

## **MINUTES**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
JANUARY 31, 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, Brian Ahier, Tim McGlothlin

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Finance Director Kate Mast, Community Development Director Dan Durow, Police Captain Ed Goodman, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Administrative Intern Daniel Meeks

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; all Councilors present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Bob McNary, 1525 East Ninth Street, The Dalles, said that building permits were not required for fences unless they were a certain height and when permits were issued, no final inspection was required. McNary said fences should require an inspection to make sure they comply with City ordinances.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

None.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Parker reported he was working on a Request for Proposals for towing services and was working with staff on nuisance issues.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Ahier said the Mid Columbia Council of Governments had met last week and were working on budget issues and the development of a Gorge Sustainability Commission. He said he would provide updates as more information became available.

Councilor Wood said the Historic Landmarks Commission had met last week and reviewed their 2011 goals, which would be presented to City Council at a future meeting.

Councilor McGlothlin said the Traffic Safety Commission had met on January 19<sup>th</sup> and unanimously agreed to recommend the installation of cross walks at the top of Brewery Grade and the intersection of Ninth Street and Dry Hollow Road.

Mayor Wilcox said he had learned the local taxi service was having some issues with how their business had been filed with the State and were in jeopardy of being put out of business. He said people were working with them to resolve the problem, but it was possible the service could be discontinued.

Wilcox said he attended the City's first Vision Action Plan meeting last week, with approximately 80 participants in attendance. Wilcox said he had hosted a past Mayor's breakfast last week and a business summit with a focus being to determine impediments to business development in the community. He said he would be discussing with the Council at Goal Setting the feasibility of establishing a committee to work on the issue. Wilcox said he also attended an open house at the new Veteran's Service Office located in the former Transportation Center building.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of January 17, 2011 regular City Council meeting minutes; and 2) approval of January 13, 2011 special City Council meeting minutes.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Request by Dirt Huggers for Temporary Permit to Collect and Recycle Organic Waste Materials at Commercial Businesses**

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report. He said the permit would be reviewed after six months and if the program was successful, they would work on determining a franchise fee.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Wood to authorize the City Manager to sign the temporary permit for Dirt Huggers, as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Confirmation of Appointments for Municipal Court Judge and Judge Pro-Tem and Approval of Employment Agreements**

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to confirm the appointment of Tom Peachey as Municipal Court Judge and Linda Gouge as Municipal Court Judge pro-tem and to approve their employment contracts. The motion carried unanimously.

### **OATH OF OFFICE FOR JUDGE POSITIONS**

City Clerk Krueger administered the Oath of Office for Municipal Court Judge Tom Peachey and Municipal Court Judge pro-tem Linda Gouge.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Discussion Regarding Wasco County Public Hearing on Urban Area Roads**

City Manager Young reviewed the staff report. He said the four primary reasons why the County wanted to declare the roads for local public access were: 1) in order for the roads to transition into City jurisdiction when annexation occurs; 2) urban services impact roads differently and these roads are or will become urban roads; 3) the County is facing significant reduction in road maintenance funds and needs to change how they maintain roads; and 4) the majority of the roads have average traffic flows of less than 50 cars a day.

Young explained that local public roads already annexed to the City did give the City jurisdiction over the rights of way, but did not require the City to maintain the driving surface. He said in order for the City to accept a County road, it had to meet City standards. Young said a study had shown significantly higher traffic counts than described by the County estimated, noting that Mill Creek and Dry Hollow Roads indicated daily trips at 2,484 for Dry Hollow Road and 1,493 for Mill Creek Road. He said an analysis of the road conditions showed that most of the roads proposed to be declared as public access were in fair or poor condition.

Councilor Ahier expressed concern that the financial impact of annexations had been underestimated. He said the City was not as well prepared for the annexations as it should have been and hoped the costs would be re-analyzed.

City Manager Young said while the City didn't maintain public access roads, when development occurred or the residents wanted the street upgraded, a local improvement district could be formed to bring the street up to City standards.

Councilor Ahier said the citizens in the annexed areas would now pay City property taxes and have unmaintained streets. Young noted that property taxes were not used for funding of the Street Fund and said City residents also were paying County taxes and that the County received funding through all vehicles registered in Wasco County.

Young said he understood the County's concern regarding financial challenges but that the City had more financial challenges in the Street Fund, noting that while the County would lose funding from the in lieu of Federal forest receipts, they would receive actual forest receipt funds; they were receiving additional State transportation fund distributions through increases in fees and fuel taxes, while the City's allotment had decreased. He said the County included over \$2 million in a road reserve fund, while the City had no reserve fund for street maintenance.

It was the consensus of the City Council to direct the City Manager to request that Wasco County postpone action on the Road Masters Report for four to six months and request that Wasco County direct the County Administrator and Road Master to negotiate with the City Manager and City Public Works Director to develop a plan for continued maintenance and orderly transition of County roads within the urban growth boundary and city limits into the City's jurisdiction.

There was also consensus that if the County did not postpone action, to request the County reject the Road Masters recommendation to declassify any of the County roads in the urban growth boundary to public local access roads and if the County accepted the Road Masters recommendation, to direct City staff to not pursue acceptance of jurisdiction of any roads within the urban growth boundary until the impact of the Commission's action could be fully analyzed.

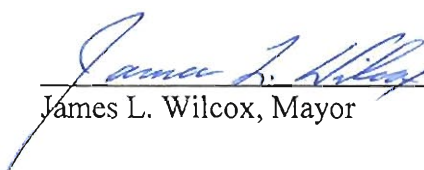
**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Submitted by/  
Julie Krueger, MMC  
City Clerk

SIGNED:

  
James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk