

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
APRIL 11, 2011
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Jim Wilcox

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Dan Spatz, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: Brian Ahier

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Captain Ed Goodman

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; Councilor Ahier absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox said Action Item 11, B, Agreement With PUD, would be removed from the agenda as the agreement was not yet ready to sign. He said the Council would have a discussion regarding the City's Mission Statement under Council Reports.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously, Ahier absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young reported he and the Mayor had met with Port Director Klaas and Stephanie Hallock from the Governor's Office regarding wetlands issues. He said the City may have an option to use the Oregon Solutions process to find a resolution to the issues of wetlands in the industrial lands, but there would be a cost to the City. He said there was a \$3,000 application fee and the process cost was approximately \$50,000, shared between the City and State.

Mayor Wilcox noted there were no expected outcomes listed in the application and asked that the City Manager continue to work with the Port to determine the best way to address the concerns regarding wetlands. Wilcox said other agencies would need to agree to participate in the Oregon Solutions process if it were to be successful.

City Manager Young said staff continued to work on budget preparation. He said Budget Issue Papers would continue to be sent out this week and the budget document would be ready for distribution on April 20th.

Mayor Wilcox asked that staff call when the document was ready and they could be picked up instead of having them mailed.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he continued to work with staff to revise the resale business ordinance. He said they were considering following the model used by the City of Portland. Parker said the Planning Commission would conclude their review of the proposed Land Use Development Ordinance (LUDO) amendments, which would be forwarded to the Council for a public hearing on April 25th.

Parker said he had received the pole agreement from the Northern Wasco County PUD late in the day, so would bring it for consideration at the next Council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Spatz said the college was working with some students and the PUD to explore the possibility of a solar project in The Dalles. He said this was in the early stages, but would meet the City Council objective regarding renewable energy.

Spatz said he had spoken with the City Manager regarding issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City's insurance agent. He said he understood the need for continuity with insurance agents and that the City had a great rapport with the current agents, but that it would be nice to explore the possibility in a few years.

Councilor Dick said he was pleased to see the Parks and Recreation District had begun construction of the skate park. He said it would be beneficial to the community.

Councilor Wood said May 7th would be the annual Pioneer Association meeting at Calvary Baptist Church. She said over 300 people normally attended and said there would be many picture boards to look at. She said the School District 21 museum would also be open that day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and said they had a lot of memorabilia to show.

Mayor Wilcox said he had attended the local job fair last week. He said there were 28 businesses represented, with over half of them being tax supported or charities. Wilcox said there were over 400 people attending the fair from a large region.

Wilcox said he had been invited to judge the "Who's the Man" contest at the high school, which had been a lot of fun.

Wilcox said he had been approached by a downtown business person with a concern about the recent bike race downtown. He said the barricades had been set up two hours earlier than they were supposed to be, which inhibited business.

Mayor Wilcox said the City Council was supportive of Police Chief Waterbury in his handling of a recent employee issue which had been reported in the newspaper. Wilcox said staff handled the situation appropriately and according to the City's policies and procedures.

Discussion Regarding Mission Statement

Councilor Spatz said he liked the proposed mission statement, but said he believed it was important to have public input before making a decision.

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City Manager Young said the elected officials represented the public and it was appropriate for the Council to make the decision.

Following discussion, the Council re-drafted the proposed Mission Statement to read: By working together, provide programs, policies and procedures to assure and protect the continuing vitality of The Dalles.

Staff was directed to have the proposal reviewed by Department Managers and to bring back comments at a future meeting for further consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Wood and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Ahier absent.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of the March 28, 2011 regular City Council meeting minutes; and 2) approval to declare vehicle and equipment as surplus property.

ACTION ITEMS

Special Ordinance No. 11-540 Vacating Two Portions of Lone Pine Drive

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report and said the ordinance had been posted according to Charter requirements and could be adopted by title if the Council chose to.

City Clerk Krueger read Special Ordinance No. 11-540 by title.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to adopt Special Ordinance No. 11-540 by title. The motion carried unanimously, Ahier absent.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement With Education Service District for IT Services

Councilor McGlothlin said he worked for the District and declared a potential conflict of interest. He said he would not vote on the matter.

Councilor Spatz said the college used the service district, but he had no direct benefit from the relationship.

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report.

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Councilor Spatz asked if the cost was primarily salary. Young said it was mostly salary and benefits, but the City benefitted by having the support of the entire support staff, besides having a full time employee.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Wood to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with ESD for computer technology administrative services.

Mayor Wilcox asked how the budget compared with the previous year. Young said he believed it was an increase of approximately \$12,000.

Councilor Spatz said the amount seemed high and hoped it would be reviewed next year.

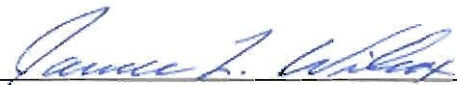
The motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with ESD for computer technology administrative services was voted on and carried; McGlothlin abstaining, Ahier absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk