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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
OCTOBER 8, 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 Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Pro-Tem Izetta Grossman, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek, Engineer Dale McCabe

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk pro-tem Grossman; Councilor Dick absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox asked the Council to add a contract review board item to authorize funds for

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SCADA system items and services for the Meadows and Jordan Lift Station projects. It was moved by Ahier and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Dick arrived at 5:35 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young reported on the Google Wi Fi Expansion Grant. He said the Qlife Board approved \$52,000 toward the project in addition to the use of fiber and the expansion would be to Kramer Fields, Riverfront Park, Sorosis Park and increasing spectrum for the Discovery Center. Young said expansion at the Discovery Center would allow stronger public Wi Fi and allow them stronger business capacity.

Young reported that the completed pedestrian system at Brewery Grade had created some confusion, therefore a custom sign was being made “No Right Turn for Trucks” off of Brewery Grade to Ninth Street.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported that the Airport Runway appeal stay had been lifted and that he was asking for the complaint to be completely removed.

Parker also reported that work on the Mental Health Board with Judge Peachey was continuing and that they hoped to have a system in place within the next two months.

Parker said he had attended League of Oregon Cities Conference seminars on Municipal Court trespass/public use issues and gun control. He noted that there were 150,000 concealed weapons permits in Oregon and that number was growing.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wood reported she had attended the Reconnect to the River celebration at the new Lewis and Clark Festival Park and it was a great, positive event. She asked that for next year staff research a better place for the dumpsters that service the ships to be placed out of the line of sight of those disembarking the ship.

Councilor Spatz publicly commended the Chamber and City staff for a well attended event. He noted that the freeway noise was not an issue with hearing the music.

Young commented there was some concern about the affect of the freeway on music events, he was pleased to find that the freeway noise seemed to disappear.

Spatz reported the planning for the Gorge Gravity Games on October 20, on Court Street was going well. He said the partnership with Google, Columbia Gorge Community College, School District 21 and the City was bringing a great event to our City.

Spatz reported that the college was working with Mid Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) on a request for proposals for the Presidents Advanced Manufacturing Parntership and Department of Commerce noting 15 sites different sites would be chosen. Spatz said MCEDD was proposing one site to be at the college.

Mayor Wilcox thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the great work on the Reconnect to the River Festival on October 6. Mayor Wilcox said there were those working on the project of reconnection from the begining and he wanted to publicly acknowledge and thank City Manager Nolan Young and Community Development Director Dan Durow, saying the dock and festival park would not have happened without the vision of City Manager Young. Wilcox also noted that the passengers leaving the ship loved the greeting they received.

Mayor Wilcox noted that the Sister City delegation left The Dalles Monday morning. He said there were 23 visitors, some second generation participants. Wilcox presented the City with gifts from Miroshi City.

Wilcox reported he attended the League of Oregon Cities Conference Mayor meeting and that on Tuesday he would be attending his annual 6th Grade visit with the Mayor.

Councilor Ahier reported that Qlife provides a \$2,000 Technology Scholarship to Columbia Gorge Community College and this year would be providing a \$2,000 Grant to School District 21, most likely for their robotics program.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of September 24, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval to declare pick up utility box as surplus property; and 3) approval to provide sanitary sewer service to property located at 3821 West Tenth Street, outside the city limits.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Authorization for Expenditure of Funds for Receiving SCADA System Related Items and Services for the Meadows and Jordan Street Lift Station Replacement Project

City Engineer Dale McCabe reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the City Manger to enter into contract with CH2M Hill in an amount not to exceed \$54,165.00. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Special Ordinance No. 12-550 Assessing Four Properties for the Cost of Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation and Junk

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Pro Tem Grossman read Special Ordinance No. 12-550 by title.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Spatz to adopt Special Ordinance No. 12-550 assessing four properties for the cost of abatement of hazardous vegetation and junk, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 12-015 Directing the City Engineer to Proceed With Preparation of a Study and Report for Local Improvement District for the Reconstruction of West First Street and Bargeway Road

The staff report was reviewed by Public Works Director Dave Anderson. Anderson noted a correction in the Agenda Staff Report on page 3; it should have read 14 properties, and the next sentence should have read nine properties.

Ahier questioned with prices continuing to increase, when the best time would be to complete the project.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to adopt Resolution No. 12-015 directing the City Engineer to proceed with preparation of a study and report for the local improvement district to reconstruct West First Street and Bargeway Road. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Annual Review of Transportation SDC Credits

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report, noting the value should have been \$34,509,106 on page 2.

Ahier asked if the SDC credits were reviewed annually. After some discussion it was agreed that Council would like to see an annual review.

Discussion Regarding Draft Lease With Wasco County for the Transportation Center Building

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

After discussion it was the consensus of Council for the lease to be for five years, leave the transportation use clause; change wording to reflect the intent was 90 day notice termination at anytime; correct date to 2017; and for the City Manager to negotiate with Wasco County a long term maintenance split with routine maintenance (up to \$2,000) to be paid by Wasco County.

The City Manager was directed to bring a revised Lease Agreement back to City Council for approval.

The Council asked the City Manger to arrange for a work session with the County

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Commissioners prior to the budget cycle.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk Pro Tem

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk