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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OF

July 24, 2017

5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Russ Brown, Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: Taner Elliott

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Planning Director Steve Harris, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes

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, Elliott absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously, Elliott absent.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Drive Less Connect Challenge Proclamation

Mid Columbia Economic Development District Executive Director Amanda Hoey said the Drive Less Connect Challenge was September 16-30.

Mayor Lawrence presented Hoey with the Proclamation.

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) AmeriTies Update – Greg Svelund

Greg Svelund and Linda Hays Gorman of the DEQ gave an update on AmeriTies, explaining the process and enforcement process. They handed out a map (attached) that identified point and mobile sources, and a map of air monitoring stations.

Svelund Thanked the City for open communication and for allowing monitoring devices on public property.

They said there were three areas: Odor, Air Quality and Health. Svelund said AmeriTies was in compliance with their air quality permit. He said the DEQ receives a lot of complaints on the odor. He said odors were difficult to regulate.

Svelund said in 2016 AmeriTies signed a voluntary Enforceable Agreement. He said they were in compliance with that agreement.

Svelund said the DEQ was starting a second round of 60 day monitoring. He said the results would be posted on the DEQ website.

He said a new monitoring station would be at the Library. That program would be a full air quality monitoring program that will run for a full year. He said the program would begin next week.

Councilor Brown asked if there were any statistics on the long term health of the employees at the plant. Svelund said that would be something OSHA would monitor, and their level is much higher.

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Svelund said that as part of the 2016 agreement, AmeriTies had changed the chemical makeup of preservative used.

Mayor Lawrence asked what role the DEQ had in enforcement. Hays Gorman said there are no regulations in place that specify limits. She said without regulation there was nothing for them to work from. She said the 2016 Enforceable Agreement was what they would work from.

Councilor Long-Curtiss asked if the complaints had dropped after the change in preservative. Svelund said complaints had dropped, but could not be tied directly to the change.

Risk Management – Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter

Human Resources Director Hunter reviewed the staff report.

Hunter said the Executive Team would reassess and audit risk annually.

In response to a question Hunter said the Executive Team consisted of the City Manager, Department Managers, and the Assistant to the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Krueger reported that a developer had shared with staff that local lenders had the opinion that downtown mixed use development use was high risk. She would like to develop a group to discuss changing that perception.

Krueger recommended the group consist of herself, the Mayor, Planning Director, Finance Director, Port of The Dalles, Main Street, and Mid Columbia Economic Development District.

Councilor Long-Curtiss said Urban Renewal had some questions regarding that. She suggested a representative from Urban Renewal be part of the group, so that they could report back to the Agency. It was agreed Urban Renewal would have a representative.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Gene Parker reported there were a lot of failed bills at the State level. He said he would continue to follow the new ones. He said he and the Planning Director were looking into the changes to allow accessory buildings, and how that might affect the City.

He said the termination notices had been sent to the Airport manager and Fixed Base Operators. He asked if Council would like staff to contact Klickitat County to determine their desire to

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proceed with Request for Proposals (RFP) for both the Fixed Base Operator and the Airport Management.

He said Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes had been working on an RFP.

Mayor Lawrence said he would begin the discussions with Dave Sauter at Klickitat County, and the Airport Board.

Councilor Long-Curtiss said the issue seemed time sensitive. She said a plan needed to be developed.

Mayor Lawrence said perhaps an interim manager would need to be found.

Parker said he would be on vacation for the rest of the week, and would return on August 7.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported she attended:

- Urban Renewal Meeting – She and Councilor Elliott continue working with Sunshine Mill; Plan Review
- Governmental Affair with City Manager Krueger

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Attended Airport Meeting
- Pickle Ball underway as a partnership between Parks and Recreation and Columbia Gorge Community College

McGlothlin provided Homeless Update:

- Youth Empowerment Shelter had the dishwasher purchased through the Small Grants Program installed
- Working to provide housing for homeless when appropriate
- NEAT Officer provides direct intervention
- Working with various agencies to provide assistance
- Criminal activity was being dealt with quickly
- Discussing ways to address homeless bused from Portland
- Lions and City replacing asphalt floor at the Lions Shelter at Sorosis Park. Lions paying for materials

Councilor Brown said he was concerned about crews spending time on the project instead of street work. Public Works Director Anderson said there was no delay to City work due to assisting with the shelter asphalt.

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Councilor Miller reported on attending:

- Mid Columbia Medical Center meet and greet of new director
- Performance Management Work Session
- Leadership Training
- Urban Renewal meeting
- Sister City meeting

Mayor Lawrence reported on attending:

- Lunch with Dennis Knox, Executive Director Mid Columbia Medical Center
- Ribbon Cutting at Bent River
- Performance Management Work Session – Mayor complimented Assistant to the City Manager Klebes
- Senior Center Elevator ribbon cutting. He noted they were waiting for sign off on elevator – inspections were behind.
- Kris Boler of GOHBI regarding interest in taking over Area Agency on Aging if necessary
- Leadership Training
- Harvey Hall of PUD
- Officer pinning event at the Police Department
- Oregon Mayors Association Conference in Lebanon. He said the Chamber provided a wonderful basket for the raffle.
- Sister City representatives in town on Wednesday

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Elliott absent.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of July 10, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

Authorization to Provide Water Service Outside City Limits to 6140 Mill Creek Road for Irrigation of a Commercial Marijuana Growing Operation

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Anderson said Linda Taylor the business owner was in attendance if Council had questions.

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Councilor Brown said he was concerned about maintenance of the line.

Anderson said there were current customers on the line, and they were informed of maintenance.

Brown said he was concerned about outside city limits commercial use of the line.

Anderson said there were other commercial use customers using the water currently.

McGlothin asked about leaching chemicals.

Anderson said that would be part of the county permitting and Department of Agriculture. He said it would be like any other agricultural use.

Linda Taylor, 5945 Cherry Heights Road, said the property use at this time would be for the supplemental marijuana industry. She said they would be manipulating the oil for the pharmaceutical industry.

She said long term they hope to be supplier for medical tests on the products. She said the regulations are very strict.

Brown said he was concerned about the water resources being available for the town.

Miller said she was concerned about the resources until she learned the precedent had been set long ago for commercial use.

Ms. Taylor said they could sink a well in 2018.

Ms. Taylor said she would be an asset to the community with real jobs, and living wage. She asked that Council reach out to her with any concerns.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to authorize the provision of commercial water service outside City limits to the property located at 6140 Mill Creek Road. The motion carried, Brown apposed, Elliott absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lawrence recessed to Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(h) to Consult With Legal Counsel Concerning Current Litigation or Litigation Likely to be Filed.

Reconvene to Open Session at 7:12 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

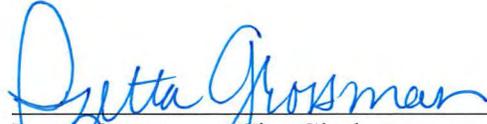
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, City Clerk

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