

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
DECEMBER 13, 2010
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 Chief Jay Waterbury, Engineer Dale McCabe

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; all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Councilor Ahier in attendance at 5:35 by telephone.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation of the 2009-10 Fiscal Year Audit Report

Rob Tremper, Dickey and Tremper, provided an overview of the audit report, reviewing their findings and issues.

Councilor Spatz noted the staff report had mentioned a future need to hire two CPA firms for preparation and review of all the standards. Finance Director Mast said it was possible that would be the case in several years as additional standards are adopted.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to accept the 2009-10 fiscal year audit as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Randy Cole, 816 East 20th Street, The Dalles, said he would like to apply for an upcoming Planning Commission vacancy.

Mayor Wilcox said a press release would be sent out this week seeking candidates.

Kathy Heitkemper addressed the City Council regarding future discussion regarding a burn ban. She said it was a very important issue in regards to health issues and mentioned she had sent the City Council a letter responding to the issues which had been raised at a recent town hall meeting. Heitkemper said agencies would work with property owners who had unique yard situations, such as steep hillsides and banks along creeks. She said it was irresponsible to burn when alternatives were available.

City Manager Young said the City Council would be presented with information from staff and have further discussion about outdoor burning at their January 24th Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young said the Request for Proposals for the Downtown Wi Fi project were due on December 22nd and would be brought to the January 24th Council meeting for contract award. Young said the City had a new volunteer administrative intern, Daniel Meeks, who would be working on green energy issues and the design concept for Third Place streetscape. Young noted the sale of the Flour Mill property was being worked on by staff.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker reported he had been a speaker at a recent land use seminar. Parker said Legal Secretary Nancy Ayres would be on leave for a while longer. He said the temporary employee was working out well.

Parker asked the City Council if they wished to take action on his recommendation to hire Wil Carey as a temporary Judge pro-tem while staff proceeded through the process to hire a permanent Judge pro-tem.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Ahier to authorize appointment of Wil Carey as a municipal Judge pro-tem in accordance with the terms of the proposal presented by staff and authorize staff to issue an advertisement and Request for Qualifications for the position of Municipal Judge pro-tem. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Ahier reported the Council of Governments meeting had been cancelled for this month. He said the QLife Agency had been working on the Downtown Wi Fi project which would be very good for future economic development for the community.

Councilor Spatz said he had attended the 2010 Leadership Summit. He said the general theme was what the State would do to rebuild the economy and budget from the ground up. Spatz said there were several break out groups, one for Columbia River Gorge issues. He said wetlands issues in The Dalles were discussed. Spatz said anyone could download the program at www.oregonbusinessplan.org.

Councilor Dick said he had attended the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting and one of the recommendations would be considered by the Agency at the meeting immediately following the Council meeting.

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Councilor McGlothlin reported that he had not attended the last Traffic Safety Commission meeting but one of the issues discussed had been parking along Summit Ridge Road. He said no action had been taken on the issue. McGlothlin announced that Google had provided \$100,000 funding to the School District for technical programs and to promote literacy.

Mayor Wilcox said the Sister City delegation would be arriving on Wednesday, December 15th. He thanked the community for their support of the program. Wilcox said there was no Airport Board meeting in December. He said the Tree Committee was close to finishing their work and would bring a recommendation to Council in the near future.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) approval of November 15, 2010 Town Hall meeting minutes; 2) approval of November 22, 2010 regular City Council meeting minutes; and 3) Resolution No. 10-029 concurring with the Mayor's appointment of a committee to manage the Oregon Main Street Program.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Award Contract for Wicks Valve Installation Project

Engineer Dale McCabe reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wood to award the contract for installation of a 24 inch butterfly valve to Nutter Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

General Ordinance No. 10-1309 Approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 76-10 and Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 38-10 for Six Parcels of Land Measuring Approximately 4.2 Acres Located on or Near Lone Pine Boulevard

The staff report was reviewed by City Attorney Parker.

City Clerk Krueger read General Ordinance No. 10-1309 by title.

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It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to adopt General Ordinance No. 10-1309 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 76-10 and Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 38-10 for six parcels of land measuring approximately 4.2 acres located on or near Lone Pine Boulevard, by title. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 10-028 Amending the Boundaries of the Downtown Parking District to Include the East Side of Laughlin from Second to First Street and the West Side of Washington From the Alley South to First Street

City Attorney Parker reviewed the staff report.

There was discussion about the importance of maintaining safe parking for employees. Following discussion it was the consensus of the City Council to amend the district boundary to add in the east side of Laughlin Street from the alley to First Street, instead of the entire block from Second to First Street.

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Ahier to adopt Resolution No. 10-028 amending the boundaries of the Downtown Parking District to include the east side of Laughlin from the alley to First Street and the west side of Washington from the alley south to First Street. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk