

## **MINUTES**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
NOVEMBER 25, 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 Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Engineer Dale McCabe, Administrative Fellow Jon Chavers, Planning Director Dick Gassman, Finance Director Kate Mast

### **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**

Mayor Lawrence asked that Action Item 13, A, be moved to the front of the agenda so the representatives of The Dalles Disposal would be able to attend another meeting. He also asked that an OLCC Change in Ownership application for La Cabana be added to the Consent Agenda.

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

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Request by The Dalles Disposal for a Rate Increase**

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

Jim Winterbottom, The Dalles Disposal explained the increase was primarily due to increased tipping fees, operational costs, and a large assessment for the local improvement district work recently completed. He noted that the proposed monthly increase for a 32 gallon can was 29 cents; 96 gallon roll cart, 41 cents; and a 1 ½ yard dumpster would increase \$1.52 per month.

Councilor McGlothlin said a citizen had asked him why residential customers couldn't have a bi-weekly pick up of garbage. Winterbottom said that service was offered and would cost \$12.93 per month for a 32 gallon can.

Councilor Spatz asked how much of the increase was due to landfill increases and how much was for the household hazardous waste program. Winterbottom said the entire 1% noted in the letter was for landfill cost increases.

Spatz asked if the employees paid a portion of their health care premiums. Winterbottom said they do pay a portion of the premiums, which helped keep costs down for the company.

Councilor Miller asked if The Dalles Disposal offered a senior discount. Winterbottom said they had a program through the Community Action Program which included seniors and low income.

#### **Public Comment**

No public comments were provided.

#### **Resolution No. 13-035 Approving a Rate Increase Resulting From Increased Operational and Tipping Fee Costs Incurred by The Dalles Disposal Service, Effective January 1, 2014**

Councilor Miller said she would abstain from voting as she was also an employee of Waste Connections.

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It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to adopt Resolution No. 13-035 approving a rate increase resulting from increased operational and tipping fee costs incurred by The Dalles Disposal Service, effective January 1, 2014. The motion carried unanimously, Miller abstaining.

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Presentation by Mid Columbia Economic Development District Regarding AGORA Investment Platform**

Maggie Hanna provided a Power Point presentation, explaining the AGORA Investment Platform Program, noting that agencies using the platform would have their proposed projects matched with funding criteria to help find funds that would help accomplish the projects. She said the Mid-Columbia area was designated for this pilot project and there were currently 40 projects on the platform, with four projects already funded. She said this information would be used as a tool in developing the Wasco County Needs and Issues list in the future.

Mayor Lawrence said the Civic Auditorium had recently registered and he understood that agencies who registered projects would receive an automatic notification if funding was matched for their project. Hanna said that was correct.

Councilor Miller asked what types of funding would be available through the program. Ms. Hanna said there were multiple types of funding, including tax credits, loans, and grants.

#### **2013 Audit Presentation**

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report. She noted the City had two audit findings this year, which were both Oregon Budget Law violations. In response to a question, she said the State may or may not send a letter to the City, but if they did, the City would be required to adopt a Resolution setting out how they would correct the errors. Mast introduced Tonya Moffet who provided an overview of the audit for fiscal year 2012-13.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to accept the 2013 audit, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RECESS TO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING**

Mayor Lawrence recessed the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Reconvene to City Council Meeting

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**CTY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Young reported on Planning Commission work regarding the infill development issues. He said two sub-committees had been established, with members being both Planning Commission members and citizens. Young said he would be the staff representative on the budget sub-committee.

Young said since the City Council approved a water bill waiver for the Port in September, they had shut off water to the marina for the winter and were working to get the repairs completed. He said they would exceed the 120 days allowed by the Council, but since they were not using any water during this time, he would allow them to go beyond the 120 days unless the City Council objected. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the City Manager to work with the Port to resolve the issue.

City Manager Young said staff had sent the notice to governmental agencies concerning the City's Vertical Housing Zone Incentive Program. It was explained they would have 45 days to opt out of the zone. Planning Director Gassman further explained that the State would be reviewing the application during this time period. He said the benefit of opting out was a partial tax credit, but there would be no net affect because the zone was within the Urban Renewal boundary.

Mayor Lawrence asked staff to provide the City Council with a copy of the notice that was sent to the taxing districts.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Parker said the bids had been received regarding the providing of title insurance in the City's upcoming foreclosure proceedings and that Wasco Title was the successful bidder. He said the process would be moving forward in December.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Wood said the Historic Landmarks Commission had met last week and was working with the United Congregational Church regarding their window restoration project. She said she would be attending the Council of Governments meeting on Tuesday and QLife Agency meeting on December 12.

Councilor McGlothlin said the November Airport Board meeting had been cancelled, but projects were all on schedule. He said he missed a portion of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, but would provide a full report at a later time. McGlothlin thanked staff for the update to the City's website.

Councilor Dick said he had attended the QLife meeting and would be attending the next on in December.

Councilor Spatz said he would be attending the Mid Columbia Economic Development District meeting on December 12. He said he attended a meeting last week regarding investing and manufacturing issues and said a bi-state legislative summit would be scheduled for the Spring of 2014.

Councilor Miller said the last Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting had been cancelled. She said she had attended the Sister City farewell party and participated in a tour of the Cherry Growers facility.

Mayor Lawrence said he had enjoyed welcoming the Sister City delegation and believed they enjoyed their visit to The Dalles.

Councilor Spatz thanked staff for providing the beautiful gift that was given to the delegation.

Mayor Lawrence said he had met with the Secretary of State and provided her with a tour of the Civic Auditorium; participated in the Veteran's Day Parade, spoke at a Government Affairs meeting, and also participated in the Cherry Growers facility tour.

Councilor McGlothlin reported the Lions and Leo Club had screened First, Third and Fifth Grade students and provided vision tests, noting that 91 of 752 students had been identified for further diagnoses.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of the October 28, 2013 regular City Council meeting minutes; and 2) authorization for City Clerk to endorse OLCC change in ownership application for La Cabana.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

General Ordinance No. 13-1331 Approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 83-13 Amending Section 6.080 (A) (2) of General Ordinance No. 98-1222, the City's Land Use Development Ordinance

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Krueger read General Ordinance No. 13-1331 by title.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to adopt General Ordinance No. 13-1331 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 83-13 amending Section 6.080 (A) (2) of General Ordinance No. 98-1222, the City's Land Use Development Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

General Ordinance No. 13-1332 Approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 85-13 Amending Certain Sections of General Ordinance No. 98-1222, the City's Land use Development Ordinance, Related to Passage of House Bill 3479

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

There was discussion regarding the definition of development and the Council was comfortable that the language reflected their desire to allow a total of 3 lots, including the original one, before it would be considered "development" as opposed to a minor partition.

City Clerk Krueger read General Ordinance No. 13-1332 by title.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Dick to adopt General Ordinance No. 13-1332 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 85-13 amending certain sections of General Ordinance No. 98-1222, the City's Land Use Development Ordinance, related to passage of House Bill 3479. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Annual Update Regarding Transportation Systems Development Charge Credits

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report, noting this was an annual review.

Mayor Lawrence said the Barriers Committee report had expressed a concern about the City's systems development fees. Anderson said the credits were as a result of that report. He said the Planning Department was not aware of anyone not placing a business in The Dalles due to the SDC rates and that people who were not local developers expected to pay SDC's as part of their development. He said most credits were a result of local businesses expanding or moving to other properties.

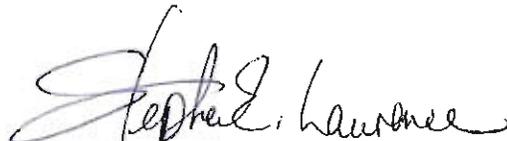
It was the consensus of the Council to continue the program and direct staff to provide another report in one year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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SIGNED:

  
Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk