

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
JULY 27, 2015
5:30 P.M.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dan Spatz, Tim McGlothlin, Linda Miller, Russ Brown, Taner Elliott

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Project Coordinator Daniel Hunter, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Planning Director Dick Gassman, Librarian Jeff Wavrunek, Engineer Dale McCabe

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

Consent Agenda Item 10, B and Action Item 12, D were removed from the agenda.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation by District 3 Watermaster Regarding Local Water Resources

Watermaster Bob Wood provided a handout and reviewed materials indicating the District's Mission Statement, duties, and provided regulation activity. He noted this had been the worst year since he had worked in the area and said there could be another year of low snow pack next year.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

County Commissioner Rod Runyon provided an update on the Courthouse evacuation, noting that 17 counties in the State had received suspicious mail. He said the hazardous materials crew had arrived and were checking into the mail received at the Courthouse earlier in the day.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young noted there would be a joint meeting of the City Council and County Commission on August 3 to hear comments regarding the proposed enterprise zone agreement with Google. He said the City Council would meet on August 4 to consider approval of the agreement and consider the initiation of a street vacation on that property.

Young asked the Council's preference of a brief meeting on August 25 or 26 to finalize the street vacation procedure. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule the meeting for August 25 at 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Young said the public wi fi project scope had recently been changed from placing service at school athletic fields, to enhancing the downtown area and adding service at the Festival Park. Young noted the School District was not supportive of having access at the schools that was not controlled.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker noted the Codes Enforcement Officer had been very busy. He noted the difficulty in resolving nuisance issues on foreclosed properties. Mayor Lawrence asked that attention be given to the property at the top of Brewery Grade and Councilor Spatz asked that the Arby's property be cleaned up.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brown reported on his attendance at the Traffic Safety Commission meeting and said he would be attending the Council of Governments meeting on July 28.

Councilor Spatz said he had attended the QLife Board meeting and said interested parties concerning a proposed business incubator project, including Small Business Development Center, Port of The Dalles, and Main Street program, would be meeting to discuss the concept. Spatz said the meeting was being organized by Mid Columbia Economic Development District.

Councilor McGlothlin reported on his attendance at the Airport Board meeting, noting a flight school program was in the development stage.

McGlothlin said he would like to have a discussion in the future concerning regulations for food carts, and hoped the research regarding restaurant sewer rates would be reviewed by the Council in the near future.

Councilor Elliott said he also attended the QLife Board meeting. He said there had been a discussion concerning lottery funding to provide service to south Wasco County.

Councilor Miller reported on her attendance at the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting, noting the request for a facade restoration grant would be considered by the Agency at there meeting on July 27. Miller said she had missed the Historic Landmarks Commission meeting, but had attended the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Community Conversation meeting earlier in the day.

Mayor Lawrence said the City would be sending an official delegation for a visit to our Sister City in Miyoshi City, Japan, in August. He said he would be attending the Oregon Mayor's Association conference later in the week.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda was approval of July 13, 2015 regular City Council meeting minutes.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Rejection of Bids for Construction of the Library Expansion Project

Project Coordinator Hunter reviewed the staff report, saying staff had received confirmation with the bidder that he would be willing to work with staff and the Architect to do value engineering on the project. Hunter said the Library Foundation Board had requested staff to work with the bidder to determine if the project could be done within the budget, with the value engineering.

City Attorney Parker said if the Council authorized this, the information would come back before the Council for approval of the contract before any work could be completed.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Spatz to direct the City Manager to work with Griffin Construction and FFA Architecture on value engineering and modified bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Award Contract for 2015-16 Crack Seal Projects

Engineer Dale McCabe reviewed the staff report, noting staff proposed to add to the amount of work to be completed, due to the pricing compared to budget.

Councilor Brown requested staff provide a comparison of cost between the City crews doing crack sealing, and the Contractor's price.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Miller to authorize the City Manager to expand the project and enter into contract with Pavement Protectors, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Purchase Materials for Chip Seal Projects

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Brown asked if staff could test a larger size rock on one section to see how it would compare to the small rock. Public Works Director Anderson said he would look into it.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Miller to authorize the purchase of emulsion for the 2015/16 chip seal projects in an amount not to exceed \$144,182.50, fog seal oil in an amount not to exceed \$6,495.30, and chip rock in an amount not to exceed \$18,742.50. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Elliott asked if staff had included 15th Street in the schedule for maintenance. Public Works Director Anderson said it would be scheduled after the work was done on 10th Street. Elliott asked about the paving work done on Scenic Drive. Anderson said that was a temporary pave job to hold until the next phase of work was done in that area.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 15-030 Accepting the Final Report for the West Seventh Street Local Improvement District

Engineer McCabe reviewed the staff report, noting an increase in the project cost due to subsurface conditions.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 15-030 accepting the final report for the West Seventh Street Local Improvement District. The motion carried ~~unanimously~~ ~~unanimously~~. Miller voting no (corrected at September 14, 2015 meeting)

General Ordinance No. 15-1340 Amending General Ordinance No. 98-1222, Adopting Amendments to the City's Sign Code

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Krueger read General Ordinance No. 15-1340 by title.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Spatz to adopt General Ordinance No. 15-1340 amending General Ordinance No. 98-1222, adopting amendments to the City's Sign Code, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

Request from Fort Dalles Fourth Committee for Funding Assistance

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

Fort Dalles Fourth Committee members Nolan Hare and Doug Kirchofer explained the extremely hot weather had contributed to a decrease in revenues, noting it was difficult for people to participate in activities because the weather was too hot. They thanked the City for the financial support, and support from the Police Department and Public Works Department.

Councilor Spatz said he had understood that funding for this event, by the City, was only supposed to be for two years and he had never heard that the City was a partner for the long term. Doug Kirchhofer said he hoped the City would continue to be a partner for the event, but it would be a decision the Council would need to make.

Councilor Brown said he also had the understanding that the City's involvement would be short-term.

There was discussion regarding a concern that the City's contribution was not paying for the fireworks display, but for other items. Kirchhofer said the other events were put on as fund raisers to help pay for the fireworks and the City's contribution was used to help pay for the fireworks.

Councilor Spatz said he supported an additional \$5,000 contribution, but wanted the group to work with the Chamber of Commerce as they were the City's event production group and where the transient room tax dollars were provided for such events.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Miller to direct staff to pay Western Display Fireworks \$5,000 and bring back a budget amendment at the September 14 Council meeting; and to work with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the event. The motion carried, Elliott voting no.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding Establishing a Policy for Funding Requests

Following discussion, staff was asked to provide copies of policies used by other cities and directed to develop a draft policy that would identify funding sources, types of requests, set dollar limits per request, and to move items that were considered partnerships or services to appropriate departmental budgets.

Discussion Regarding Thompson Street Improvements

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report. He said if the Council wanted to move the project forward, it would likely happen in the Spring, and additional utility work would be done in conjunction with the street surfacing.

There was Council support for moving the project forward. The City Council agreed they would like to have a full report on the cost, including surfacing, utilities, labor, parts, and equipment.

Discussion Regarding Implementation of Senate Bill 460 related to Retail Sale of Marijuana

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

Norm Brock addressed the Council, explaining that security was very strict for medical marijuana facilities and there would be a new set of regulations regarding the sale of recreational marijuana. He said he supported the Council allowing the limited retail sales within a medical dispensary.

Jay Waterbury said the Council should give the voters another chance to determine whether they supported the sale of recreational marijuana in the City. He said it would be more accessible to children.

It was noted that if the Council banned the sale of recreational marijuana, the City would not be eligible to receive any of the tax revenue from the State.

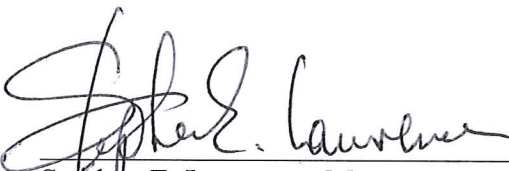
The City Council asked for information regarding how the voters inside the city limits had voted on the initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk