

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
JANUARY 25, 2010
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Nikki Lesich

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Jim Wilcox, Dan Spatz

COUNCIL ABSENT: Brian Ahier

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Librarian Sheila Dooley, Finance Director Kate Mast

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lesich announced that Discussion Item 12 A, regarding news media attendance at Executive Sessions, would be removed from the agenda. It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Spatz to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously, Ahier absent.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

“Go Red Day” Proclamation

Mayor Lesich read a Proclamation, declaring February 5, 2010 as “Go Red for Women’s Heart Health Day”. Linda Stahl was in attendance to receive the Proclamation. She invited the City Council to attend the Heart Expo at the Civic Auditorium and Walk at Noon on February 5th and said there would be a competitive walk/run on Saturday, February 6th.

Councilor Wilcox showed a heart shaped pillow he received while in the hospital having heart surgery. He said people should educate themselves and pay attention because it was not a good way to get a pillow.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chuck Covert, 3819 Columbia View Drive, The Dalles, Airport Fixed Base Operator, reported some changes at the Airport. He said the flight trainer was no longer operating in The Dalles, so it had been a good opportunity for Gorge Aviation to provide that service. He said Brett Zefling had been added as a partner and would be providing flight instruction and airplane maintenance.

Jane Welp, 5155 Cherry Heights Road, The Dalles, reported one of her classes had chosen to clean up the Rock Fort site as a service project on Martin Luther King Day. She said others had also helped on the project.

County Commissioner Bill Lennox said he had met with Carolyn Purcell of the Discovery Center and that the replacement signs for Rock Fort had been located and would be installed. He said it would cost approximately \$500 for each sign to be mounted.

The City Council commended Ms. Welp and all who helped clean up the site.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Young pointed out a map attached to the wall that showed neighborhoods in which crime reports had been filed during the past year. Mayor Lesich asked if the map could be added to the City’s website.

Young reminded the City Council of their upcoming Goal Setting session on February 6th, and that the City Council would be changing the normal meeting schedule for March to have the meetings on the third and fifth Mondays.

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Young noted there had been a local bank failure on January 22nd, but that the City's investments were all protected.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he continued to work with staff and County staff to develop a clear process for handling delayed annexations. Parker said he was working with the Codes Enforcement Officer to possibly combine the nuisance and hazardous vegetation ordinances into one ordinance. He said a proposal would be brought for Council consideration in the Spring.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Wilcox said there had been many changes at the Airport and asked if the City Clerk could schedule a City Council field trip in the future to look at the facilities. He reported the golf course agreement would need to be extended and said that issue should be coming to Council for approval at a meeting in February. Wilcox discussed articles in the League of Oregon Cities newsletter, saying cities should be watching the state revenue sharing and suggested the City Council send a resolution or letter to Representative Huffman, expressing the City's hope that the State will be fair in its disbursement of cigarette and liquor tax revenues.

Councilor Spatz reminded motorists to look for pedestrians when turning at the intersection of Union and Second Streets. He said there had been some close calls in that area.

Councilor Dick said the Port Commissioners had asked him to thank City Manager Young for his facilitation of their recent goal session, saying he had done a great job and they appreciated the cooperation.

Councilor Wood said the Historic Landmarks Commission would be meeting on January 27th to discuss restoration of windows at the Fort Dalles Museum.

Mayor Lesich thanked those Councilors who were able to help prepare and serve the Community Meals event. Lesich noted there had recently been a lot of youth involvement in civic activities in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Wilcox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Ahier absent. The item approved by Consent Agenda was: approval of the January 11, 2010 City Council meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

Authorization for City Manager to Enter into Third Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Library Services to Wasco County Library Service District

The staff report was reviewed by Librarian Sheila Dooley. She reviewed the clarifying language regarding major and minor maintenance issues, saying no large scale projects were proposed in the capital improvement plan in the next several years. Dooley pointed out the agreement included an automatic renewal clause after the initial two year agreement.

Mayor Lesich asked that staff place changed language in bold print on future agreements so it would be easier for the Council to identify.

Councilor Spatz asked why a specific dollar amount was included for the purchase of collection materials. Librarian Dooley said the Board had discussed that matter and decided to leave it in the agreement as a minimum amount to ensure adequate funds were spent on updating the collections. City Manager Young added that the original study had analyzed the amount needed to purchase collection materials based on a per capita standard.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Spatz to authorize the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the City to provide library services to the wasco County Library Service District as proposed.

Councilor Wilcox said he was not comfortable with all the maintenance costs for the building being placed on the City. He said the Library District should pay some amount for the use of the building, which could be placed in a fund for future maintenance.

Councilor Spatz asked how the other library facilities in the District funded maintenance. Librarian Dooley said each City paid for their own facilities.

Councilor Wood said the formation of the District operating levy was beneficial to the City because there was much less expense for the City now that the District had its own tax base to pay for operation costs and she reminded the Council that the voters had approved it as an operating levy.

Wilcox expressed concern that the Library could fall into disrepair over the years without having a fund in place for expensive future repairs. City Manager Young said the City did not defer maintenance of its buildings and would continue to maintain the Library through projects listed within the capital improvement plan.

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The motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the City to provide library services to the Wasco County Library Service District as proposed was voted on and carried; Wilcox voting no, Ahier absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lesich recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Reconvene to Open Session

The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:38 p.m.

DECISIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

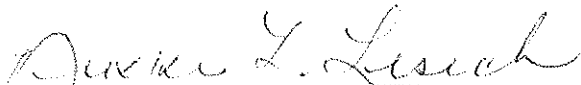
None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


Nikki L. Lesich, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk