

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
FEBRUARY 11, 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, Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Planning Director Dick Gassman, Engineer Dale McCabe, Transportation Manager Bill Barrier

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 McGlothlin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Robert Boyett, First Street, The Dalles, addressed the City Council regarding concerns about fluoride in the City's water supply. He proposed it be removed because it was not necessary and said people who needed fluoride could get it from other sources. He said it was an unnecessary expense to the City and the levels used, four parts per million, was in violation of pharmaceutical regulations.

Public Works Director Anderson said the four parts per million was the amount allowed by law, but that the City used 0.7 parts per million in the water supply. He said the fluoride was added in the 1950's. Anderson said it was a controversial issue and was frequently raised as an issue at the State legislature, though no action had been taken by them.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young said he had met with the Corps of Engineers regarding the Dam tours. He said they would begin in May and the Corps was planning an open house event in June.

Young reminded the Council of the ribbon cutting ceremony on February 23 at 10:00 a.m., at the Discovery Center to celebrate the Wi Fi upgrades.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said the deed had been recorded and lease sent to the Girl Scouts, as approved by the Council. He said he was also working to complete the lease at the Airport for MASI Air. Parker said bids would be opened on February 12 for the demolition of the structure at 600 East 12th Street. Parker reported he would be attending the government law seminar in February.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Spatz said the Sister City was planning to send a delegation of City Councilors for a visit to The Dalles this year. He said a letter of invitation was being prepared for the Mayor's signature.

Mayor Lawrence reported on his recent activities, including participation in the Go Red for Women's Health Heart Walk. He said a wheelchair ramp at the Civic Auditorium had come loose and was immediately repaired by Public Works crews. Lawrence said he had recently met with the National Guard and was working with them to bring their band to The Dalles for a performance at the Civic Auditorium. Mayor Lawrence said he had been interviewed by a

student at St. Mary's Academy and was pleased with the questions she asked. He said the first question she had asked was what would make people want to stop in our town as they were driving on the highway.

Councilor McGlothlin said the Lions Club would be visiting local schools on February 19 to teach students about the US flag.

Mayor Lawrence noted he was working with School District Superintendent Candy Armstrong to promote the "If I Were Mayor" contest, sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lawrence asked the words "if they" be inserted into the minutes of January 28th, page 6, eighth paragraph, after the word time in the first sentence. It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. The motion carried unanimously. The item approved by Consent Agenda was approval of the January 28, 2013 regular City Council meeting minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Receive Testimony Regarding Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the procedure to be followed for the public hearing.

Finance Director Mast reviewed the staff report. In response to a question, Mast said the Special Assessment was funded through prepaid assessments for improvements. She said only the exact amount needed would be transferred to the Capital Projects fund.

Councilor Miller asked if staff had been unaware of the project during the budget process. Finance Director Mast said they were not sure the project would be completed during the current fiscal year.

Miller asked why funds in the reserve accounts couldn't be used to offset utility rate increases. Public Works Director Anderson said the funds were set aside to complete large sewer and storm water projects.

Mayor Lawrence asked if staff had addressed the question raised by the property owner in the First Street local improvement district project, who claimed to have installed a storm system on

his property. Public Works Director Anderson said when the street work was started, staff would investigate and if he did have a connection, the property owner would be credited for that work.

Testimony

No testimony was offered. Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 13-006 Authorizing Transfers of Funds Between Categories of Various Funds, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 13-006 authorizing transfers of funds between categories of various funds, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 13-007 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures From and Within the Capital Projects Fund of the City of The Dalles Adopted Budget

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to adopt Resolution No. 13-007 adopting a supplemental budget for the fiscal year 2012-13, making appropriations and authorizing expenditures from and within the Capital Projects Fund of the City of The Dalles adopted budget. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding Proposed Changes to Infill Development Policies and Procedures

Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek reviewed the staff report. He recommended the City Council include the sale of property as a trigger for a payment due so the City didn't have to rely so heavily on the use of non-remonstrance agreements.

It was the consensus of the City Council to approve the original recommendation and not to include the sale of property as a trigger for payments. The Council was in agreement that development was more likely to occur if people were allowed to pay for the improvements at a later time.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to direct staff to prepare the ordinance for adoption at a future meeting, using alternative number one. The motion carried unanimously.

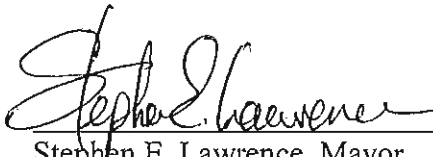
City Manager Young said there were several other items involved in the overall infill development process and asked if the City Council wished to address those at a town hall meeting. The City Council agreed to use the Spring town hall meeting to discuss the remaining issues.

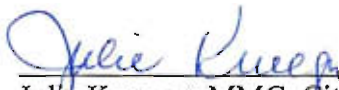
Mayor Lawrence asked if the street maintenance funding would be discussed during the budget process. City Manager Young said the Council would have an opportunity to discuss the issue at a City Council meeting and during budget meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED: 
Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk