

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
MARCH 12, 2012
5:30 P.M.
THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor pro-tem Brian Ahier

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Jim Wilcox, Dan Spatz

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Finance Director Kate Mast, Public Works Director Dave Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor pro-tem Ahier called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; Mayor Wilcox and Councilor Spatz absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor pro-tem Ahier invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the agenda as amended by the supplemental agenda, adding an agreement between Dallesport water District and Columbia Gorge Regional airport for water service. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Randy Anderson of School District 21 introduced high school students Danyel Lindhorst and Wesley Mitchell to give a presentation about the Advanced Placement (AP) Art Program.

Ms. Lindhorst and Mr. Mitchell provided invitations to the City Council and audience to attend their art show at The Dalles Art Center through the month of March. Lindhorst explained the program the students were participating in, noting there were seven students displaying their work and some of the pieces would be for sale. She said each student had to produce a minimum of five pieces in one particular concentration and display their understanding of the elements and principles of art, submit photographs and descriptions. She said their work was then graded and they received college credit for the work.

Rose Sherrell, 1107 East Ninth Street, The Dalles, asked the City Council to consider re-opening the bowling alley, saying many senior citizens and veterans were interested in using the bowling alley. Sherrell said she had contacted a famous bowler, Pete Webber, and he was interested in investing in the bowling alley. She said it would also serve as a place to have people teach about the history of The Dalles. Ms. Sherrell reported she had been helping the homeless population of The Dalles by providing them with 5HTP medication which helped replace serotonin and mad the people better able to function in society. She expressed concern that the City didn't seem to care that a barn full of wagon wheels had been purchased by someone and taken away from the City. She said it was important to keep historical items in the community. Sherrell again asked that the City consider re-opening the bowling alley for seniors and veterans.

Mayor pro-tem Ahier referred Ms. Sherrell to talk with the City Attorney and Community Development Director regarding the bowling alley because it was part of a proposed development agreement and was not something the City could pursue.

Ms. Sherrell said she hoped the City would enact a leash law. She said she had spoken with the City Attorney who told her it would take at least six months to develop an ordinance, but her dog had been attacked two years ago.

City Attorney Parker said the City was currently working with the County regarding animal control issues and it was possible there could be discussions about her leash law request during that time.

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CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney reported he was working to combine the City's technology policies into one document. He said it would be an administrative policy, but wanted the Council to know it was being updated.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor pro-tem Ahier reminded everyone of the upcoming Town Hall meeting on April 16th, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. He said the coal train subject would be discussed, along with the Mayor's "Pride in The Dalles" proposal.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

The item approved by Consent Agenda was approval of the February 27, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

General Ordinance No. 12-1320 Amending the Election Code for the City of The Dalles Concerning the Method for Nominating Candidates for Municipal Elected Offices and Revising the City's Electoral Districts

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Krueger read General Ordinance No. 12-1320 by title.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to adopt General Ordinance No. 12-1320 amending the Election Code for the City of The Dalles concerning the method for nominating candidates for municipal elected offices and revising the City's electoral districts, by title.

Ahier asked if this amendment would allow the City to be more consistent with State law. City Attorney Parker said it would follow State law and remove references to specific dates for filing for candidacy.

The motion to adopt General Ordinance No. 12-1320 by title was voted on and carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

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Approval of Agreement Between Dallesport Water District and Columbia Gorge Regional Airport for Water Service

Airport Manager Chuck Covert reviewed the staff report. He noted Klickitat County was funding the project and said they were great partners in the Airport operations.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement to construct water storage and pumping improvements as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk