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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF
April 9, 2018
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Taner Elliott, Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss

COUNCIL ABSENT: Russ Brown, Tim McGlothlin

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Planning Director Steve Harris, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes

Number of people present: 20

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, Brown and McGlothlin absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lawrence invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried, Brown and McGlothlin absent.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Quarterly Report – Airport Manager Chuck Covert

Airport Manager Chuck Covert and Airport Board Chair Jim Wilcox reviewed the staff report.

Covert noted the ribbon cutting for Life Flight would be on Saturday, April 21 at 12:15 pm.

Wilcox said they were working hard to provide the City Council and County Commission timely updates on things happening at the Airport. He said he was pleased with the organizational progress.

Wilcox said the Fly In was scheduled for June 23.

Covert said he and Wilcox were working well together. He thanked City staff for their assistance.

Public Restroom Presentation – Judy Merrill

Judy Merrill and Evan Madden (of Portland Loo) presented information (attached) on the project.

Merrill said there was a lack of 24/7/365 restrooms in The Dalles. She said she had a grant writer in place, but needed more details to proceed.

Merrill asked for permission to work with city staff on location, maintenance, sewer/electric hookups.

Mayor Lawrence said it was the job of the City Manager to work with groups on possible projects.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Nolan Hare, 2104 West 10th Street read the attached statement regarding the recent comments made regarding the Fort Dalles Fourth Committee and “follow the money”.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger reported that the Budget Committee meetings would begin April 30, at 5:30 p.m. She said the proposed budget document would be sent to the Council and Budget Committee next week.

Krueger asked if Council wanted to pursue naming the dock Win Quatt Landing, as was suggested at the last meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to get more input from the community before deciding on a name.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said the Codification project was nearing completion.

Parker said he the BOLI letter for the Tokola project would be going out next week. He said there was a 60-day turnaround.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported on attending Columbia Gorge Community College Scholarship Luncheon on behalf of QLife. She said QLife makes an annual donation to the scholarship fund.

Long-Curtiss reported that QLife had made a donation to the High School Robotics Club. She said the club would be competing in the International Championships. She said QLife was challenging other businesses to donate as well.

Mayor Lawrence reported on meeting with:

- Senator Bentz with the City Manager
- Dennis Knox, CEO Mid-Columbia Medical Center. He noted there were many changes happening at the hospital
- Dan Spatz, Columbia Gorge Community College, regarding \$7.3 million grant match for a skill center at the college - He said funds needed by January 2019
- Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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The motion carried, Brown and McGlothlin absent.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of the March 26, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the rules of a public hearing.

Receive Testimony Regarding Restrictions on Commercial Vehicle Parking

City Attorney Gene Parker reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence opened the public hearing.

Hearing no testimony, the hearing was closed.

City Clerk Grossman read the ordinance by title only.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by Miller to approve General Ordinance No. 18-1367 Amending General Ordinance No. 92-1149 to Include Restrictions on Commercial Vehicle Parking in Residential Zoning Districts by title only. The motion carried, Brown and McGlothlin absent.

Receive Testimony Regarding Surplus Property

City Attorney Gene Parker reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence opened the public hearing.

Hearing no testimony, the hearing was closed.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve Resolution No. 18-010 A Resolution Declaring Property Described as Assessor's Map No. 1N 13E 10BA Tax Lot 7400 as Surplus Property. The motion carried, Brown and McGlothlin absent.

After some discussion it was moved by Elliott and seconded by Long-Curtiss to set the sales price minimum at \$30,000 and direct staff to place advertisement in the newspaper, on the City's website and Facebook page, as well as placing a for sale sign on the property. The motion carried, Brown and McGlothlin absent.

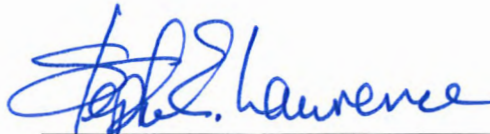
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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

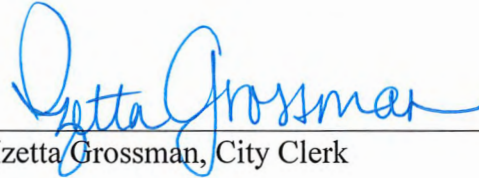
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:

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Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Izetta Grossman", written over a horizontal line.

Izetta Grossman, City Clerk

Nolan Hare
Nolan Hare Productions
2104 W 10th Street,
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Monday, April 9th, 2018

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council,

I am here tonight to speak about the 5th Annual Fort Dalles Fourth Festival. As all of you know, I am one of the founders of the event and have been heavily involved in its development throughout the years. Though I am no longer seated as a committee member, I still participate in meetings and work closely with the fireworks committee. My role is to independently produce the concert and festival events that are held in the Lewis & Clark Festival Park, and to coordinate regional marketing efforts.

I'm sure most of you are aware that there has been a recent increase in public debate about how best to celebrate Independence Day as a community. I regularly encourage people to share their honest opinions and respect and value those opinions very much. While I am very supportive of people respectfully sharing differing opinions I am absolutely not ok with people slandering Fort Dalles Fourth and its volunteers, and spreading mis-information with the intent of publicly shaming the people who make this event possible. Some very divisive, inaccurate and overly

negative comments have been circulated recently that simply cannot be ignored. I feel that because of my close involvement with the organization I have a responsibility to stand up and publicly address some of the appalling things that have been said, both from individuals and local media outlets.

First, the notion that the Fort Dalles Fourth team is unpatriotic is so absurd that I won't even waste anymore breath speaking about it in this forum. What I will speak directly to is the narrative that Fort Dalles Fourth is seeking some sort of monetary gain for its individual members, and that everyone should "follow the money!" In light of that outrageous notion I would like to take a moment to publicly "follow the money" involved in Fort Dalles Fourth.

The first money trail is the easiest to follow. This money comes directly from the City's TRT fund and is paid in a single check to the pyrotechnics company. This money never even passes through the Fort Dalles Fourth organization. TRT money is collected from hotel taxes and is earmarked for a number of local uses, with tourism development being one of them. Fort Dalles Fourth has demonstrated growth year after year in its ability to create serious tourism pull.

The next trail of money to follow is community donations. Thousands of individuals have made donations in various amounts throughout the years.

These donations are tracked individually, accounted for and followed up with thank you cards and donation receipts. 100% of the funds collected to date have been used to fund fireworks inventory, marketing and other basic operational expenses. Zero dollars have been paid out to any individual committee member. Ever. Period.

The businesses represented on the committee who are also associated with executing the marketing and operations do so at or near cost, and in addition donate immense amounts of staff time and money towards the endeavor typically resulting in net losses to their businesses.

'Following the money' through the festival will take us down several different paths to the same destination. With the exception of talent buying, regional marketing and a small handful of other services that cannot be sourced locally, much of the festival budget is kept within our community. Events of this scale takes ten's of thousands of dollars to produce. Generous local business sponsors pick up most of this burden in the months leading up to the event. Other revenue comes from ticket

sales, vendor fees, and donations collected during the free portions of the events.

Regional marketing investments have returned to our community by the carload filling hotels, restaurants, coffee shops, brew pubs, and retail stores with visitors!

Last year, for the first time, the festival broke even. I didn't have to ask our supporters or the City for additional help, nor did I have to pay a deficit out of my pocket. There was even enough carried over to pay the deposit for this year's headline artist without borrowing! That being said, this event certainly isn't lining my pockets as some would have you believe!

Myself, along with the hundreds who have stepped up to do the work and the thousands who have contributed so much over these first 5 years are not in this for personal gain. We are simply trying to bring our community together to celebrate an important American holiday and tradition that was largely ignored for far too long in our town. Coming together as family friends and neighbors has reawakened a sense of community pride that had been missing for decades!

I don't have the tools at my disposal to accurately measure the full impact, but by now it should be abundantly clear that investments in Fort Dalles Fourth have returned great dividends to our community.

There are, however, still some among us in this city who continue to sow seeds of dissent in our community and actively try to undermine our efforts. I won't call them out here, but I believe their divisive actions are becoming increasingly obvious to our community leaders.

Here today is not the time nor the place to address these deep rooted issues. However, as you are currently considering several major items that will affect the future of our town, including long-term planning for use of TRT funds, and in the short term will be deciding on this year's Fort Dalles Fourth funding. I ask that you be vigilant in separating rumor, speculation and personal agenda from the actual facts, and encourage you to let it be only the facts that impact your decisions.

Thank You,

Nolan Hare