

City of Stanley Town Hall Meeting November 2, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

Mayor Steve Botti, Councilmember Austin Clegg, Councilmember Tim Cron, Council President Laurii Gadwa, and Councilmember Gabriel Cardoso. City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Tassano and Kimberly Peters in maintenance. Councilmember Cardoso leaves at 34.58 minutes later.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Michael Powell, Gary Gadwa, Paul Hill, David Pinney, Tom Stuart

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Botti at 5:25 p.m.

Trailhead facilitates Redfish to Stanley Trail system:

We had a Town Hall meeting on 09/28/23. We talked about the connector trail from Redfish down into town. Once again, we don't want visitors walking down airport Road. We want this trail to be seamless and we plan on connecting our trail where the Forest Service left off. As discussed in previous Town Hall meetings, the special use permit required by the Forest Service is something that would be too time consuming prior to applying for the grant with the State of Idaho Department of Lands. Therefore, the trail would likely be in phase two of the project.

We have a strip approximately 100' wide by the south side of the Ballfield that we can install parking for the trail system. The RV parking lot would be where the existing Ice Rink is. We would then need to move the existing ice rink (which is not part of the grant). In our original plan for a professional ice rink, we were considering moving the ice rink anyways. We want the ice rink to have a panoramic view instead of looking over cars. We are trying to accommodate year-round flush toilets, one building with a two-stall toilet, which would include the sewer line to the bathroom facility. We would love to move the Groomer shed, we have 1.4-acre site we could move the groomer shed to, then it would be outside of the park, would like to rebuild something other than moving the building, but the cost to do this would be very expensive, maybe this could be considered in another phase. We would also like to have trail head signage, directing people into Stanley or more interpretative signs. Botti passed out a conceptual template of support (letter) was passed out. Also, a summary was given out if someone would rather write their own letter. These letters can be sent by email.

Cron states that the restrooms and the sewer line are a project by themselves. Cron asked if we have flushing toilets, will the city be manning them? "yes". Cron continues to state that without parking it will be overcrowded with individual in the park with nowhere to go. Powell: Restrooms are one of the top needs in Pioneer Park. Cardoso says pitch it all when we apply for the grant, instead of phasing it out further (restrooms, parking and sewer). It was asked if we could tap into the sewer line from the school, Botti believes this is not a possibility with the Sewer Association. It would be nice to address any other sewer needs with businesses or residents living nearby that may possibly want a sewer line also (of course, this would mean that we would need a bigger line) to share some of the costs. There was talk about a 4-stall bathroom, we are already receiving bids for \$200,000.00 for a 12 x 16 prefab building for a two-stall restroom.

Parks Grant is only up to \$600,000 for the whole State of Idaho, we would be presumptuous to think we could receive all the grant money for the State. We have Option Tax money to support this project, we would have to pay 20% of any grant money received, but we could supplement beyond this requirement. If approved, it looks like the soonest construction could start due to grant requirements would be in the fall of 2024.

Mayor Botti adjourns the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Steve Botti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cari Tassano, City Clerk

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