

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF DALTON GARDENS OCTOBER 3, 2019
CITY HALL 6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Fletcher.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilmembers Jordan, Drechsel, Smith and Egbert. Also present were Attorney John Cafferty, Attorney Caitlin Kling, Rand Wichman, City Planner and Valerie Anderson, City Clerk.

The pledge was led by Mayor Fletcher.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting August 29, 2019, Regular Meeting September 5, 2019, and Special Meeting September 16, 2019
- B. Financial Statement from September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 and the claims so listed.
- C. Approval of Office Lease for Dalton Irrigation
- D. Approval of Office Lease for Dalton Water Association
- E. Approval of Building Maintenance Contract with Kubik Building Maintenance

Councilmember Egbert made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the increase of the rent on the Dalton Water Association and the Dalton Irrigation District lease contract to be increased to \$240.00 per month. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Jordan – yes, Councilmember Drechsel – yes, Councilmember Smith – no, Councilmember Egbert – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the City Council on matters that relate to City government business. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. Please be advised that the City Council can only take official action this evening for those items already listed on the agenda.

Dick Flugel – 7303 N. 4th Street – He stated that the council should do what the people want and not accept the grant money. He stated that it will increase traffic and next we will be doing Wilbur, 15th Street and we have no help from the sheriff's department.

Gary Sonnon – 7447 N. Valley St. - He stated that he was in support of the 4th Street project because after the testing was done it showed the need to rebuild the street and the city would only have to pay their share of 7.34% and it would make Dalton Gardens a lot safer.

Vicki Rutherford – 7168 N. Rude St. – She commented on the flyers which have been sent out by some residents with false information and very misleading to the public. She urged people to take a hard look at who they are electing in the upcoming election.

Joe Myers – 7424 Mt. Carrol – He asked the council to take a look at City Ordinance 211, which deals with our sign which are being placed in the ROW's in the City. The signs can only be placed on private property and not ROW's and in the vision triangle.

Nancy Heffter – 5975 N. 16th Street – She commented on the 4th Street article in the CDA Press and stated that the majority of the people are against the project. The council just needs to do some maintenance on 4th Street.

Arthur Berkhoff – 6527 Mt. Carrol – He stated that he was against the 4th Street grant and that it will only benefit the contractors.

Yvonne Domanski – 6984 Mt. Carrol – She stated that according to the Comprehensive Plan people in Dalton Gardens want to be rural and that she is opposed to sidewalks in the City.

Mike Chase – 7512 N. 4th Street – He stated that the people who attended the open house on 4th Street were opposed to the grant. He also stated that according to the Transportation Plan 4th Street was to have ship seal in 2009 and nothing has been done to the street. He stated that the grant is not a gift and the council should act accordingly.

Alan Soderling – 5935 Mt. Carrol – He stated that he is an engineer and 4th Street needs to have something done to it or in a few years with the growth that is taking place the street will be totally shot and the residents will have to pay the bill. He stated that the grant is a great deal for the city to make things safer for the general public.

Michael Madden – 5663 N. Davenport – He stated that he was an engineer for 27 years and that roundabouts have a benefit of traffic safety and slow down. The improvements to 4th Street would be important to the safety of the public.

Mark Fisher – 7312 N. 15th Street – He stated that 4th Street will increase in traffic but he is opposed to the grant.

Cliff Anderson – 5792 N. 4th Street – He stated that he is against the 4th Street grant and that it will not calm the traffic.

Three people choose to not speak with one for the grant and two against.

Public comment period was closed.

APPROVAL OF ENHANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT WITH KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Drechsel made a motion to approve the Enhanced Law Enforcement Contract with Kootenai County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$12,000 for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget year. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Jordan – yes, Councilmember Drechsel – yes, Councilmember Smith – yes, Councilmember Egbert – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF 4TH STREET GRANT AND POTENTIAL VOTE TO APPROVE OR DENY

Matt Gillis – Welch Comer Engineers – He talked briefly on the gutters, sidewalks and swales for the project and stated that no final design plans have been put together. He explained that if the road was chip sealed at this time we would get maybe three years of additional life on the road. He explained that the base of the road is in need of being redone. Mayor Fletcher explained that about 11% of the residents of Dalton Gardens responded to the comments for the project. About 35% of the residents on 4th Street gave comments. Traffic is an issue in all area in the State of Idaho. There were several questions asked by the council on lane widths, life of the street if just chip sealing was completed.

Councilmember Egbert stated that he is struggling on the issue and there has been a lot of controversy on the project. He has spent a lot of time on research and explained that the project started in 2012 in the Transportation Plan. The finding on 4th Street in the plan indicated that Dalton & Prairie Ave. intersections were a priority one. On 4th Street the plan talked about doing an overlay and not rebuilding the entire street which was ranked number four in the plan. The 4th Street traffic calming was ranked number three. The plan also stated that the project was too expensive without some type of grant funding. The strengths stated that the roundabout at 4th & Hanley were working well, 25 MPH has improved the speeds and bike paths have improved biking and walking. Weaknesses in the report were lack of pedestrian areas, congested intersections at 4th & Dalton & 4th & Prairie, heavy truck traffic and speed limits on 4th Street are too low. He stated that 10% of the voters were in favor of 4th Street project. The recall was not a mandate for the 4th Street project it was dealing with a land issue. He votes to deny the grant and made comment to the public that 4K is a lot of money and he understands that the people want the community to remain rural.

Councilmember Smith stated that she has lived in Dalton Gardens for 22 years. I ran for city council so that I could work with my community to make sure that Dalton Gardens continued to have the feel and look that we all love so much. I have taken that responsibility seriously and worked hard for our community's best interests.

Your city council has a responsibility to represent **all** the residents of Dalton Gardens, and we would have been remiss in doing that if we had not made the effort to reach out to all our neighbors and provide a venue for critical dialogue and decision making regarding the 4th street decision. I have participated in two open houses, with two different councils in the last 8 months. These venues were not intended to promote the 4th street project. The purpose was to provide information and receive feedback so that your council could make a responsible decision that is representative of the whole community. That is responsible governing.

The drama, hyperbole, and outright lies that some people have spread throughout our community creating divisiveness for divisiveness sake were completely without merit and unnecessary.

Your city council is doing its job and the fake gemming up of the issues only served to hurt our community and community relations. And to what purpose? At the end of the day I am still going to make a decision based on the feedback received that was sought after by council. Because I have been listening, and I am satisfied that council has done its due diligence to make an informed decision.

Councilmember Drechsel made a motion to deny the 4th Street grant. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Jordan – yes, Councilmember Drechsel – yes, Councilmember Smith – yes, Councilmember Egbert – yes.

Councilmember Drechsel stated that the City Council had an obligation to be good saturates for all residents to have the opportunity to provide feedback to the council. It is our responsibility to make sure the residents are informed. Statements have been made by citizens who have fabricated lies and have created turmoil in the community. The City Council has a fiduciary responsibility to do what are right and legal bases on the input from the taxpayers. In the case of 4th Street we have 10% of the taxpayers responding and majority of that percent were not in favor of the grant. He stated that he is for the rural life style and has no agenda to make Dalton Gardens urban or allow uncontrolled development and there have been no discussion or plans to make 15th Street look like it is in Coeur d’Alene or make any modification to Wilbur Ave. He stated that he is a 4th generation Idaho native and watched the community grow. He encouraged the citizens to talk to their council members and remove the wedge in the community and not believe the lies that are being passed around, get the facts and let’s be good neighbors.

Councilmember Jordan stated that he has also been in Dalton Gardens all of his life and has tried to do what the people want in the City. He stated that he would not go for sidewalks and curbs on 4th Street, and he did not want lights on 4th Street. He goes by the facts and listens to the people. He stated that he doesn’t like comments made about the council behind our backs and asked the citizens to be men and women and come and face the council with concerns. We need to be good neighbors and all get along in the community and help one another and volunteer in the community. Councilmember Jordan stated that the reason he is turning down the grant is that the people do not want the project but he stated that it is a big mistake financially.

Mayor Fletcher stated that he appreciated the council. He stated that adjoining cities are interested in applying for funds to do the roundabouts.

Matt Gillis stated that he will be in contact with LHTAC and get the concept report stated and do the “Do Nothing Option” which will make Dalton Gardens eligible to not have to pay back what you have already spent.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Jordan reported that the plow truck and grader are ready for the winter. Poe Construction will be doing some patching on Prairie Ave. He is also working on a drainage problem on 15th Street and is also working with Matt Gillis on the 2020 chip seal on streets for next spring. He reminded residents to keep the ROW’s clear for the snow plow.

Councilmember Drechsel reported that the north garage door on the shop has been replaced and the camera system for the property will be installed soon. He reported that burning is now open and residents are to take caution in burning on their property.

Councilmember Smith reported that the annual picnic was a success and that she is working with the City of Hayden Lake on Law Enforcement. She will be meeting with the Sheriff’s

Department on the traffic count equipment to collect data next week. The feedback signs are in and we will be putting them up as time permits.

Councilmember Egbert reported that he has been working on the computer server and workstations for the office and also working on a scope of work for the Code Enforcement Contract.

Mayor Fletcher reported that he is working on the mailbox issue which was brought up at the last council meeting. He also reported that trail 29 to Totten Pond has been closed off by the new owners as we do not have an easement to that area. He stated that a couple of residents of Dalton Gardens are working on putting together a candidate forum for the upcoming election.

CITY CLERK:

Clerk Anderson reported that the quarterly reports are being completed and year end will be stated soon in order to prepare for the Annual Audit in November. She also reported that she attended Clerk's Institute in Nampa, ID in September and it was an excellent learning experience.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Cafferty reported that he has been working on some code changes with the City Planner. He thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for all of the hard work that they have done in the past few months and introduced Caitlin Kling, Attorney for Hawley Troxell who will be taking over the attorney work for the City of Dalton Gardens.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT: No report

PLANNING CONSULTANT REPORT:

Rand Wichman – City Planner reported that he would like the council to have two workshops in the next couple of months. He stated the one would be on the Fee Schedule and the other on the Comprehensive Plan. He was instructed to work with the clerk to get dates set for both workshops.


CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Report Submitted

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:

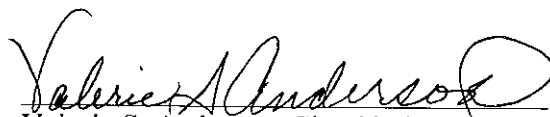
Warren Merritt – KCFR – He advised everyone to check their smoke detectors and he also stated that they were able to hire new fire staff due to a grant which was applied for by the department.

ADJOURN

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



Jeffrey J. Fletcher, Mayor



Valerie S. Anderson, City Clerk