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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OF
March 28, 2016
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Russ Brown, Tim McGlothlin, Taner Elliott, Linda Miller, Dan Spatz

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Kate Mast, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Chief Jay Waterbury, Project Coordinator Daniel Hunter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman, all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lawrence announced for the benefit of those in the audience that may be waiting, the Granada Block Properties would be pulled from the Urban Renewal Meeting that would follow the City Council meeting.

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It was moved by Elliott and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Funding Request by Randy Haines and Nolan Hare

Haines reviewed the request saying he would be producing the show in August; Nolan Hare would be producing the one July 3 and the third concert would be on September 10.

He said the events hadn't been profitable, too much to do on their own, so they were looking for support. He said that Lisa and Tiffany at the Chamber were both in support and would work with them on marketing.

Councilor Miller said she felt the concerts would bring in tourism and money spent on lodging and food. She said other cities put on concerts.

Councilor McGlothlin asked if the bands had been set up. Haines said Hare had contacted a couple national touring country bands at a cost of approximately \$12,500. Haines said he had some ideas and thought the total cost for the rock band would be closer to \$33,000, not the \$50,000 requested.

McGlothlin asked if they would have shuttle service. Haines said safety was important to them and they would work with the Police Chief.

Elliott asked why they hadn't requested grant funds. Haines said those funds weren't high enough to meet the needs of the proposal.

Mayor Lawrence said the City would be reimbursed through ticket sales and asked what the breakeven was for past events. Mayor Lawrence asked if the numbers were realistic. Haines said a breakeven was tough.

Elliott asked why not ask for private sponsors. Haines said there wasn't money to be made; private people don't see it as an investment.

Councilor Brown said it was a huge unbudgeted amount.

Haines said he wasn't asking for funds to be taken from street funds.

City Manager Krueger asked when the funds would be needed. Haines said talent is paid day of event and other items are invoiced. Krueger said the first concert was July 3, so it could be budgeted in the fiscal year 2016-17 budget if Council desired.

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Spatz said he was not comfortable with City employees getting complimentary tickets.

Mayor Lawrence said there was \$1.5 million in Google funds coming in, and could be used. He said maybe the Finance Department could create a line item for ticket sales to go into and those funds would then be what the City contributed the next year, making the contribution from City funds only impacted one year.

Spatz said he was supportive of going through the budget process. McGlothlin said he agreed with Spatz.

Mayor Lawrence said it would be addressed during the budget process.

Brown asked what the process would be. Krueger said the Budget Committee meetings were the first week of May, and Budget Issue Papers would be distributed beginning next week.

Elliott said he thought the project would be good for the community, but wasn't sure it was the role of the City to fund events. He said he would like to talk about it during Budget Committee meetings.

Mayor Lawrence asked when revenue projections would be ready. Finance Director Mast said she was working on them.

School District 21 Enterprise Zone #2 Report and Request for Funds

Randy Anderson presented the report saying this year was a reimbursement for funds already spent, by special agreement due to the mascot change requirements.

In response to a question Anderson said he thought the first 5 years of the agreement specified use for curb appeal and mascot change requirements, after 5 years the District would present a proposal for approval before the funds were spent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Claudia Leash, 2003 View Court and owner of Sigman's Flowers for 36 years said she had been told by a tenant that the Mayor had enticed them to move their tasting room by offering Urban Renewal funds.

Mayor Lawrence reminded Ms. Leash that the rule at City Council meetings is no personal attacks.

Ms. Leash asked if the Mayor was denying the conversation.

Mayor Lawrence said he recalled a conversation, but it was just that, a conversation about tap rooms on the east end of Second Street, not an enticement.

Leash said she felt the Mayor was overstepping his role and should be bringing people together not tearing them apart.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Krueger said she had reviewed the applications for Police Chief; six interviews were scheduled for April 7.

She asked for consensus to proceed with repaving of the parking lot behind the Recreation building that had been left in disrepair after the archeological work had been done. Krueger said it would cost \$5866, with City crews doing the work.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Spatz reported that he had attended the Google groundbreaking. He said Bob McFadden of the Port of The Dalles had a successful trip to Washington DC, where he talked about the Dog River Pipeline and that resulted in Public Works Director Anderson being contacted for a conference call. He reminded the Council that the Sister City delegation was busy selling raffle tickets.

Elliott reported on attending the March 17 QLife meeting and said that the Maupin Fiber project was proceeding.

Miller reported on attending the Urban Renewal Advisory Meeting, YES open house, Goal Setting, Historic Landmarks and the Google groundbreaking. She said the YES house was housing for youth in crisis and would teach self-sufficiency. She said the neighborhood was supportive of the organization.

Mayor Lawrence reported on a tour with Main Street and Restore Oregon. He said he attended the Google groundbreaking, and that Bob McFadden had been on a dead run during his recent trip to Washington DC on behalf of the Community Outreach Team. He said Bob had brought up the permitting issue for the Dog River pipeline and had talked with the Assistant head of the

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Forestry Department. He said he attended a meeting with DEQ and Representative Huffman regarding Amerities issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Spatz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Miller abstained.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of the February 22, 2016 amended City Council Meeting Minutes; 2) Approval of March 7, 2016 Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Work Session Meeting Minutes; 3) Approval of March 14, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 4) Approval of Resolution No. 16-013 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointment of a Technical Advisory Committee for the Housing Needs and Residential Buildable Land Needs Assessments; 5) Approval of Resolution No. 16-014 Approving a Rate Increase for The Dalles Disposal; 6) Approval for Public Works to Surplus 1986 Chevrolet Military 1 Ton Pickup, Vin # 1GCHD34J0GF363420; 2010 Dodge Charger, Vin #2B3AA4CV7AH175943; 3 obsolete gate sections, approximately 20 feet long; and 1 Lincoln Power/Weld 150 portable welder (non-functioning).

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the rules of a public hearing.

Public Hearing for Review of Notice and Order Declaring Property at 1100 Mt. Hood Street a Dangerous Building and Requiring Property to be Demolished

City Manager Krueger reviewed the staff report.

Brown asked if there were back taxes due on the property. He was concerned that the City could end up owning another piece of property that wasn't worth what the City paid for it.

Spatz said the property was a blighted nuisance that needed to be cleaned up.

Mayor Lawrence said there was an Ordinance that needed to be followed.

Krueger said that Codes Enforcement had been working with the property owner for approximately one year.

No testimony was presented.

Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 16-012 Confirming the Determination of the Director of Buildings that the Building located at 1100 Mt. Hood Street Constitutes a Public Nuisance, and that Demolition of the Structure. The motion carried, Brown opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution No. 16-011 Accepting a Deed of Re-dedication from the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency of Right of Way Previously Vacated

City Manager Krueger reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Spatz to adopt Resolution No. 16-011 Accepting a Deed of Re-dedication from the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency of Right of Way Previously Vacated. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Special Ordinance No. 16-572 Temporarily Extending the Franchise Agreement Granted to Northwest Natural Gas Company

City Manager Krueger reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Grossman read Special Ordinance No. 16-572 by title only.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Miller to adopt Special Ordinance No. 16-572 by title only. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Restaurant Sewer Survey Results Report

Project Coordinator Hunter reviewed the staff report.

McGlothlin said the banquet room was where owners felt there were inequities.

Hunter said restaurants open for less than 60 hours weren't causing high demand on the system.

Public Works Director Anderson said it had been based on number of seats and working on equality they found fewer hours of operation made the sewer rate half of that of others, and no one's bill would go up. He said that there would be \$20,000 of lost revenue.

In response to a question he said banquet rooms had historically been exempt when not often in use. He said Spooky's was the only one not exempt, and an exemption would lower the bill by approximately \$176.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to bring back a modified resolution based on 60 hours of operation, waive banquet rooms, and chair count as methodology.

The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Report

Lisa Farquharson, Chamber President introduced the new Tourism Coordinator, Michelle Harmon and presented the annual report.

Farquharson said pointed out a couple new things the Chamber was working on. One was a new map that had updated an existing map used by Bicoastal Media, with a drawing done by Denae Manion. The map would have street names and would be digital for ease of updating.

Farquharson said they were developing an email contact program with the crew on the ships called "River Crew News" that included coupons and events calendar. She said they were working with Main Street on the coupons. She said the plan was to send the email out a week ahead of arrival, and that coupons would be digital, so they could be redeemed from a smart phone.

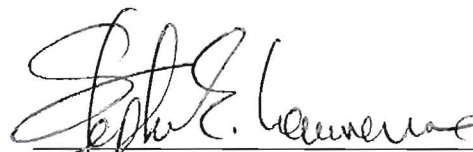
In response to a question Farquharson said that the biggest request the Chamber gets is for an RV park.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, City Clerk