

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
JANUARY 13, 2014
5:30 P.M.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Dan Spatz, Tim McGlothlin, Linda Miller

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Administrative Fellow Jon Chavers, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Captain Ed Goodman, Finance Director Kate Mast

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lawrence asked the Council to add a report from the Wasco County Veteran's Service Officer.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Certificate of Recognition to Steve Sugg

Mayor Lawrence read a Certificate of Recognition to Steve Sugg, in honor of his recent induction into the Oregon High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Presentation by Fort Dalles Fourth Committee Regarding the Fourth of July Celebration

Les Cochenour, 319 West 20th Street and Doug Kirchofer, 2670 East 18th Street, presented an overview of their work to establish a Fourth of July celebration for The Dalles. Kirchofer said the celebration would start with a run/walk, parade, family time at the Festival Park, music and conclude with a fireworks show. He explained the fireworks show would be very large and would attract many people from outside The Dalles as well as the citizens of our community.

They requested the City contribute \$20,000 for the first year and \$15,000 for the second year. Kirchofer said their group expected to have revenue for future celebrations, but the first two years would need some financial support until it was an established event. He said the event was supported by the National Guard, Veterans, American Legion, Veteran's Home and many local businesses.

Kirchofer said the company hired for the fireworks show would have all insurance necessary and professionals to set off the fireworks. He said Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue District was also involved in the meetings.

Councilor Spatz asked if the company would waive their fee in the event that wind caused the shut down of the display. Kirchofer said he had not asked that question but would find out the answer.

The City Council asked the City Manager to bring a recommendation regarding whether funding could be provided in the current fiscal year. There was consensus to further discuss funding at the City Council goal setting.

Report from Veteran's Service Officer

Russell Jones provided a handout showing the retroactive and monthly payments for 2013, noting the total cumulative and retroactive payments totaled \$1,148,399. He said that was money that stayed in our community. Jones said the office was now serving 99% Wasco County veterans, as they were no longer taking cases from Washington. In response to a question, Jones said he didn't expect a huge increase in claims with new Veterans leaving the military because the military was now trying to get claims handled as they left service.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Wasco County Commission Chair Rod Runyon said he had been at a meeting to talk to the State Veterans Affairs Department to share the success story of the Wasco County program. He said Wasco County had an excellent volunteer program that was a model for other office. Runyon said Wasco County Deputies were now giving out packets of information whenever they encountered local veterans while on duty.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young report that the Community Outreach Team had met last week to discuss project they would be presenting on their trip to Washington, D.C. in March. He said the City would be supporting the wetlands issue, Civic Auditorium restoration, downtown marketing and watershed restoration. Young said the team would also be addressing the regional bike trail and the North Chenoweth industrial property project.

Young said he had sent a memo to the Council regarding the City's priorities for economic enhancement projects. He said the Council would discuss the priorities at their upcoming goal setting.

Young reminded the Council of the January 21 work session of the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and Urban Renewal Agency to discuss how Urban Renewal projects should be prioritized.

City Manager Young said the projects at the Airport were on schedule, noting the industrial park was making good progress and the Dallesport Water District was working on the pump station improvements.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor McGlothlin reported on the December Traffic Safety Commission meeting, saying they had reviewed information regarding crosswalks in school zones, speed studies on West Sixth and Division Streets, and West Seventh and Snipes Streets.

Councilor Dick reported the QLife Agency Board had a tour of the City Hall and Courthouse facilities at their last meeting.

Councilor Spatz reported that the Mid Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) had hired a contractor to work on the investing and manufacturing expansion project. He said the remodel of their offices had been completed.

Spatz said he had attended a Klickitat County tourism meeting. Spatz congratulated the Columbia River Gorge Commission for their recent meeting to discuss economic development and infrastructure issues. He said their next meeting would be on January 14 at Water's Edge facility in The Dalles.

Mayor Lawrence said he would be attending a meeting regarding the Historic Highway and the Gorge Commission meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of December 9, 2013 regular City Council meeting minutes; and 2) Resolution No. 14-001 clarifying the authority of the Planning Director to execute documents related to the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements for Distribution of Enterprise Zone Fees From Design LLC Enterprise Zone Agreement

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the Mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement for the Enterprise Zone Project fee distribution. The motion carried unanimously.

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Special Ordinance No. 14-560 Assessing the Properties at 1606 and 1608 Montana Street for Cost of Vegetation Nuisance Abatement

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Krueger read Special Ordinance No. 14-560 by title.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Wood to adopt Special Ordinance No. 14-560 assessing properties at 1606 and 1608 Montana Street for the cost of vegetation nuisance abatement, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Lease With Wasco County for the Transportation Center Building

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report. It was noted that the insurance language had been amended to reflect that both the City and County had the same insurance carrier and it was not necessary for the County to name the City as additional insured in this lease.

Councilor McGlothlin asked if the Transportation Center was still used for bus services. City Manager Young said the Greyhound Bus Service was still using the facility, but it was expected they would move their service to the new transit center when it opened.

Councilor Wood said she thought the Council of Governments believed the LINK bus would continue to use the Transportation Center as a pick up site for their park and ride program. City Manager Young said he believed the expectation was that all bus services would be moved to the new transit center when it was built.

Mayor Lawrence noted Section 5 on page 2 of the lease should include the word "Area" when referring to The Dalles Chamber of Commerce.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Spatz to authorize the Mayor to sign a five year lease between the City of The Dalles and Wasco County for the Transportation Center to be used as a Veteran's Service Center, with the addition of the word "Area" added to references of the Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lawrence recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

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Reconvene to Open Session

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

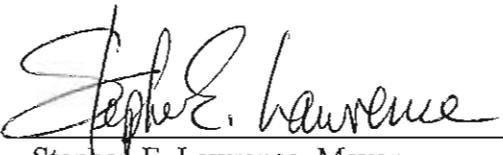
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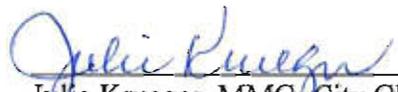
None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED: 
Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk