

## MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
JUNE 11, 2012  
5:30 P.M.  
THE DALLES CITY HALL  
313 COURT STREET  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Jim Wilcox

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Dan Spatz, Brian Ahier, Tim McGlothlin

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Nolan Young, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Finance Director Kate Mast, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Airport Manager Rolf Anderson, Judge Tom Peachey, Police Captain Ed Goodman, Community Development Director Dan Durow, Librarian Sheila Dooley

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; all Councilors present.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilcox invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Presentation by Judge Peachey Regarding Municipal Court Activities**

Judge Peachey praised Municipal Court Clerk Dorene Brown, saying she worked very hard to keep the day to day work of the Court done properly. He provided statistics, noting most of the citations were traffic violations, and said the revenues exceeded the budget. He said the vehicle impound program had been discontinued, statutory assessment process had changed and there had also been changes in the Court, such as having a computer for the Judge, better monitoring of the diversion and probation cases, and a uniform fine schedule implemented. He said the Court had worked with the regional jail regarding their book and release program and said that those with failure to appear citations would now be held. Peachey said a recognition program had also been implemented to reward those who successfully completed their diversion or probation programs. He thanked the Court Clerk, Prosecutor, City Attorney, Alcohol Counselor and defense attorneys for their work in the Municipal Court.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the impact of mental health cases. Judge Peachey estimated 25 to 30% of criminals had mental health issues. He said there were discussions regarding the implementation of a mental health court.

In response to a question, Peachey said the hours of the Court were 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mayor Wilcox urged people to visit and observe the proceedings of the Municipal Court. Judge Peachey was thanked for his service.

#### **School District 21 Report**

No report.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mary Merrill, 2437 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, reported the Small Business Development Center would soon be offering free classes for Veterans who were interested in starting a small business.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Young reported the Vista Reservoir project was nearly completed and should be on-line in July. He said the City was working on some street projects. He said East Seventh/Kelly Avenue project would be completed in July and the East 19<sup>th</sup> Street paving between Mid Columbia Medical Center and Dry Hollow Road would be done in August. He said the 19<sup>th</sup> Street project was a residential area and the City would be meeting with residents in the area regarding the project.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Wood said there had been a great article about The Dalles in the 1859 Magazine.

Councilor McGlothlin reported on Traffic Safety Committee activities, including the Brewery Grade crosswalk recommendation, Kelly Avenue congestion between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, potholes continuing to be filled, and the stop sign near the Boat Basin which continued to sustain damage.

Councilor Dick said the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee would be meeting on Tuesday in a joint meeting with the Agency Board.

Councilor Spatz reported on the Strengthening the Economy program, noting an initiative to conduct an annual meeting with Oregon and Washington Legislators to discuss things in common between the states. He said housing and transportation issues were two examples of common issues between the states. Spatz said a Gorge tourism summit was being planned for October.

Councilor Ahier reported the Council of Governments had conducted a work session to develop a funding proposal for the Meals on Wheels program that would help secure the future of the program as it continued to grow. Ahier said he had represented the Mayor at the ground breaking ceremony for La Clinica and was pleased with the proposed project and good work they did for the community.

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Mayor Wilcox reported he and Senator Wyden had dedicated a handicapped accessible picnic table at the Farmer's Market on June 2. He said he also attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Readiness Center. Mayor Wilcox said work continued regarding employment land issues. He noted the Regional Solutions Team met last week regarding local barriers to development. Wilcox reported the 18<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity home would be dedicated this week.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of May 14, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of May 8, 2012 special City Council meeting minutes; 3) authorization for City Clerk to endorse OLCC new outlet application for Brama Caffè; 4) authorization for City Clerk to endorse OLCC new outlet application for RT's Place; and 5) approval of amendment #5 to OMI agreement to operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant for fiscal year 2012-13.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Propose Uses of State Shared Revenue**

Mayor Wilcox reviewed the procedures to be followed for the public hearing.

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report.

#### **Testimony**

Daniel, 845 Snipes Street, The Dalles, asked what concessions the citizens would have to make to accept the State shared revenues.

City Manager Young said there were no additional regulations, other than reporting.

Hearing no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Resolution No. 12-008 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues in Fiscal Year 2012-13

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to adopt Resolution No. 12-008 declaring the City's election to receive state revenues in fiscal year 2012-13. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Proposed 2012-13 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Wilcox reviewed the procedures to be followed for the public hearing.

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report. She provided a memorandum explaining additional proposed changes to the budget which would require an additional public hearing on June 25. She said the two items which would exceed the 10% limit were in the Airport Fund and Water Capital Reserve Fund.

Councilor Ahier said he could support the changes proposed by staff, but was not comfortable voting for the budget when it included a water rate increase which had not yet been considered by the Council. He said he would prefer to see the increase removed from the budget and added later if the Council approved the increase. He questioned how much of the proposed increase would go to pay for General Fund operations.

City Manager Young said the transfer of water funds to the General Fund was to pay for services, such as staff time of General Fund employees who provide services to the Water Fund. Young said the proposed increase in water rates would be used only for projects included in the Capital Improvements Plan.

Councilor Spatz said he understood the concerns expressed by Councilor Ahier, but said the City Council would have the final decision regarding whether to increase water rates, so he believed it was acceptable to include it in the proposed budget.

Councilor Spatz proposed changing the City Council budget by removing the \$25,000 contribution to Wasco County for the payment of the Discovery Center bond and using that money to support other important community needs. He suggested donating \$5,000 each to the YouthThink program, Confluence Project, and Discovery Center operations and \$5,000 to support the business recruitment position, being created by the Port of The Dalles to work on economic development opportunities for the community. Spatz said he also supported providing an additional \$2,500 to the Ft. Dalles Museum, matching the County's increased financial support.

Following discussion, the Council reached consensus to support the proposal of Councilor Spatz to remove the \$25,000 contribution to Wasco County for the payment of the Discovery Center bond and using that money to support other important community needs and instead donating \$5,000 each to the YouthThink program, Confluence Project, Discovery Center operations and \$5,000 to support the business recruitment position, being created by the Port of The Dalles to work on economic development opportunities for the community and providing an additional \$2,500 to the Ft. Dalles Museum, matching the County's increased financial support.

#### Testimony

Daniel, 845 Snipes Street, The Dalles, asked what happened to the funds that had been set aside for the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Extension project.

City Manager Young explained those funds would be used for other public works projects.

Daniel said he thought the funds should be used to pay off any City debt.

It was explained the funds for the public works projects were from systems development charges and State fuel tax and could only be used for projects.

Hearing no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Dick to remove the \$25,000 contribution to Wasco County for the payment of the Discovery Center bond and using that money to support other important community needs and instead donating \$5,000 each to the YouthThink program, Confluence Project, and Discovery Center operations and \$5,000 to support the business recruitment position, being created by the Port of The Dalles to work on economic development opportunities for the community. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to increase the City's contribution to Ft. Dalles Museum by \$2,500. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the removal of the proposed water rate increase. Finance Director Mast said it would be more difficult to prepare a supplemental budget to add it in at a later time because the supplemental budget process was only supposed to occur for unforeseen items.

The majority of the Council agreed the proposed water rate increase should be left in the budget and could be further discussed during water rate discussions.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by McGlothlin to set a second public hearing for the June 25, 2012 Council meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Water Capital Reserve Fund and the Airport Fund that required a second public hearing. The motion carried; Ahier voting no.

### **CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS**

#### **Approval of Contract for Airport Hangar Construction**

The staff report was reviewed by Rolf Anderson. He explained the project had been changed to keep it within a smaller budget and said Klickitat County agreed to provide a \$250,000 loan for the project. He said the total amount of the project would now be \$260,543.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Wood to award the construction of the Airport Maintenance Hangar to Centrex Construction subject to the project costs not exceeding in the current funds available including the loan from Klickitat County. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of 2012-13 Fiscal Year Insurance Renewals for Property, Liability, and Worker's Compensation**

Insurance Agent of Record Jerry Frazier reviewed the staff report. He noted this had been the year for completion of a new property appraisal. Frazier recommended the City continue to keep their property and liability insurance with CCIS and the worker's compensation insurance with SAIF.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the renewal of the City's property and liability insurance with CCIS and worker's compensation with SAIF Corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Request for a Lease Extension for the Transportation Center Building**

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

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Les Cochenour, 319 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, said the Veterans group had raised funds to install a new flag pole at the Transportation Center, and would like to know they could stay at that location before installing the flag pole.

Russell Jones discussed success stories of the Veteran's Office, noting they had secured \$225,550 in retroactive pay for local veterans, with \$18,026 in recurring payments.

Jean Maxwell talked about the space at the Transportation center, saying it provided a great atmosphere, allowed plenty of room for the volunteers and served many Veterans. She said there were over 350 volunteer hours donated each month and that the building provided a great service to the community.

Dr. Pat Stone, 4322 Mill Creek Road, The Dalles, said he had served for many years as the only mental health care provider for the Veterans Office. He said having a visible office and good location was important in getting more veterans served in the community and it helped dignify their service.

DeeDee Miller, Cherry Heights Retirement Apartment Manager, said the residents were pleased with the current Veteran's Office, saying it was easy to find for Veterans and their families and they appreciated the accessibility for disabled Veterans.

Les Cochenour asked the City to consider extending the lease for a period of three to seven years and to consider the needs of our local Veterans.

Councilor Ahier said he would ask the Council at the January goal setting to consider additional funding support for the Veterans. He said they should never have to pay rent, but that a long term lease was not able to be considered at this time.

Councilor Spatz agreed with Ahier and said the City Council would not walk away from their commitment of providing office space for the Veterans, but at this time could only extend the lease for one year.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to allow the current lease for the Transportation center with Wasco County to automatically extend to December 1, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.



Recommendation Regarding Garbage Service

City Clerk Krueger reviewed the staff report, requesting direction from the City Council as to which rate structure they wanted to pursue.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Wood to direct staff to work with The Dalles Disposal to provide a rate plan, including an option for weekly or less frequent pick up of garbage container; bi-weekly pick up of recycle and yard debris containers; options for various sizes of garbage containers; and an incentive program for turning in burn barrels. The motion carried unanimously.

Request From La Clinica del Carino Family Health Care for Reduction in SDC Fees for a New Facility

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Wilcox asked if La Clinica paid property taxes. City Manager Young said staff would report back the answer.

Councilor Ahier said he supported the waiver because of their principle of caring for the community and serving citizens who would not be able to get the services elsewhere.

Councilor McGlothlin said this request was a direct discount, not tied to job creation like enterprise zone applications. He said he was not in support of a direct discount.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Ahier to approve a 50% credit of SDC's for La Clinica, including any credits for job creation. The motion carried, McGlothlin voting no.

**RECESS TO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING**

Mayor Wilcox said he would recess to the Urban Renewal and reconvene for the City Council executive session after the urban renewal agenda was completed. The City Council meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Reconvene to City Council Meeting

The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Wilcox recessed the meeting to Executive Session, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, at 8:08 p.m.

**Councilor Ahier retired from the meeting at 8:10 p.m.**

Reconvene to Open Session

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:13 p.m.

**DECISIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Julie Krueger, MMC  
City Clerk

SIGNED:

  
James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk