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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 27, 2020  
Noon

VIA ZOOM  
LIVESTREAM VIA City website

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Richard Mays

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Position #3 vacant

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Julie Krueger, Legal Counsel Diana McDougal, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Airport Manager Aryn Rasmussen

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 12:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman. All Councilors present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Mays noted Presentations had been removed from the agenda.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried; all Councilors voting in favor; Position #3 vacant.

Mayor Mays said the Zoom Guidelines sent out may not work with some of the Council on telephone.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Julie Krueger reported:

- Staff is working on transition back to work plan. Will be done in phases.
- Friday a press release goes out extending the emergency declaration for two more weeks.
- She and Finance Director Angie Wilson would be sending out a spreadsheet later this week to Budget Committee – identifying anticipated revenue reductions and recommended adjustments to the proposed budget.
- Economic recovery – working with Chamber President regarding budget, and needs of businesses

### **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Legal Counsel Diana McDougale said she had been following the COVID – 19 legislative issues regarding Public Meeting and Public Hearing allowances.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported:

- QLife meeting – possible partnering with Gorge Networks on fiber to the home project
- Un-homed population
  - providing shelter for those not yet infected and those infected to control spread; working with Shilo Inns, Center For Living and DHS;
  - worked with Hood River on grant funds
  - EOC – serving on the Human Services Subcommittee
  - Funding through State had run out

Mayor Mays asked how much funding from the grant came to The Dalles?

Long-Curtiss said she didn't have exact numbers. The grant was \$150,000 for Hood River, Sherman and Wasco County; Providence had contributed \$10,000+; Hood River had done a fundraiser; she was working on a Facebook fundraiser. She said she didn't expect to raise more than a few thousand dollars, however every dollar made a difference.

Councilor Miller reported:

- Household Hazardous Waste Budget meeting – Budget for Fiscal Year 20-21 passed.

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Councilor Runyon reported:

- QLife meeting – was concerned about the franchise agreement coming up later on the agenda being too early due to negotiations not complete with QLife.

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Airport Meeting – Pacific City Cherry Producers Lease coming up later in the meeting

Mayor Mays reported:

- Community Outreach Team
- Conference calls
- League of Oregon Cities
  - Governor's Office
  - Mid Columbia Medical Center

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

City Clerk Grossman noted a clerical error in the April 1 minutes had been corrected.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, all Councilors voting in favor; Position #3 vacant.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) March 20, 2020 Emergency City Council meeting minutes; 2) April 1, 2020 Special City Council Meeting minutes.

## **CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS**

### Award of Contract No. 2020-001 West Second Street and Cherry Heights Intersection Improvements

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Long-Curtiss to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Crestline Construction for the West 2nd Street and Cherry Heights Road Intersection Improvements project, Contract No. 2020-001, in an amount not to exceed \$333,807.00. The motion carried McGlothlin, Long-Curtiss, Miller, Runyon voting in favor; none voting opposed; Position #3 vacant.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Pacific City Cherry Producers Lease Revisions, Site Plan Adjustments and Landlord Consent and Waiver of Lien

Legal Counsel McDougle reviewed the staff report.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager Aryn Rasmussen said the updated easement was necessary for the project.

Councilor Miller asked how Oregon Cherry Growers were connected to the project.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Pacific Coast Cherry Packers lease revisions, updated binding site plan, memorandum of lease, consent and waiver of lien, updated right-of-way easement contingent on approval by Klickitat County. The motion carried Miller, McGlothlin, Runyon, Long-Curtiss voting in favor; none voting opposed; Position #3 vacant.

Special Ordinance No. 20-586 Granting a Non-Exclusive Franchise and Right to Gorge Networks, Inc, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Telecommunications-based Service Facilities; to Occupy City Rights-of-Way and Provide Telecommunications-based Services in the City of The Dalles

City Attorney Diana McDougal reviewed the staff report. She noted that the effective by date had been changed to May 17, 2020 to correct a clerical error.

She introduced Joseph Franell, President of Eastern Oregon Telecom.

Mr. Franell thanked the Council for having him join the meeting. He said Blue Mountain Networks was a merger of Gorge Networks and Eastern Oregon Telecom. He said he remained the president of Eastern Oregon Telecom and Dan Bubb remained the president of Gorge Networks.

He said they were hoping to build a 450 home fiber to the home beta test to see if there was a market for 1G high speed service to the home. He said in the current environment it would greatly enhance work from home connection speeds. He said if the beta test showed promise they would offer it to all of The Dalles.

Councilor Runyon said the negotiations with QLife had not been completed. He said he felt the agreement was premature.

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Long-Curtiss said she respected Councilor Runyon's perspective and comments. She said what is happening with QLife is different than the franchise agreement. She said she heard at the QLife meeting that the plan would move forward with or without the partnership with QLife.

City Manager Krueger said she had talked with QLife administrator Tyler Stone before she started the negotiations and he had given the green light.

Mr. Franell said the franchise agreement was the same as other agreements the City had, such as Century Link. He said timing was important.

He said the partnership with QLife details are still being worked out. The project would go through with or without the partnership.

Mayor Mays asked where the target neighborhood was. Franell said he was hesitant to say specifically, but in a densely populated area south of the High School.

McGlothlin said current latency issues show the value of 1G fiber to the home.

Miller said as a customer of Gorge Networks she would hope for improvement; service has been spotty at best.

Mr. Franell said to email him personally with any issues. He said this is why they are focused on fiber to the home.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Special Ordinance No. 20-586 granting a non-exclusive franchise and right to Gorge Networks, Inc. to construct, operate and maintain telecommunication-based service facilities, and to occupy City rights-of-way and provide telecommunication-based services in the City of The Dalles. The motion carried Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin, Runyon, Miller voting in favor; none voting opposed; Position #3 vacant.

Councilor Runyon said he didn't understand why this regular meeting wasn't at 5:30 pm, the customary time for City Council Meetings.

City Clerk Grossman said the meeting had been at noon due to new technology and the desire to do the best job we could for the public. She said the next meeting would be the Budget Committee Meeting which was scheduled for May 4 at 5:30 pm.

City Manager Krueger said she would anticipate going back to the 5:30pm time, and would discuss the issue with the City Clerk.

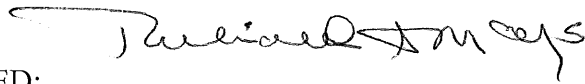
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Submitted by/  
Izetta Grossman, CMC  
City Clerk

SIGNED:



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Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk