

**MINUTES**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
NOVEMBER 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, Administrative Fellow Daniel Hunter, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury

**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**

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

## PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

### Canvas the Vote Proclamation

Mayor Lawrence read the Proclamation, declaring Steve Lawrence was elected Mayor; Taner Elliott was elected Councilor at Large; Tim McGlothlin was elected Councilor Position #1; and Russ Brown was elected Councilor Position #3.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Phil Brady, The Dalles, addressed the Council regarding concerns about crude oil being transported by train, through the community. He expressed concern that the City didn't have adequate emergency plans in place to address such a catastrophe.

Katie Young, The Dalles, said a resolution had been prepared and asked that the Council consider adopting the resolution to oppose rail transport of crude oil and to urge State and Federal lawmakers to develop appropriate safety procedures. Young said adoption of the resolution would send a powerful message to the Railroad, State and Federal officials to create higher safety standards.

John Nelson, 524 West Third Place, The Dalles, urged the City Council to adopt the proposed resolution. He said supplies to handle such an emergency were not available in our community. Nelson said he believed the State was serious about creating safety standards, but it was vital for our community to be prepared.

Councilor Miller asked how many trains traveled through the community. It was noted that between 30 and 40 trains traveled through The Dalles on a daily basis.

Tom Wood, 701 East Second Street, The Dalles, said he was a member of the Board of the Columbia River Keeper. He said safety of the river and the community was at risk and said it was vital to raise the awareness of State and Federal officials to ensure the safety of the environment and the citizens.

\*\* It was noted the City and County did have emergency disaster plans in place, along with mutual aid agreements with other emergency services in several counties, but that the community was not prepared for an oil derailment.

There was consensus to schedule the matter for additional discussion at a future meeting.

\*\* Added at December 8, 2014 meeting that Chief Palmer of Mid Columbia Fire & Rescue was the person who made the comment noted by \*\*

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### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Young reported that Sergeant Baska had been promoted to the position of Police Captain. Young said the recruitment for the vacant Sergeant position was in process, then staff planned to proceed with the hiring process to fill the vacated officer position.

Young said staff had been developing a plan to enhance safety with the SAIF refund of approximately \$68,000. He said ergonomics, Public Works security, and Police Department body cameras were all being considered.

Councilor Miller asked why the Public Works Department needed additional security. City Manager Young said there were office safety concerns nationwide, and at this time anyone could just walk right into their office.

City Manager Young said the business recruiter was making very good progress and proposed extending the position for an additional six months for \$30,000. He said the funding would need to be moved from contingency.

It was the consensus of the Council to continue the position for six months and to pay for it from the contingency fund.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Parker said staff had been developing language for the medical marijuana dispensaries and were ready to submit to Land Conservation and Development Commission for review. Parker said the Planning Commission would conduct a public hearing in January and it should be ready for Council consideration in February.

Parker said he had been working on easements for the pool project and for Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Wood said the Council of Governments would be meeting on November 25, Historic Landmarks Commission would meet on December 17 and the QLife meeting was scheduled for December 18. Wood said the Building Inspector had resigned his position, so a temporary contract had been entered into with the former Inspector until the position could be filled permanently.

Councilor McGlothlin said the Airport Board would be meeting in December. He reported on the activities of the Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

Councilor Dick said the QLife Agency was working on a plan regarding it's mission and would be presenting it to the City Council and County Commission soon.

Councilor Spatz said the Economic Development Subcommittee of the Chamber would be meeting on December 9 to discuss RV parking. He said the next meeting of the Mid Columbia Economic Development District was scheduled for December 11.

Spatz provided the Sister City Association meeting minutes to the Council, noting two requests. He said the Hood River and The Dalles Associations wanted to invite the Consul General for a visit to the Gorge and asked that the Mayor and Council delegation be determined for a visit to Miyoshi City in 2015.

Councilor Miller said the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee had met last week and had another meeting scheduled for November 25.

Mayor Lawrence reported on attending the Business After Hours/Retirement event for Bob Stone, saying it had been a big event. Lawrence said it was good to hear that the new owners, the Tonkin family, planned to be very involved in our community.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of November 10, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes; and 2) approval of intergovernmental agreement with Klickitat County for use of Airport rental income for repayment of CERB loan.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution No. 14-037 Approving a Rate Increase for The Dalles Disposal

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

Erwin Swetnam, The Dalles Disposal, provided an overview of the items included in the proposed rate increase, including labor, disposal fees, vehicle costs, and facility costs.

Mayor Lawrence asked if there were comparable figures with other providers. Swetnam said he didn't have that information, but that The Dalles Disposal offered a variety of services, including curbside recycle and yard debris pick up that other carriers didn't offer.

Lawrence asked what methods were used to notify their customers in each of the categories of services regarding rate increases. Mr. Swetnam said many of the items on the rate sheet were not provided in The Dalles. He said the sheet was a boiler plate of possible rates.

Mayor Lawrence asked how The Dalles Disposal would respond to customer concerns, such as the recent letter to the Editor from an elderly person who could not get her trash can to the curb for pick up and had to pay extra for the service. Swetnam said that particular issue had been resolved, and in fact, she was eligible for free service based on her age.

Councilor McGlothlin asked if The Dalles Disposal had experienced increases in health care costs. Swetnam said they had two increases in the past year, but it was not included in their proposed increase.

Councilor Spatz asked if there was a comparison of rates paid in other eastern Oregon communities. Swetnam said he didn't have that information, but could look at it for next year.

#### Public Comment

Russ Brown, The Dalles, said he had been approached by several citizens who were unhappy with their commercial service. He said the complaints included difficulty in getting their containers picked up and then returned, a container that didn't work properly and lid couldn't be opened, and a person who had a wheel fall off the container and was told it couldn't be replaced because the container was privately owned.

Jerry Johnson, 3102 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, said he had been researching ways to lower his garbage bill and had compared the cost of the 32 gallon, 90 gallon roll cart, and a container. Johnson said it was less expensive for him to purchase his own container, but he had been told that private containers were not allowed.

Mayor Lawrence asked who developed the fees, if comparable rates could be provided for review and a more detailed explanation of the container rules.

Mr. Swetnam said he could clean up the list and provide comparable rates. He said customers could purchase their own containers and The Dalles Disposal would empty them if the customer signed a release of liability form. Swetnam said he hoped to replace many of the 40 year old containers in the next year, so all containers could properly connect to their trucks.

#### Council Deliberation

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Wood to adopt Resolution No. 14-037 approving a rate increase for The Dalles Disposal.

Councilor Spatz said he wouldn't support the increase until he could see comparable rates for other communities.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Dick to amend the motion, postponing action until the December 8 meeting. The motion to amend carried, Miller abstaining.

The amended motion was voted on and carried; Miller abstaining.

#### Approval of Use of Enterprise Zone Fees for Award of a Construction Contract for Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue District's Station #2 Remodel

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

In response to a question, City Manager Young said that three alternative bids were provided, anticipating the District may not have enough funds to complete the entire project. Fire Chief Palmer said the District did plan to use money from their building fund to help pay for the project.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to approve use of enterprise zone fees for the remodel of Station #2 and designate \$68,000 from the City's General Fund Contingency to be paid back from future enterprise zone fees that were to be allocated to the District, contingent on the District providing the remaining funds necessary from their building reserve and contingent on approval by Wasco County and Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue Board. The motion carried, Miller voting no.

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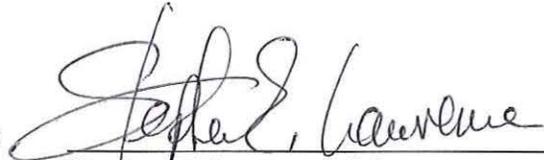
**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Julie Krueger, MMC  
City Clerk

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Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk