

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
APRIL 28, 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, Tim McGlothlin, Linda Miller

COUNCIL ABSENT: Dan Spatz

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Administrative Fellow Jon Chavers, Administrative Intern Rich Wachter, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Engineer Dale McCabe

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; Councilor Spatz absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Annual Update by Six Rivers Mediation Service

Bill Lennox, Chair of the Board, reported that Six Rivers had recently left as a part of the Council of Governments and become a 501(c)3. He said they continued to save the same bi-state region and had added mediation services for the USDA. Lennox said he hoped they would continue to receive the support of the City. He said they did provide courses for people to learn mediation skills and discussed the value of resolving disputes early. In response to a question, Lennox said there had been a school program, but it was not currently operating. He said he hoped to re-implement it in the future.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Richard Mint, 805 Court Street, Apartment 10, The Dalles, said he was a medical marijuana grower and had his own medical card. He read excerpts from the State law, noting growers already had to be in compliance with regulations and said dispensaries were not necessary. Mint said he agreed with the moratorium and said no further action should be taken until after the November election because more changes could be coming.

Lloyd Clark, 1220 East 13th Street, The Dalles, questioned how the jurisdictional issue regarding responsibility for Mill Creek contamination was being handled.

Public Works Director Anderson provided an update regarding efforts to find the source of the contamination. He said as a last resort, the City would excavate in Wright Street to expose the pipe at the point where cameras could not go any farther and try to go from that point.

There was a discussion regarding placing signs at the site of contamination to warn people of the e coli dangers. Staff was directed to work the partner agencies to get signage installed. Public Works Director Anderson said he would provide an update by Friday.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young reminded the City Council of a work session on April 30 to discuss the tourism and marketing program.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported he had been working with the Main Street Program staff to complete an encroachment agreement for the parklet, scheduled to be installed May 7 at Columbia River Music store.

Parker said he would be attending the City Attorney's conference later in the week.

Parker handed out information provided by Bradley Steinman, attorney for Mountain View Naturals. He said a provisional approval from the State had been issued for their medical marijuana dispensary and asked if the Council wanted him to begin drafting language to allow the dispensary. Parker said it had been his understanding that if an application was approved by the State, the Council wanted him to work on developing regulations.

Councilor McGlothlin said he didn't want to be pressured into preparing regulations so quickly. It was the consensus of the Council to leave the moratorium in place at this time.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wood said there was no Historic Landmarks Commission or Council of Governments meeting, but she had attended the QLife Agency meeting and they had approved the budget. Wood said the Wasco County Pioneer's annual meeting would be on May 3 and everyone was invited to attend.

Councilor McGlothlin said he would provide a report on the Traffic Safety Commission meeting at a later time. He said the Airport business park project was moving forward, runway project was back on schedule, and work continued on the hangar project.

Councilor Dick said he attended the QLife Agency meeting where the budget was approved.

Councilor Miller said she attended the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting and a recommendation would be forwarded to the Agency to include an additional \$200,000 for grants in the core business area and \$25,000 to \$35,000 to help fund the Main Street Program manager position.

Mayor Lawrence reported he had attended and moderated a Town Hall meeting for Senator Wyden; attended the regional League of Oregon Cities meeting; met with a representative from Tours to Trails program to discuss hiking trails in the Gorge; and attended a meeting regarding the organization for Cycle Oregon.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of April 14, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) Resolution No. 14-009 approving a Section 3 Plan required for funding assistance provided through the Community Development Block Grant program; and 3) Resolution No. 14-010 approving a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan required as a condition of federal funding assistance.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Discussion Regarding Exemption of a Design/Build Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project From the Competitive Bid Process

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report. Members of the City of Wilsonville Public Works Department were in attendance to share their experience with a design-build form of contract for a large scale public works project, noting it had been a very positive experience and saved the City money.

It was the consensus of the City Council to support the utilization of a design/build contract process for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, Phase 1 project and to move forward with a public hearing.

Award Logging Contract for 2014 Salvage and Commercial Timber Sale in The Dalles Municipal Watershed

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Miller to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Dodge Logging for Contract No. 14-009, Watershed Timber Salvage and Commercial Thinning Project. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Intergovernmental Agreement With North Wasco County School District 21 for Distribution of Enterprise Zone Fees from Design LLC Enterprise Zone Agreement

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to approve the agreement between the City of The Dalles, Wasco County and North Wasco County School District 21 concerning the distribution and use of fees paid pursuant to Enterprise Zone Abatement Agreement executed September 24, 2013 and authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement, contingent on approval by Wasco County Commission and School District 21. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent; McGlothlin abstaining.

Resolution No. 14-012 Authorizing Transfers of Funds from the General Fund Contingency to the General Fund City Council Department, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 14-012 authorizing transfers of funds from the General Fund Contingency to General Fund City Council Department, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The motion carried, Spatz absent; McGlothlin opposed.

Resolution No. 14-008 Authorizing a Utility Rate Discount Program for Low Income Senior and Disabled Persons and Repealing Resolution No. 03-023

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report. She noted that when the original information had been compiled, there were 205 customers participating in the program, but as of this date, there were 216 customers in the program. Mast discussed the dollar amount each increase would represent over a three year phase in plan. She said the Resolution would also correct the number of gallons, saying it was previously set at 15,000, but the base for all residential customers was 10,000.

Councilor McGlothlin expressed concern about the financial impact to a vulnerable population and asked if the phase in could be extended over a longer period of time. He asked that staff bring back a resolution with a five or six year phase in.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Dick to direct staff to bring back the resolution with a six year phase in plan. The motion carried unanimously, Spatz absent.

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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk