

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
JANUARY 27, 2014
5:30 P.M.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Carolyn Wood, Tim McGlothlin, Linda Miller

COUNCIL ABSENT: Bill Dick, Dan Spatz

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Administrative Fellow Jon Chavers, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Planning Director Dick Gassman

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; Councilors Dick and Spatz absent.

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 presentation by Jim Slusher of Community Action Council.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation by Gorge Networks Regarding the City's Public WiFi System

Alex Morris provided a PowerPoint presentation of The Dalles WiFi Project from beginning to its current status, and proposed upgrades for Phase IV. Each of the completed phases was highlighted, including the number of access points and their locations. It was explained that Phase 4 would include 20 access points, including new areas of coverage along the West Sixth Street corridor, Kelly Avenue Overlook, Civic Auditorium and Quinton Ball Park, as well as some upgrades needed in some current areas to improve the system. Statistics were provided regarding usage and monitoring.

Aaron Dean provided information regarding monitoring of the system and trouble shooting, including real time traffic passing through the network, software used for monitoring, reports of outages and client abuse, and other issues. He highlighted the design and structure of the network, noting it was designed to be open with management and client devices residing on the same network. Dean discussed security vulnerabilities and how to manage them.

Ms. Morris discussed challenges, including user reporting, monitoring, and mobility and said Gorge Networks was working with the City to address challenges. She briefly described the upcoming Phase 4 improvements.

Dan Bubb summarized the presentation, saying it had been a three-year project, with 77 access points, 8.25 million square feet of coverage, and a peak daily bandwidth of 17 to 8 Megabits per second (Mbps). He said there were 15 QLife entry points within the system. Bubb said thousands of people were being served and the system was a success for The Dalles.

City Manager Young said one thing the City planned to do to help with customer concerns was to place the Gorge Networks contact information on the City's website so when people had concerns, they could find the contact information.

Presentation by Port of The Dalles Regarding Wetlands Project and Industrial Development Project

Michael Held, Port of The Dalles, provided an overview of two projects being worked on by the Port. He discussed the North Chenoweth Industrial Business Park development, noting the project highlights, cost, impact and the need for the park. Held discussed the Port's work on the Comprehensive Wetland Planning Inventory project, providing an overview of the issue, expected outcome, and funding for the project.

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Presentation by Community Action Council Regarding Funding for the Emergency Housing Account and State Homeless Assistance Program

Community Action Council Executive Director Jim Slusher provided a handout to the City Council requesting the City Council's endorsement of the legislation to restore funding for emergency housing and homeless assistance. Slusher reported the Community Action Council had just received notice of a grant which would provide \$2,000 for costs associated with the local warming center.

Mayor Lawrence said he had visited the warming center and said the biggest problem was that they didn't have a large enough pool of volunteers to staff it.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Miller to endorse the request to the Legislature for \$1.5 million for the Emergency Housing Account and \$500,000 in funding for the State Homeless Assistance Program. The motion carried unanimously, Dick and Spatz absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ruthie Rader addressed the Council regarding the community warming center. She said it was very difficult to survive cold nights when the center was closed. She said temperature should not be the deciding factor in opening the center, that it should be open November through March. Rader said she had been on the road for 20 years and had now decided to settle in The Dalles, and hoped to find housing soon. She said she hoped to find someone who would find housing for her and she would be willing to get a job if she had a sincere offer. Rader thanked Gorge Networks for making sure there was WiFi coverage at the warming shelter because she could use her android telephone while staying there.

Jerry Jeffers thanked the City and especially the Police Department for providing holiday parking enforcement in the downtown. He said it was very important to ensure there was adequate parking for shoppers. He also thanked the City Council for their work and for volunteering their time for the community.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young noted the priorities to be carried to Washington, D.C., by the Community Outreach Team, included North Chenoweth Flowage Easement, Downtown Main Street Program funding, wetlands permit for industrial properties, funds for restoration of the Civic Auditorium, Oregon Department of Transportation bike trail, and Scenic Area funding. He said in addition to supporting projects, the team would be discussing policy issues that included schools and forest fuels reduction.

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Young said he had approved the tying of teal ribbons to downtown lamp posts in recognition of National Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention month.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he would be attending a housing seminar later in the week.

Parker said he had sent a memorandum to the Council regarding the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries. He recommended the Council take no action at this time, but rather wait and see how the rules were developed by the State. It was the consensus of the City Council to take no action at this time.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wood reported that the Historic Landmarks Commission had approved the grant for partial window replacement at the United Church of Christ Congregational. She said she would be attending the Mid Columbia Council of Governments meeting on Tuesday and a QLife Agency meeting on Thursday.

Councilor Miller said the Urban Renewal Advisory and Agency joint meeting, schedule for last week, had been moved to January 28, due to lack of a quorum.

Mayor Lawrence said he had attended the Regional Solutions Team meeting, the Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet, a Town Hall meeting with Senator Merkley, and had a tutorial on how to use the AGORA system.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Dick and Spatz absent. The item approved by Consent Agenda was approval of the January 13, 2014 City Council meeting minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Proposed Supplemental Budget

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

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report.

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Testimony

No testimony was offered. The public hearing was closed.

Resolution No. 14-002 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures From and Within Various Funds of the City of The Dalles Adopted Budget

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Wood to adopt Resolution No. 14-002 adopting a supplemental budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures from and within various funds of the City of the Dalles adopted budget. The motion carried unanimously, Dick and Spatz absent.

Resolution No. 14-003 Authorizing Transfers of Funds Between Categories of Various Funds, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 14-003 authorizing transfers of funds between categories of various funds, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The motion carried unanimously, Dick and Spatz absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Intergovernmental Agreement With Wasco County and Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District for Distribution of Enterprise Zone Fees from Design LLC Enterprise Zone Agreement

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Wood to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the City of the Dalles, Wasco County and Northern Wasco County Park and Recreation District for distribution of enterprise zone fees from Design LLC Enterprise Zone Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement contingent on approval by Wasco County Commission and Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District Board. The motion carried unanimously, Dick and Spatz absent.

Intergovernmental Agreement With Wasco County and Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue District for Distribution of Enterprise Zone Fees From Design LLC Enterprise Zone Agreement

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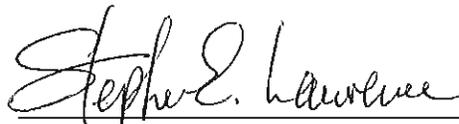
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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk