

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
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, Community Development Director Dan Durow, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Administrative Fellow Cooper Whitman, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Engineer Dale McCabe

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 5:31 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.

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PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

World Habitat Day Proclamation

Mayor Wilcox read a Proclamation declaring October 4, 2011 as World Habitat Day. Habitat for Humanity representatives accepted the Proclamation and it was noted the local branch had constructed 17 homes in the community since they formed the chapter.

Oregon Days of Culture Proclamation

Mayor Wilcox read a Proclamation declaring October 1 through 8, 2011 as Oregon Days of Culture.

Presentation of Flag from 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry Brigade, A Company

City Manager Young presented a flag from the Oregon National Guard, 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry Brigade, A Company, which was flown at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, during operations in support of Operation New Dawn. The flag was presented in appreciation of the City's patriotism.

Presentation Regarding Oregon Department of Forestry's Project to Update Forest Lands Classifications Within Wasco County

Kristen Cotugno and David Jacobs, Oregon Department of Forestry, provided information to the City Council regarding forest lands classification updates. It was explained the classifications had not been updated for approximately 50 years. They said the project had begun in Hood River and they were now working on the lands in Wasco County. It was noted there would be public meetings and hearings to explain to citizens the process and how the lands were assessed. Ms. Cotugno said there were three classifications, which were forest, forest/grazing, and grazing and each had a different assessment rate based on fire protection levels.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeff Stiles, 812 East 20th Street, The Dalles, reminded the City Council that the property owners who had been impacted by a water main break in his neighborhood were still waiting for a resolution to the problem and hoped to make repairs to their property before winter.

City Manager Young said the Council had been advised by the City Attorney to not discuss the matter at this time. He thanked Mr. Stiles for the reminder.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

None.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor McGlothlin reported on the September 14th Traffic Safety Commission, saying the main topics were excessive speed at the intersection of East 14th and Washington Streets and increased traffic and safety concerns on Kelly Avenue between East 10th and East 12th Streets.

Councilor Ahier reported that QLife Agency was planning to extend the public Wi Fi system to the Mt. Hood Street/Safeway area. He said he would be attending the Mid Columbia Council of Governments Board meeting on Tuesday, September 27th.

Mayor Wilcox said he used the public Wi Fi system while at the Small Business Showcase event last week and found when more people connected to it, it didn't give a strong signal any longer. He said he understood it was not designed to work inside buildings, but the organizers of the event needed to find a better connection for participants.

City Manager Young said the Civic Auditorium did have its own connection that could be used by people inside their building.

Councilor Spatz reported on the Community Outreach Team trip to Washington, D.C. He said it had been productive, noting the team had a positive visit with Lockheed Martin regarding clean up of the super fund site on the Port; spoke with Representative Walden regarding vernal pool issues on Port industrial property, with a meeting being scheduled to discuss it further in November; worked with School District 21 to find other funding sources to replace the loss of a grant; worked to identify new resources to assist with funding of the local Veteran's Service Office; and worked to secure additional funding for Airport projects.

Mayor Wilcox said he would be attending the League of Oregon Cities conference later in the week and noted he had been appointed to serve on the Community Solutions Advisory Committee and their first meeting would be on October 14th.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The item approved by Consent Agenda was: approval of September 12, 2011 regular City Council meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

One Year Review of 2010 Transportation Systems Development Charge Credits

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

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Councilor Ahier said he was surprised to learn how much development had occurred in the past year. He said the goal had been achieved to not limit development, but was not sure it had spurred any new development.

It was the consensus of the City Council to leave the credits in place, with an additional review in one year. It was agreed the credits would not continue on a long term basis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Wilcox recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Reconvene to Open Session

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:15 p.m.

DECISIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

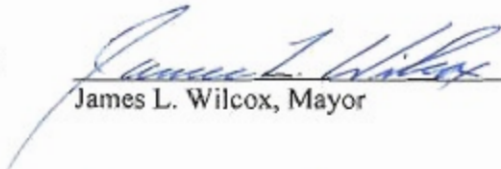
None.

ADJOURNMENT


Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC,
City Clerk

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk