

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
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 Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Engineer Dale McCabe, Senior Planner Dawn Hert, Administrative Fellow Jon Chavers

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; all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

An item to approve purchase of an emergency generator was added to the agenda. It was moved by Dick and seconded by Wood to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Lawrence read a letter of thanks from the Oregon Forestry Department, for the outstanding support by the City during the Government Flats Complex fire. Lawrence especially thanked Public Works Dave Anderson for his professionalism and dedication to the City.

Presentation by North Central Public Health District Requesting Lewis and Clark Festival Park Become Tobacco Free

Mary Gale, representing North Central Public Health Department, made a presentation, requesting the City Council to consider adoption of a policy to make the Lewis and Clark Park a tobacco free area.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to investigate the matter further.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Rodger Nichols, 1617 Oregon Street, said he hoped the City would not implement a tobacco free policy without taking public input. He said it seemed unfair to create a policy based on emotions.

Trish Neal, representing the Ft. Dalles Museum Foundation, reported her progress in applying for a grant to complete construction of a roof on the Anderson House barn at the museum.

Councilor Wood asked if a letter of support from the City would be helpful with the grant submittal. It was the consensus of the Council that if a letter was requested, the City would provide one.

Ms. Neal introduced members of the Foundation Board who were in attendance and thanked the City for their support and 60 years of a partnership with Wasco County to manage the museum.

Councilor Wood asked that Museum Commission meeting minutes be provided to the Council for information.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he would be attending the League of Oregon Cities Conference at the end of September and said he would be on vacation the last two weeks of September.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wood reported that a hearing was scheduled by the Council of Governments to consider an increase in building permit fees. She said the Historic Landmarks Commission and QLife Agency did not hold meetings in August.

Councilor McGlothlin reported that he had attended the bicycle summit meeting on August 12 and topics of concern had been identified, including the need for a program to eradicate puncture vine; sweeping gravel from bike lanes; education and safety training; promoting events; and making a bike friendly community. McGlothlin said he attended the August Airport Board meeting, where the Board discussed improving internet access, runway projects, and the bids for construction of the business park. He said he attended the August Traffic Safety Commission meeting, noting the parking at the corner of 5th and Court Streets had been eliminated to correct a vision clearance issue, had a report on the Kelly Avenue safety work being done and discussed a concern about vehicles driving the wrong direction in one-way alleys. He noted the entrance and exits on West Sixth Street would be reconfigured as part of the Goodwill store construction.

Councilor Spatz said he had attended a meeting sponsored by Representative Huffman for workforce housing and noted the Legislature may soon make funding available for attainable housing programs.

Mayor Lawrence noted City Manager Young was in Washington, D.C., representing the City on the Community Outreach Team. He said the Council had received the Wasco County report regarding roads and after reviewing, would meet again with the County Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of July 22, 2013 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of August 19, 2013 special City Council meeting minutes; and 3) Resolution No. 13-030 accepting a deed of dedication from Goodwill Industries.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Remonstrances Against the West First Street, Terminal Way, Bargeway Road Reconstruction Project, Phase II Local Improvement District

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

The staff report was reviewed by Public Works Director Anderson.

Testimony

No testimony was provided.

Council Deliberation

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Wood to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for adoption at the September 23 Council meeting, assessing certain lots and tracts of land within the City of The Dalles, a proportionate share of the cost of West First Street, Terminal Way and Bargeway Road Reconstruction Project, Phase II, by title. The motion carried; Miller opposed.

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding a Rezone Request by Karl Rozentals

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the procedure to be followed for the hearing.

Senior Planner Hert said staff had learned today that the public hearing notice had not been published and requested the Council to continue the hearing to the September 23 meeting, to allow time for the publication.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to continue the public hearing to the September 23 City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 13-029 Assessing Real Properties Located at 3316 West Tenth Street, 1815 Montana Street, 1904 East 14th Street, 2429 East 12th Street, and 733 Hostetler Street for the Cost of Abatement of Junk and Hazardous Vegetation

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 13-029 assessing real properties located at 3316 West Tenth Street, 1815 Montana Street, 1904 East 14th Street, 2429 East 12th Street, and 733 Hostetler Street for the cost of abatement of junk and hazardous vegetation. The motion carried unanimously.

Request by Port of The Dalles for Marina Water Bill Adjustment

The staff report was reviewed by City Attorney Parker.

Mayor Lawrence asked if the 50% refund was also allowed for residential customers. Public Works Director Anderson said the 50% refund for leakage issues was often provided to residential customers.

Councilor Dick said he would abstain from voting because he provided legal representation to the Port.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Spatz to approve the Port's request for refund of the May 2013 water leak usage contingent on the Port completing installation of a new water system at the Marina within 120 days. The motion carried unanimously, Dick abstaining.

Emergency Purchase of Replacement Backup Generator for Wastewater Treatment Plant

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report. He said the generator had failed last week, and with new air quality regulations being put in place, the generator would need to be replaced by 2015. He recommended replacing now, rather than spending money to make repairs for a short term. Anderson noted funds were available within the Sewer Plant Construction/Debt Service Fund for capital projects.

Mayor Lawrence asked if this item was included in the recently adopted Capital Improvement Plan. Anderson said it would be part of the improvements, but was not specifically listed as it was not one of the major items.

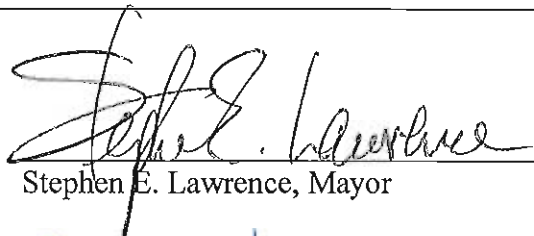
It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to authorize the purchase of a new emergency backup generator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk