

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
DECEMBER 8, 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, Senior Planner Dawn Hert, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Librarian Jeff Wavrunek

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

The Fort Dalles Fourth Update and Action Item 12, C, Agreement with Klickitat County for LOCAP repayment, were removed from the agenda. It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Lawrence read a special letter of commendation to Police Officer Amanda Fedunok for receiving the highest award from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. He said this was the Victor Atiyeh Outstanding Student Award. Fedunok was honored for all aspects of training, including classroom, physical fitness, survival skills and leadership.

Police Chief Waterbury said Officer Fedunok was the second officer with the City to ever receive this high honor and said he was very proud of her accomplishments.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Randy Cole, 816 East 20th Street, The Dalles, congratulated the City Council for investing in the east end of the downtown. He said the improvements to the Sunshine Mill property were a huge improvement for people entering our community from the east side of town. Mr. Cole gave each Councilor a small bottle of sparkling cider to toast their success.

Corliss Marsh, 1401 East 21st Street, The Dalles, encouraged everyone to consider a donation to the Oregon Cultural trust. She said it was a tax credit and that funds came back to the community through their grant program, noting \$8,000 was given in grants in 2014, for Wasco County projects. Marsh handed out bookmarks which listed the 2014 Wasco County grant recipients.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young introduced new Librarian Jeff Wavrunek. Mr. Wavrunek was welcomed to the City.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he continued to work with bond Counsel regarding the Airport LOCAP funding and expected it would be ready for Council consideration in January. Parker said he was helping staff to develop the Request for Proposals language to purchase financial software.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wood said the Council of Governments Board had a meeting on November 25, discussing program review. She said the Historic Landmarks Commission meeting was scheduled for November 17 and QLife Agency meeting was scheduled for December 18.

Councilor McGlothlin said the Airport Board meeting had been postponed. He said he had attended the Starlight Parade, representing the Mayor and said the parade had been very well attended.

Councilor Spatz said he would be attending his final Mid Columbia Economic Development District meeting this week. He said his wife had taken a job with the District, so he would be leaving the Board to avoid any conflict of interest. Spatz provided copies of the One Gorge mission, saying more information would be coming about this concept. He said the AGORA program was now being offered State-wide, after being tested in the Columbia Gorge. Spatz invited the Council to attend an open house on December 16, 4:00 p.m. for the opening of the college's welding lab.

Councilor Miller said she had attended the November 25 Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting, where Rapoza Development had requested an extension of their DDA. She said the Agency would hear that request at their meeting tonight.

Mayor Lawrence said he attended the Google ceremony to celebrate their grants for the year and said he would be attending the Japanese Consulate event to celebrate the Emperor of Japan's birthday.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Spatz asked that the last paragraph on page 2 include a note that the statement had been made by the Fire Chief. The motion carried unanimously.

The item approved by Consent Agenda was approval of the November 24, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes, as corrected.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Award Contract With FAA Architecture and Interiors for Completion of Construction and Bid Documents for The Dalles/Wasco County Children's Wing Addition

The staff report was reviewed by Administrative Fellow Hunter and Librarian Wavrunek.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to award a contract to FAA Architecture and Interiors for final construction and bid documents for the children's wing addition to The Dalles/Wasco County Library in the amount of \$61,331 with reimbursable not to exceed \$3,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

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

City Attorney presented the staff report, pointing out the requested information of rates from other communities had been provided.

Mayor Lawrence asked Mr. Swetnam to provide a copy of the list of services when it was updated. He asked what the age was for senior citizens to receive free service. Mr. Swetnam said the age was 85, and in addition to that, there were discount programs in place for low income, senior citizens and handicapped.

Councilor Spatz said he appreciated the rate comparison information.

Councilor Miller said she would abstain from voting because she was employed by the same company.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Wood to adopt Resolution No. 14-037 approving a rate increase resulting from increased operational and disposal fee costs incurred by The Dalles Disposal Service, effective January 1, 2015. The motion carried unanimously, Miller abstaining.

Request by Mid Columbia Council of Governments for Systems Development Charge Reductions for the New Transit Facility

Senior Planner Hert reviewed the staff report.

There was a discussion regarding who paid for improvements when an entity received a discount. Public Works Director Anderson said it would be spread across the other users of the system. He said other governmental or non-profit entities had received this discount in the past.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the Mid Columbia Council of Governments request for the additional 50% reduction in transportation systems development charges and a 50% reduction on the sanitary and storm sewer systems development charges for the new transit facility building.

Councilor Miller said she was comfortable with the transportation fee waiver, but not the request for the sanitary and storm sewer waiver requests.

The motion to approve the Mid Columbia Council of Governments request for the additional 50% reduction in transportation systems development charges and a 50% reduction on the sanitary and storm sewer systems development charges for the new transit facility building was voted on and carried, Miller and McGlothlin voting no.

Authorization for Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District to Utilize Enterprise Zone Fee Revenue for Thompson Pool Project

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

Interim Parks and Recreation District Manager Karl Cozad said he appreciated the collaboration of partners to keep the pool project moving forward and noted the project was on schedule.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Spatz to approve the use of \$100,000 of Enterprise Zone funds by Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District for the construction of Thompson Pool, contingent on approval by Wasco County Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Ordinance No. 14-563 Vacating a Portion of the Alley Between East First and East Second Street for the Granada Block Redevelopment Project

The staff report was reviewed by City Attorney Parker.

City Clerk Krueger read Special Ordinance No. 14-563 by title.

Councilor Miller said she had supported the proposed vacation in past votes, but was hearing from constituents that the City should wait until there is an actual development before proceeding with the vacation process.

Councilor Spatz said the vacation could be rededicated if no project proceeded in the block.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to adopt Special Ordinance No. 14-563 vacating a portion of the alley between East First and East Second Streets for the Granada Block Redevelopment Project, by title. The motion carried, Miller voting no.

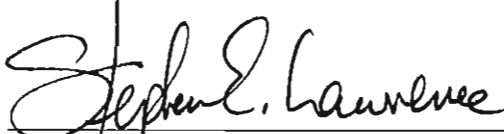
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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

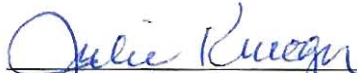
Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk