment period was closed.

The council discussed the comments which were made by the public and are concerned about the safety of the citizens. The council decided to start a traffic committee and Councilmember Smith will be the council liaison. They asked for volunteers to the committee and to contact the city office if you would like to be on the committee. The committee will discuss the ways to calm traffic. We will also be doing work on 4th Street in the near future.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to take a 5 minute recess. Councilmember Lundy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to come out recess. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Councilmember Smith reported on the Enhanced Sheriff Patrol Services which we budgeted extra hours and to date we have 32 citations. She stated that she met with Captain Boyle and they will need to have permission from citizens to sit in driveways and do extra patrol. They discussed the construction on Government Way in the coming months so more patrol will be needed on our streets. The gates at the arena have been closed for the winter. The parks contract will be addressed at our February meeting. A new survey will be coming on the website for the parks.

Councilmember Myers reported he is working with our Attorney on the joint powers agreement, personnel issues and the building inspector agreement.

Mayor Roberge thanked Councilmember Jordan for his time on the snow plowing.

Councilmember Lundy reported that the Comprehensive Plan is being worked on with the Planning & Zoning Committee. We did the third and fourth quarter network maintenance and are working on some digital filing systems.

Councilmember Jordan reported he is working on the snow plowing in getting the streets widened. We have used approximately 8500 gallons of beet juice on the streets. He reported he is working with the City of Hayden on some sanding if needed. We hired a plow truck driver, Jim Wuest to operate the truck. It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the fire hydrants open. We are working with the other cities and Lakes Highway District to keep the communications open.

Clerk Anderson reported that our next Newsletter will be going out in February, 2017. The LID funding has been completed, our annual road and street report has been completed, working on the quarterly and yearly reports for the month of January. We are also working on cleaning up some files at the office.

City Attorney – No Report
Planning Consultant – No Report
Building Inspector – No Report

Councilmember Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Roberge, Mayor

Valerie S. Anderson, Clerk