

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Clerk Julie Krueger, Project Coordinator Daniel Hunter, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Planning Director Dick Gassman, 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

Mayor Lawrence noted the addition of Action Item 12, D, regarding the City Manager's employment contract, and asked the Council to remove Consent Agenda Item F, as all members of the committee had not been selected.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

HEAL Cities Campaign Presentation

Dr. Vern Harpool, North Central Public Health District Officer, provided a handout and discussed the City's role in the program. There was consensus that Dr. Harpool and Councilor Spatz work with staff to develop a proposed resolution for consideration at a future Council meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

None.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brown reported his attendance at Council of Governments and Traffic Safety Commission meetings.

Councilor McGlothlin said he had attended the Airport Board meeting and a bi-state summit to discuss rural issues and better communication. McGlothlin said he was pleased to see that the Parks & Recreation District had implemented a family movie night at the swimming pool.

Councilor Elliott said he had attended a Planning Commission meeting concerning the variance application of Google for increased height of a building and said he had attended the Kiwanis Steak Feed event.

Mayor Lawrence said he also attended the bi-state summit bus tour, noting discussions on the tour included economic development, new businesses, and included a stop at the Rufus City Hall.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Miller noted a correction to the July 27, 2015 regular meeting minutes, page 5, saying she had voted in opposition to the West Seventh Street Extension project issue.

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of July 27, 2015 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of July 27, 2015 special City Council and Wasco County Commission meeting minutes; 3) approval of August 3, 2015 joint City Council and Wasco County Commission meeting minutes; 4) approval of August 4, 2015 special City Council meeting minutes; 5) approval of August 25, 2015 special City Council meeting minutes; 6) Resolution No. 15-035 amending Resolution No. 15-009 regarding membership of the Ad Hoc Bicycle Committee; and 7) approval to declare Public Works Department equipment as surplus property.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Receive Remonstrances Concerning the West Seventh Street Extension Local Improvement District Assessments

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the procedure to be followed and opened the public hearing.

Engineer Dale McCabe reviewed the staff report.

Councilor McGlothlin asked for an explanation of the cost difference between the original estimate and the actual cost. McCabe said the reason for the increase was for over-excavation due to very wet conditions in the area.

Testimony

No testimony was presented.

Hearing no testimony, the public hearing was closed and turned over to Council for deliberation.

Special Ordinance No. 15-567 Assessing Certain Lots and Tracts of Land Within the City of The Dalles, a Proportionate Share of the Cost of the Extension of West Seventh Street

City Clerk Krueger read Special Ordinance No. 15-567 by title.

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Spatz to adopt Special Ordinance No. 15-567 assessing certain lots and tracts of land within the City of The Dalles, a proportionate share of the cost of the extension of West Seventh Street, by title. The motion carried; Miller voting no.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of a Policy Regarding Retro-Reflectivity for Street Signs

Engineer Dale McCabe reviewed the staff report. He explained the City had adopted the program, but recently became aware that the program needed to be adopted as a policy.

Mayor Lawrence expressed concern regarding discretionary immunity, as related to the allocation of resources and public safety concerns.

McCabe said this program was cost effective for the City and also was a very effective method of testing the street signs. He said approximately 80% of the cities and counties, and Oregon Department of Transportation used the same method.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Elliott to approve the implementation of the Visual Nighttime Inspection method using the Comparison Panel Procedure for the City's Retro-reflectivity Program, as described in the memorandum from the City Attorney to the Council, dated September 1, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 15-034 Authorizing Transfers of Funds Between Categories of Various Funds, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report. She said this amendment would include placing SAIF funds into a separate line item, paying the \$5,000 toward the Fort Dalles Fourth event, and moving funds for the Thompson Street Project.

Mayor Lawrence said the Council needed more information on the Thompson Street Project before proceeding.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Brown to adopt Resolution No. 15-034 authorizing transfers of funds between categories of various funds, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Ordinance No. 15-566 Approving the Vacation of a Portion of River Trail Way

Planning Director Gassman reviewed the staff report.

City Clerk Krueger read Special Ordinance No. 15-566 by title.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Special Ordinance No. 15-566 approving the vacation of a portion of River Trail Way, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to City Manager's Employment Agreement

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Brown to terminate the January, 2009 employment agreement with the City Manager, effective November 14, 2015, with the implementation of the severance pay provisions set forth in Section 4.1 of the employment agreement, to be amended to provide that the City Manager be compensated for 80 hours of executive days by allowing this amount to be deposited into the City Manager's VEBA account, and pay for half of the City Manager's accrued sick leave as of September 1, 2015. The motion carried, Spatz opposed.

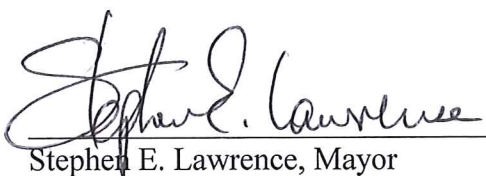
Mayor Lawrence thanked City Manager Young for his years of service, noting his greatest accomplishments included maintaining a healthy budget and Google negotiations. He wished Mr. Young the best and presented him with two pictures, on behalf of the City.

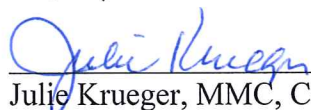
Councilor Miller said with the absence of the City Attorney, an Interim City Manager should be appointed. She moved, seconded by Brown to appoint City Clerk Krueger as Interim City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED: 
Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk