

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DIETRICH, IDAHO

October 24, 2025

A special meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor, Aaron Nicholes. The roll was called; those answering present were Shawna Stewart, Dean Grissom, and Trent Hanson (via phone). Also, present were city maintenance operator, Kelly Nebeker.

The clerk gave information to the council regarding a potential new citizen living out of the RV while he builds his home towards the end of Jefferson St. The mayor and council asked if the city does not have an ordinance, will the county ordinances apply? Shawna Stewart stated that Karla Davis from the county was not sure and suggested to contact legal counsel. Dean Grissom stated that it is common to allow individuals the opportunity to live out of an RV while actively building a home. Shawna Stewart stated the belief of the city being able to fall back on the county ordinances, if the city does not have one. She shared information on “Dillons Rule - a legal doctrine that states local governments only have powers that are expressly granted to them by the state, powers that are necessary and proper to carry out those grants, and powers that are essential to their existence”. Trent Hanson expressed concern of the patrons who are currently living out of RV’s and have been for several years – does the council allow them to continue? The mayor stated, “the council needs to address the request on the table first, then consider what the ramifications are second.”

Trent Hanson explained that when someone is the first to establish residency in an undeveloped area, they are typically responsible for initiating its development—such as constructing roads, installing water systems, and setting up sewer infrastructure. He also noted that in some cases, individuals who move into the area after it has been developed may be required to reimburse the original resident for those development costs.

The mayor and council discussed concerns about allowing individuals to live out of an RV, even while building and decided to seek legal counsel from the city attorney first.

The council went into executive session at 7:18 PM and out of executive session at 7:35 PM

The mayor will draft and submit an ad to hire Kelly’s assistant at 20 hours per week. We will bring in Emily Buckway as the second city clerk to discuss a start date and salary, if she’s still interested. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk