

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
FEBRUARY 24, 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, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Senior Planner Dawn Hert

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 the authorization for the City Clerk to endorse an OLCC application for The Dalles Fitness and Court Club to the Consent Agenda.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Historic Landmarks Commission Annual Report

Senior Planner Hert summarized the Historic Landmarks Commission annual report. She handed out pictures of what the historical signs would look like, noting they would be in place within approximately two weeks.

Mayor Lawrence asked if the goal to preserve the Lewis and Clark memorial should be removed since it had been demolished. Hert said that should have been removed from the report. She noted there had been a time capsule in the monument, which was now in the possession of the Parks and Recreation District. Hert said they would be revealing the contents of the capsule, and the items would later be on display at the Discovery Center.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young said the Public Works Department would be increasing hours for the street sweeping activities in order to get the gravel removed from City streets in the next two weeks. He said two shifts would be working five days per week, from 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. He said it was important to get the project done for dust control, safety, and re-use of the gravel. It was noted that approximately 60% of the gravel was reclaimed, cleaned and re-used.

Young said he would be attending a City-County Insurance conference this week and traveling to Washington, D.C. with the Community Outreach Team next week.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he had attended a government law seminar and learned about some City reclamation projects going on in Oregon City and Sweet Home. He reported that the tort claim limits issue may go to the Supreme Court for a decision on whether the limits were constitutional. Parker said he would monitor the case.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wood said she would be attending the Council of Governments meeting on Tuesday, Historic Landmarks Commission meeting on Wednesday, and that the Qlife Agency meeting for Thursday had been postponed. Wood said items on the agenda for Historic Landmarks meeting included an application to grant landmark status and a building face lift for the IOOF Building

Mayor Lawrence said he still hoped to see budget information regarding the Transit Center and asked Councilor Wood to provide whatever information she received about it.

Councilor McGlothlin reported his attendance at the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, noting the Commission recommended that the City Council eliminate their goal concerning the intersection improvements at East 10th Street, Old Dufur Road, and Thompson Street. He said the Commission believed it was premature to pursue the project and the money would be better used to fill potholes.

City Manager Young asked the Council for direction, noting the project was ready to go out for bid to prepare the traffic study. It was further noted the listed goal was to develop a plan and this study would lead up to the development of the plan in the following year.

Councilor Dick said the intersection was unsafe, the visibility was poor and the issue needed to be addresses. He said the east side of the community would be developing and it was important to begin addressing street concerns in the area.

Councilor Wood said this was just the first step and should be completed.

Councilor Spatz said he would support bringing the issue as a separate agenda item but did not want to postpone the study. He said it was important to begin addressing development issues for the east side of the community.

Public Works Director Anderson said the cost of approximately \$13,000 for the study would not be enough money to restore any of the preventative maintenance projects in the budget. He said the Department did have funds budgeted to pay for filling potholes.

McGlothlin reported on a program that was presented to help reduce impaired driving, including drugs, alcohol, and texting and said they had great educational programs and a simulator that could be used to show people the impacts of impaired driving. He said the Traffic Safety Commission hoped to use the simulator for a high school program and demonstrate it at the Cherry Festival.

McGlothlin reported he had attended the Airport Board meeting, noting the Airport staff had plowed the runways during the recent snow event and many planes were able to land there because they had done the work.

Councilor Spatz said there were discussions regarding opening the opportunity to sell wind generated power to California. He said that would be economically beneficial for Oregon and Washington, and especially Wasco County. Spatz reported he had attended a legislative reception in Salem where there was discussion regarding the Columbia Gorge as a bi-state area. He said this would lead to cooperation throughout the Gorge regarding housing, transportation, recreation, and other mutual concerns. He said another bi-state summit was scheduled for May 16 to talk about issues with the Legislators.

Councilor Miller said the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee had met and discussed the grant and loan programs and may consider adding the interiors of buildings into the program. She said the Committee also received an update regarding the Granada Block Redevelopment, which would be presented to the Urban Renewal Agency at their meeting.

Mayor Lawrence said he had made a presentation to Wasco County Commission regarding support for the attainable housing program; attended an event called History After Hours, where several historical interest groups came together to support one another; attended a meeting with the City Manager and DEQ regarding the permit review for the railroad tie plant; gave a presentation to the middle school sixth grade classes; and attended the Community Outreach Team meeting. Lawrence said he would be traveling to Washington, D.C. next week with the team.

Approval of 2014 City Council Goals

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the 2014 City Council goals with the addition of Goal 2, B.

Councilor McGlothlin asked if the Council wished to remove the goal objective regarding the plan for improvements of the intersection of East 10th Street, Old Dufur Road, and Thompson Street, as recommended by the Traffic Safety Commission. It was the consensus of the Council to keep the objective as stated.

The motion to adopt the 2014 goals was voted on and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of February 10, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of February 3, 2014 goal setting minutes; 3) approval to declare Public Works Department equipment as surplus property; and 4) authorization for the City Clerk to endorse an OLCC New Outlet application for The Dalles Fitness and Court Club.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Authorization to Purchase New Sanitary Sewer Sludge Truck

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report. In response to a question, it was noted the trailer was expected to cost approximately \$48,000 and would be budgeted for in two years.

Councilor Miller asked if this would be an outright purchase or if a payment plan would be used. Public Works Director Anderson said it would be an outright purchase.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Wood to authorize the purchase of a new Freightliner sludge truck equipped with an Erickson 3500 gallon tank and pump system in an amount not to exceed \$172,498. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 14-007 Assessing the Real Property Located at 922 East Ninth Street for the Cost of Abatement of Junk and Hazardous Vegetation

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence asked what the \$500 administrative fee was for. City Attorney Parker said that was applied to all nuisance assessments as a way to help recover some of the costs for staff time.

Councilor Miller said she had driven by the property and it didn't appear to have been cleaned up at all. City Attorney Parker said the property was an on-going problem and had been abated several times in the past.

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It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to adopt Resolution No. 14-007 assessing real property at 922 East Ninth Street for the cost of abatement of junk and hazardous vegetation. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



~~Stephen B. Lawrence, Mayor~~
Carolyn Wood, Mayor pro-tem

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk