

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF DALTON GARDENS MARCH 7, 2019
CITY HALL 6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberge.

Councilmember Jordan led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: ACTION ITEM

Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 7, 2019 and the Financial Statement from February 1, 2019 to February 28, 2019 and the claims so listed.

Councilmember Lundy made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dick Flugel – 7303 N. 4th Street – He stated that he is on the traffic committee and has been looking at the Comprehensive Plan which is being drafted. KMPO was developed in 2003 and Dalton does have a seat at their meetings. This leave Kootenai County, Hayden & Coeur d'Alene to control the density of Dalton Gardens. If we don't get a voice on the committee it will destroy our rural neighborhood while they grow to increase their tax base. Kootenai County dictates what to do on 4th Street, Wilbur and the County Sheriff can be nothing about it on the speed in Dalton because they are so under staffed. In the Comprehensive Plan page 52, Item #7 it talks about traffic to be discouraged through our community. He stated that the 4th Street project would destroy property values and quality of life for residents living on the street and that the council should say no to the Federal Grant money.

Yvonne Domanski – 6984 Mt. Carroll – She asked if the grant requires sidewalks on the 4th Street Project and stated that curbs would create a problem with water standing on the roadway.

Gary Domanski – 6984 Mt. Carroll – He asked the council how we got Studio Cascade involved in the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Lundy explained to the audience that they were one of the candidates when the selection for a new Planner was hired for the city. Studio Cascade had the strengths to help us plan for growth with a subarea plan. Gary stated that he would like to see Bill Grimes meet with the Planning & Zoning & the City Council.

Lisa Pica – 755 E. Dalton Ave. – She stated that at the last council meeting that she had meetings with the Mayor on the 4th Street Project and that they need to get input from the residents. She also stated that she had met with the Engineer team and she had asked for copies of the plan. He said I am sorry Lisa, Mayor Roberge said that he was not to give out nothing. She felt that waiting 3 years to get input from the Dalton residents was the wrong way to handle with major project. She stated that in January 2019 at the open house the Mayor did not stay at the open house to answer questions. The Mayor has been quoted in many articles stating that he does not want to change Dalton and would not support any thing that would jeopardize our City. She warned the people to know their property rights.

Rob Reagan – 6040 N. 17th Street – He stated that he would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their years of service and that he is in favor of doing something with 4th Street.

Larry Clem – 7887 Baillie Street – He stated that he would like to see more transparency in Dalton Gardens. Get an engineer plan for the 4th Street project and present it to the people.

Mike Chase – 7512 N. 4th Street – He stated that after the open house meeting on 4th Street he hoped that the council would listen to the people of the rejection to the 4th Street plan. He read the newsletter and stated that the project is in full speed ahead. He stated that it is clear that the council has held information from the citizens in regards to this issue.

Robert Wuest – 7776 Mt. Carroll – He stated that he received the newsletter and that he did not agree with some of the statements which were made by our council and mayor. We need to trust our council. He stated that Wilbur is going to destroy our town.

Councilmember Myers stated that the Comprehensive Plan which was completed in 2009 was all done with input from the public and we went through hearing. That result in a technological advisory committee being formed and public announce was made and people were given the opportunity to participate in the creation of 2012 Transportation Plan and all steps had public involvement. Please stay involved in the community.

Rick Junkin – 1423 Deerhaven – He asked for the council to send out a flyer on the 4th Street Project and ask for feedback on engineering and if they want the project to go through in Dalton. He also would like to see the feedback from the citizens to be reviewed. He suggested that the Mayor should have stayed at the open house and listened to the people.

Sandra Clem – 7887 Baillie Street – She asked how one would get on the mailing list for the newsletter.

Carrie Chase – 7512 N. 4th Street – She stated that it is not all about communication with the residents it is about listening to the public on what is in the works to be done to 4th street and to Wilbur Ave. Please listen to the people before you take action.

Susan Cook – 1880 Wilbur Ave – She suggested that a reader board be put up at City Hall so people can see what is going on in the City.

Les Erickson – 1163 Wilbur Ave. – He commented on the speed of traffic on Wilbur Ave. and stated that it needs to be addressed.

Public comment period was closed.

4th Street Update – Mayor Roberge

Mayor Roberge stated that he attended the presentation by Matt Gillis at the Traffic Committee on January 17th, 2019 and that is the reason he did stay for the presentation on the 24th of January. The purpose of the open house was to provide information concerning options and obtain input, it is the beginning of the process to come up with a final design for the project. Eighty nine surveys were submitted and reviewed by councilmembers. Many of the comments in the surveys were: no sidewalks,

curbs/gutters, many supported making it safe for pedestrians/ bicyclists. There were 26 comments on roundabouts: 15 liked and 11 did not like roundabouts. Many of the surveys said to turn down the grant and have the city do it ourselves. With this information in hand, I attended the Kootenai County Area Transportation Team (KCATT) meeting on February 26th with councilmember Smith to provide them with public input comments. KCATT is a technical advisory subcommittee of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) which makes the final decision on designs with input from KCATT. I informed KCATT committee that Dalton Gardens considers itself a rural town and that we want our roads to represent a rural feel and informed them that concrete sidewalks and curbs do not fit that image. KCATT indicated that sidewalks are not necessary but that a shared use path or paths would be required for safety. They also discussed curbing as a safety requirement that would separate the shared use path from the traffic. The committee appeared to be open to consider a request for a rural design if we properly addressed the safety of pedestrians. On February 28th Councilmembers Smith & Myers and I met with engineer Matt Gillis to discuss potential options based on public input and the KCATT meeting to determine if a road could be built that would look rural but meet the requirements. They instructed Mr. Gillis to create a design which would address the rural Dalton Gardens and satisfy the funding agency requirements. We suggested a 2 lane road as we have today without curbing and with a single asphalt shared use path for pedestrians to reduce the amount of space needed for the project and that the city would be responsible for the maintenance. Any designs created would come back before the council, citizens, agency for review and refinement. To make it clear , if we create a plan acceptable to the city and KMPO we would be required to improve the intersections of 4th/Dalton and 4th /Prairie with either roundabouts or traffic signals. Another option for the city council is to turn down the funding entirely and rebuild the road using city funds or to seek other grants. Using city funds could require a tax levy for the road which would require a vote by the citizens. The purpose of starting design so early is to be “shovel ready” if fund become available and the project would be in 2024. We will have more public meeting and open houses.

I would like to conclude with something that occurred over 16 years ago in this council chamber that was quite significant to the community. On May 8th, 2003 I introduced resolution #162 to the council. This resolution was to lower the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph on all Dalton roads. This was a very controversial request and many people were against the resolution. I could not disagree more and I have defended my decision for 16 years because Dalton Gardens is a rural and residential community.

APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER NO. 19-01 – PHASE 2 LID CONFIRMATION

Matt Gillis – Welch Comer Engineering – Mr. Gillis and Danielle Quade of Hawley Troxell gave brief overview of the task order and the next item on the agenda which is the Resolution2019-02.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Task Order 19-01 Phase 2 LID Confirmation. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Jordan- yes, Lundy – yes, Myers- yes, Smith – yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-02 FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND RFP TO BANKS FOR BOND FINANCING

Danielle Quade – Bond Counsel – She explained the Request for Proposal for Banks and stated that this is the purchase of the bond for the LID #2.

Councilmember Lundy made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 for public hearing on assessment rolls and Request for Proposal to banks for bond financing, Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jordan – yes, Lundy-yes, Myers – yes, Smith – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY AVISTA FOR GAS LINE REPLACEMENT

Jeremy Radezky – Avista gave a brief power point presentation on the gas line replacements which will be done in Dalton Gardens this spring and summer. He presented a power point for the public to see the different ways which will be used to replace the line.

APPROVAL OF BEER & WINE LICENSES

P & N Corporation – dba Dalton Market - Pre-packaged only wine and beer & packaged bottles only licenses presented for renewal; no consumption on premises. They have completed applications and copies of State & County licenses.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Beer & Wine Licenses for P & N Corporation Db a Dalton Market for the March 1, 2019 thru February 28, 2020. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried

Smokes & Suds, Inc. - Pre-packaged only wine and beer & packaged bottles only licenses presented for renewal; no consumption on premises. They have completed applications and copies of State & County licenses.

Councilmember Lundy made a motion to approve the Beer & Wine Licenses for Smokes & Suds for the March 1, 2019 thru February 29, 2020. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE SWEEP CONTRACT

Councilmember Jordan made a motion to approve the contract with The Sweep LLC for the sweeping of the bike paths and roundabout for the 2019 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Lundy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF DATE FOR FY2020 BUDGET HEARING

Councilmember Myers made a motion to adopt August 29, 2019 for the Public Hearing on the FY2020 budget. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Smith reported that there were 16 citations for the month of January and no enhanced patrol services for the month of February. She also reported that she attended the KCATT & KMPO meeting with Mayor Roberge and Councilmember Myers. She also stated to the public that the 4th Street project is not a done deal and the council will be working with the public to find a solution to the street.

Councilmember Myers reported that he has been involved in the fee schedule resolution and building inspector contract draft for council. He attended the KMPO meeting with Mayor Roberge & Councilmember Smith and has reviewed the comments of the public on the 4th Street Project. He is working on a list of projects for Attorney Cafferty for closure.

Councilmember Lundy thanked the staff, attorney and Planning & Zoning Commission for all of their hard work on all projects. She also thanked our volunteer Jake Garringer for his service on the computer technology assistance at the council meetings. She reported that she has been working on the Canfield Mountain trail access with different agencies.

Councilmember Jordan reported that snow plowing has been very busy for the month of February. We are working on problem areas for plowing such as the end of Dalton Ave, 18th Street and Wilbur Ave. He has been working with Attorney Cafferty on the Brake Ordinance. He asked about getting new flags for the fire hydrants so they are more visible for the snow plowing. He is working with Matt Gillis on the 2019

chip sealing for the summer for Dalton Gardens. He stated that on the 4th Street project that he is not in favor of sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

CITY CLERK:

Clerk Anderson reported that she has been working on LID #2 Assessments for the Government Way Sewer Project for the month of February.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

John Cafferty reported that he had been working with the City Planner on several issues and working on becoming familiar with City of Dalton Gardens. He is also working on some ordinance changes for load limits and brake use in the City.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT: Report Submitted

PLANNING CONSULTANT REPORT: Report Submitted

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Report Submitted

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: No Report

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Submitted

ADJOURN

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

Steve Roberge, Mayor

Valerie Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer