

## MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
MAY 13, 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

### 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 asked to add an Proclamation to the Agenda for Kids to Parks Day.

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It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Dick to add the Proclamation to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Parenting Education Awareness Week Proclamation**

Mayor Lawrence read a proclamation, declaring the week of May 19 through 25, 2013, as Parenting Education Awareness Week. Rebekah Stewart received the Proclamation on behalf of The Next Door Inc. She spoke about the need for young parents to take classes and to learn to be effective parents.

#### **Kids to Parks Day Proclamation**

Mayor Lawrence read a Proclamation, declaring May 18, 2013 as Kids to Parks Day in the Dalles. Christina Vergori, representing Child Care Partners, was in attendance to receive the Proclamation.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Young reported that notice had been received regarding the award of the housing rehabilitation grant funding.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Parker reported on his attendance at the City Attorney's conference and said he was watching legislation regarding telephone franchise fees.

Parker said he was proposing to issue citations for yard sale sign offenders after their first offense. He said the Codes Enforcement Officer would begin picking up illegally placed signs on Fridays and letters would go out, letting people know where they could place advertising.

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Parker said press releases had also been sent to the media to explain where signs could be placed. He said one person had been cited into court, but the case was lost because he couldn't produce a witness who saw the person nailing the signs to the utility poles.

Councilor McGlothlin said he supported yard sales, but that it was not proper for people to post signs on someone else's property. He said people needed to be good stewards and remove their signs, and only place them on authorized sign boards. McGlothlin said repeat offenders should be fined or cited and that it was important to keep the City clean. He suggested adding a community sign board on the east side of the community.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Wood said she had attended the QLife Agency meeting and another one was scheduled for the following week. She said she would be attending the Council of Governments meeting on May 28.

Councilor McGlothlin said he attended the Airport Board meeting and said the bids for the business park were ready to go out. He said the runway project was on track and the management agreement was prepared for renewal. McGlothlin said the Traffic Safety Commission was scheduled for May 15.

Councilor Dick said he attended the QLife Agency meeting. He said the budget process had gone well and it was a very successful program.

Councilor Spatz said he had attended the Gorge Gravity Games and had enjoyed the event. He expressed appreciation for City staff, especially Izetta Grossman, who had done so much to help with the project.

Mayor Lawrence said he had attended the Regional Solutions Conference, attended the City's Budget Committee meetings, toured the Orchard View Farms new processing plant, attended the opening of La Cabana Restaurant, presided over the Town Hall meeting, met with John Arens from Mid Columbia Council of Governments, attended the opening of the new dialysis center, attended the Community Outreach Team meeting and participated in the Gorge Gravity Games.

Councilor Wood asked if the Riverfront Trail project was nearing completion. City Manager Young said they were working on environmental and archaeological issues as they completed the design phase. He said the project was expected to be completed in 2014 and they were planning to end the trail at Highway 197 because of right of way issues.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of April 22, 2013 regular City Council meeting minutes; 2) approval of April 22, 2013 Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour; 3) Resolution No. 13-017 concurring with the Mayor's appointments to various committees; and 4) authorization for City Clerk to endorse OLCC new outlet application for Skipper's.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Dog Control Agreement With Home at Last Humane Society**

Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the agreement with Home at Last Human Society for dog control services. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Approval of QLife Agency Fiscal Year 2013-14 Work Scope and Budget**

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report. He explained that QLife had the resources to retire its debt in the next two years, so the budget was approved without the \$50,000 enterprise zone funds.

Mayor Lawrence said he had been very impressed with the professional and concise information.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to approve the fiscal year 2013-14 QLife budget and work scope without the \$50,000 Enterprise Zone fees. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Approval of Amendment to Distribution of Enterprise Zone Fee from Design, LLC**

Councilor Spatz declared a conflict of interest because of his professional association with the college. He excused himself from the discussion and moved to the audience.

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report, noting Wasco County had approved the change in distribution last week.

Dan Spatz said he had a personal concern regarding the process used to amend the distribution of the enterprise funds. He said the original terms of the agreement had included funding to the

college to provide a work force program. He said the renewable energy program had over 200 graduates and was an economic boost for the local economy. Spatz said private discussions had not included input from the college and he felt the college representatives should have been included as a partner. He said the partnerships needed to be based on trust among the partners.

Mayor Lawrence said the agreement said the distribution of the fees was to be decided by the City and the County. He said the sponsors did meet and the college was represented. He said Dr. Toda did discuss the programs and that the City and County agreed to provide funding for an additional two years. He said the agreement could be negotiated annually.

Rodger Nichols questioned why the discussions had not been done in a public forum. Mayor Lawrence said it was negotiations between the City and County. City Manager Young said it was his responsibility as City Manager to work with the City's partners and the proper process had been followed. He said the matter was on the agenda for Council discussion and said the information had been placed on the City's website and was included in the proposed budget. He said the budget information paper had also been posted on the website for public review.

Councilor McGlothlin asked how the funds had been used by the college. City Manager Young said they were used for program development and to hire an instructor to teach related courses.

Dan Ericksen, 3240 Knob Hill, The Dalles, said he had been involved, as County Commissioner, in the original negotiations. He said the County had received a generous portion of the fees, and the college had received funding because it was important to provide employment related education for economic development. Ericksen said the college should have been included in discussions earlier because he believed they had anticipated receiving the funds when they developed their budget.

Mayor Lawrence asked if the original negotiations had been done in public hearings. Ericksen said the negotiations had taken place among staff representatives, with the agreement being approved by the public bodies. Ericksen said the reduced funding for the college should be delayed for a year to allow them to properly budget for the decrease.

Councilor McGlothlin suggested the decision be delayed to allow more time for the proposed adjustments and to have additional information presented. City Manager Young asked what additional information was needed in order to make a decision. McGlothlin suggested additional negotiations and further discussion at the January Council goal setting.

Councilor Miller asked why the agreement had not been reviewed in the past. City Manager Young said there had not been a request to review the distribution until this year. He said the QLife Agency was now able to pay their debt without assistance from the funds, so it could be given up now.

Dan Ericksen said when the agreement was developed, all the funding requests were long term. He said he agreed there were good reasons to re-evaluate the distribution, but the college should have been included in the discussions earlier in the process.

City Manager Young said the college had been made aware in early April and information had been requested of them regarding their use of the funds. Young said a decision should be made at this meeting, prior to adoption of the City's budget in June.

Robb Van Cleave, 200 River Road, The Dalles, said the college had been a good partner and did comply with the requirements for the use of the funds. He asked that the agreement be amended to allow funding for the college for an additional four years, instead of two years, as currently proposed.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to approve the amendment to distribution of enterprise zone fees from Design, LLC, as identified in "Exhibit B" and to give consideration to extending the college portion of funding for an additional two years beyond the current proposal. The motion carried, McGlothlin voting no; Spatz abstaining.

#### Approval of Exempt Employee Compensation Package for Fiscal year 2013-14

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence asked if a salary increase for the Judge was included. City Manager Young said this proposal was only for the non-union employees and did not include the three contract employees, hired by the City Council. Young said the Council would have an opportunity to review those positions when the performance evaluations would be conducted next week.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve an exempt employee compensation package for fiscal year 2013-14 that includes a 2% cost of living adjustment, effective July 1, 2013, and increases the City's contribution toward employee insurance premiums no more than 8%. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion Regarding Potential Wastewater Systems Development Charge Increases

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report. It was noted the current rates had been established in 2006 and they were not at the maximum level allowed. There was discussion regarding how units were defined within the ordinance.

There was discussion regarding the use of the SDC's and whether those funds could be used for some of the project costs associated with the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

Following discussion, the Council reached consensus to make no changes to the SDC rates at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Lawrence asked when the Council would receive an update on the Granada Block Redevelopment Project. City Manager Young said the Developer had provided information regarding their parking needs and would soon have additional information regarding the proposed demolition process.

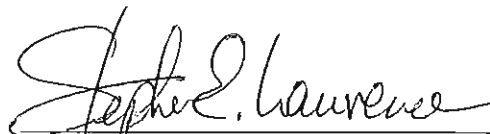
**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Julie Krueger, MMC  
City Clerk

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Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk