

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 2016
5:30 p.m.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Planning Director Richard Gassman, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Chief Jay Waterbury, Project Coordinator Daniel Hunter, City Engineer Dale McCabe, Senior Planner Dawn Hert, Business Development Director Gary Rains

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman, 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 a presentation on the Historic Highway be added as Item 5B; add adoption of Resolution No. 16-007 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointment of Mike Richardson to the QualityLife Budget Committee as Item 10D the Consent Agenda; and to move Item 13B to directly after the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Historic Landmarks Annual Report

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the annual report. There were no questions.

Historic Highway Presentation

Judy Davis and Francine Royce updated the Council on the status of construction (handout attached) and the 100th Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with local events; Cherry Festival, car show, exhibits, bike race.

Mayor Lawrence asked how close Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was to getting the needed funding. Ms. Davis said there was a person at ODOT that did a great job looking for funding.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Joel Madsen of Mid-Columbia Housing Authority thanked the Council for its participation in the Housing Needs Assessment and support for the Buildable Lands Inventory. He said affordable housing was an issue in the region, and encouraged council to explore all resources and tools that may be available to promote housing affordability, to include such instruments as tax increment financing.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Krueger reported on a full closure of the roundabout Tuesday night and traffic control over the next few days as Crestline repairs the median that had been damaged during the transformer move.

Krueger said that the Goal Setting Meeting had been set for March 21 at Noon.

Krueger reported the downtown tree replacement project would start Tuesday and progress through the week. She said there had not been a plan in place when the street scape was completed, and now there was a plan for the future.

Krueger said Northern Wasco Parks and Recreation had requested a \$20,000 grant for "Movies in the Park" program equipment. She asked if the Council wanted to have Phil Lewis come to a future meeting to present the request. It was the consensus of the Council to have Mr. Lewis do a presentation at the March 14 meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker gave an update on A & P Recycling on Webber Street. He said they are in violation of their permit; they have been notified and were not responding. He hoped to be able to work with them, if not, their permit will need to be revoked.

He said he would be attending a General Law Seminar on Friday.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brown reported attending the Traffic Safety Meeting, and invited people with questions to talk with him after the meeting.

Councilor Spatz reported that the Sister City Committee was meeting on Thursday; there were two trainings set up for the high school delegation, and the delegation would be going to Japan July 12-19. He thanked the City for purchasing a banner for Sister City events.

Councilor McGlothlin reported on attending the Airport Board meeting, saying one of the Klickitat County representatives had resigned. He said the flex space project at the Airport was moving forward. McGlothlin reported that the Gorge Aviation at the Airport was now a certified private pilot school, and the old Runway 220 (which is closed) was being used for many activities.

Councilor Elliott reported attending the QLife Board meeting to discuss future administration options for QLife.

Councilor Miller reported she had attended the Thompson Street public forum for the residents, Urban Renewal Advisory committee meeting, the Public Works pizza party and a concert at Calvary Baptist Church with a Russian pianist.

Mayor Lawrence reported that he was replacing Councilor Brown on the Mid Columbia Council of Governments board, and that there would be a planning session on Tuesday. He also attended the Public Works pizza party and said it was a thank you to the Public Works crew for their work on safety that resulted in the City's SAIF rating going down, resulting in a \$54,000 drop of premium.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of February 1, 2016 Special City Council Meeting Minutes; 2) Approval of February 8, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; 3) Authorization for the Mayor and City Attorney to Sign a Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Klickitat County for the EDA Grant; and 4) Adoption of Resolution No. 16-007 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointment of Mike Richardson to the QualityLife Budget Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of Charter Franchise Agreement

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report, and introduced Stephen Gerber and Marion Jackson from Charter Communications.

Elliott asked for the reasoning behind the change in term. Ms. Jackson said there was more flexibility in a 10 year agreement with a 5 year extension.

Mayor Lawrence said he appreciated having a local office he could walk into for customer service. Ms. Jackson said that at this time they had no intent to close the local office, and were hiring a part time person.

McGlothlin said schools having access was important. Ms. Jackson said that the cost of equipment for public access was expensive. McGlothlin said he didn't want to close that door.

Elliott asked about the leased fiber to the Library. Parker said they were working on keeping those costs down. Ms. Jackson said they were close to having a quote ready. Elliott said he would like to see the service at no cost to the Library.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Resolution No. 16-005 Amending the City's Local Contract Review Board Rules

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report, saying it was a housekeeping measure. He said Chief Waterbury felt it might help with cost control if specifically allowed to trade old police cars for installation of equipment into the new cars. Parker said there would have to be assurance of value for such a trade.

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Spatz to approve Resolution No. 16-005 Amending the City's Local Contract Review Board rules. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Determination of Alternatives for Additional Regulations Concerning Marijuana

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

Spatz said he felt it was a significant issue and should be referred to the voters.
Miller said the poll done by The Dalles Chronicle results were 282 for and 150 against allowing retail sales.

Brown said prohibiting the sale inside the City wouldn't stop the use of marijuana, it's legal.

Miller said there is a concern for the youth in the community. She said education program in the lower grades would be a good start.

Elliott agreed with Spatz to refer to voters.

McGlothlin said this had been a tough decision, as he had concerns for protecting the youth. He said prohibiting the sales takes away the chances of regulating. He said he would be inclined to defer to the State regulations.

Elliott said the timeline for when taxes would even be available for education would be 2017 or 2018.

Brown said he was more concerned about the smell from growing. He said the money should be spent on police and education.

Mayor Lawrence said if referred to voters it would be everything but medical marijuana, and would be unable to tax anything.

Spatz said it was still illegal at the Federal level and that could affect Federal funding.

Mayor Lawrence said there was talk that it could be legal within three years at the federal level. He said it's here; we need to regulate and have the means for education and enforcement.

In response to a question City Manager Krueger said the issue would be on the November ballot, and that Wasco County would cover the cost.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Elliott to refer all six items to the voters on the November ballot. The motion failed: Miller, McGlothlin, Brown against; Spatz and Elliott in favor.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by McGlothlin to direct staff to put the local tax measure on the November ballot and work with the Planning Commission to develop time, place and

manner regulations for the Land Use Development Ordinances for all six items. The motion carried; Miller voting no.

Community Grant Application Recommendations

City Manager Krueger reviewed the staff report, saying that contracts that were in this line item in the past were being moved to department line items in the upcoming budget.

Brown asked about the Rotary request for Cruise the Gorge saying that event brought a lot of people to town and if it needed additional support he would like to see that happen.

Spatz said he would like to have more discussion on the requests.

Krueger asked if Council would like to put this item on a future agenda for further discussion.

McGlothlin said that all events should fall under the Chamber grants process.

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Spatz to approve the grants as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 16-006 Amending the Amount For Sanitary Sewer Fees Established in Resolution No. 13-003 For the City of The Dalles

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Miller to approve Resolution No. 16-006 Amending the Amount for Sanitary Sewer Fees Established in Resolution No. 13-003 for the City of The Dalles. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, continued

Discussion Regarding Request by Jeff and Jill Kienlen for Refund of Funds Paid for Public Improvements for Portion of East 19th Street

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

Brown said to wait for the Transportation System Plan results.

Mayor Lawrence ask Mr. Kienlen if he wanted to address the Council.

Mr. Kienlen said the main question is if the City decides to put in a street would existing single family home owners be responsible for only the sidewalk.

Brown felt it was a legal question.

Elliott said this wasn't a minor partition or infill, it was part of an existing subdivision.

Kienlen said there was a document missing from the packet signed by the former city manager signing off on the improvements as complete and the previous agreement was null and void.

Elliott said the City had an obligation to put in those improvements.

Mr. Rodey of 1901 Golden Way said the vacant lots in the subdivision are only charged for sidewalks when developed.

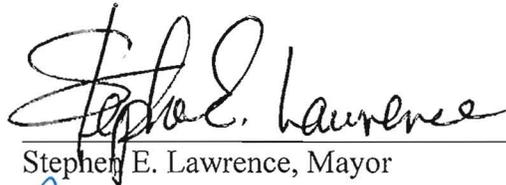
It was the consensus of the Council to refer the issue back to the City Attorney for further review.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

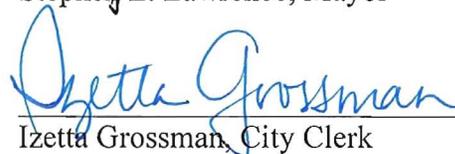
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, City Clerk