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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
December 10, 2018  
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL  
313 COURT STREET  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Stephen Lawrence

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Taner Elliott, Tim McGlothlin

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Russ Brown

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Steve Harris, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Senior Planner Dawn Hert, Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes

Number of people present: 17

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman, Russ Brown absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Lawrence added an Executive Session to the agenda.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the agenda as amended. The

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motion carried, Brown absent.

## **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

### Amerities Update

Jeff Thompson Amerities Plant Manager gave a history of the plant. He said the plant had been in The Dalles for a little less than 100 years. He said the plant was scheduled to close in 2005, when investors purchased the business.

Thompson said they employ 51 employees with an annual payroll of \$2.2 million. He said the plant manufactures 15 million ties per year. He said the lifespan of a tie is 30 to 40 years.

He said the annual OSHA tests showed levels well below the standards for healthy environment. He said the DEQ never found compliance issues. He said even though the studies showed no long or short term health issues resulting from the emission from the plant they had modified processes to reduce emissions and had reduced the use of creosote by half. He said they had also enclosed some areas.

Thompson said the impact of the new Cleaner Oregon Rules that were passed in November was unknown at this time.

Thompson thanked the Mayor and Council for their service. He invited them to tour the plant anytime.

Long-Curtiss said she asked for the update. She had wanted a more inclusive update, DEQ, Amerities, and then Council discussion. She said was hoping to be more informed, as the air quality issue was important to the community.

McGlothlin said he sensed the odor emission had been reduced and appreciated Amerities' work on the issue.

Mayor Lawrence said it sounded like the railroad was moving ties sooner. Thompson said there were 66% less ties on the ground.

### Wasco County Parole and Probation Update

Fritz Bachman Parole and Probation gave an update on the Bridges to Change program. He said while the program had a rocky start with the neighborhood things were going well. He said the program was expanding to next step housing, which had less supervision. He said the next step house was across from Parole and Probation. He said Bridges to Change had an office downtown across from the Granada Theatre. Bachman said they were hiring locally and growing roots in the community.

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Long- Curtiss said originally the people in the program were from Wasco County. She asked if that was still the case or if people were being paroled into our community. Bachman said some come from prison into the program. He said Bridges to Change helped him screen the applicants to help identify those with the best possibility of success.

In response to a question Bachman said he communicates with the City Police Chief and Captain, they have addresses to all the houses under the program.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Lorene Hunt, PO Box 81, The Dalles said she had provided testimony that wasn't in the minutes of the last meeting, regarding the Land Use Ordinance hearing that was cancelled. Mayor Lawrence said the hearing had been postponed. He said the Ordinance would come before Council after the LUBA appeals because there may need to be changes.

It was explained that testimony for the hearing couldn't be in the minutes, because there was no hearing.

Ms. Hunt explained she felt she needed to speak up for those who could not. Mayor Lawrence said her time was up.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Parker said he had been busy as the Prosecuting Attorney for Municipal Court cases. He said there were two animal control cases that had been ongoing. One case a dog had been at Home At Last for many months. He said there was a hearing to get an order to release the dog to Home At Last to adopt.

Parker said in another case a dog had been involved in killing another animal, and that dog had been removed from the City limits.

He said there were a couple of people interested in the Girl Scout house. The City Manager said Mid-Columbia Housing could be interested in the house for affordable housing.

There was some discussion regarding surplusizing the property to sell it.

Elliott said he would like to see the property up for bid/sale, not just taking the first offer given.

City Manager Krueger said the issue would be brought back to Council in January or February.

Parker said Councilor Elliott had asked him to look into a credit given on the Joseph G Wilson development. Elliott said the credit should have gone to the new developer. Parker said he was looking into it.

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### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported attending:

- Urban Renewal Agency meeting
- QLife Board meeting – noting the at large position was open

Councilor McGlothlin reported attending:

- Airport Board meeting – noting the operational structure of the water supply to the Airport was being addressed
- American Empress End of Season Sock Hop at Neon Sign Museum

Councilor Miller reported attending:

- Urban Renewal meeting
- Household Hazardous Waste Committee

Councilor Elliott reported attending:

- Urban Renewal Agency meeting
- QLife Board meeting – noting he was interested in the At Large Board member position

Mayor Lawrence reported attending:

- Home At Last Fundraiser at The Dalles Country Club – noting that Home At Last was doing well
- Economic Development Committee with the Chamber – noting they are working with other agencies regarding tourism
- American Empress End of Season Sock Hop – noting the American Empress was planning to hold these events 60 times next season

He said he would be attending a Regional Solutions meeting on December 18.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of the November 19, 2018 Joint Work Session with Wasco County Commissioners; 2) Approval of November 26, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; and 3) Approval of Resolution No. 18-031 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments to the City Budget Committee.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Receive Testimony Regarding Vacating a Portion of the Alleyway off of Jordan Street, Between West 16<sup>th</sup> and West 17<sup>th</sup> Streets

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Mayor Lawrence opened the public hearing.

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence asked for public testimony.

Alan Easling, property owner introduced himself and asked if anyone had questions.

Mayor Lawrence closed the hearing.

Adopt Special Ordinance No. 18-580 Vacating a Portion of the Alleyway off of Jordan Street,  
Between West 16<sup>th</sup> and West 17<sup>th</sup> Streets

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Long-Curtiss to adopt Special Ordinance No. 18-580 Vacating a Portion of the Alleyway off of Jordan Street, Between West 16<sup>th</sup> and West 17<sup>th</sup> Streets by title only. The motion carried, Brown absent.

**ACTION ITEM**

The Dalles Disposal Rate Increase Request

Councilor Miller said she would be abstaining because she worked for the company that owns The Dalles Disposal.

The Dalles Disposal Manager Jim Winterbottom reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence asked for Public Input.

Elliott asked what the longevity of the landfill was.

Winterbottom said approximately 42 years at current tipping tonnage.

Mayor Lawrence said there seemed to be a lot of garbage coming from out of the area. He asked if next steps being considered.

Winterbottom said build, slope and review of what type of trash is taken were considerations.

Councilor Miller said the County receives a fee for every ton that comes into the landfill. She said the fee is more for out of area materials.

McGlothlin asked if the County had passed the request. Winterbottom said they had.

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Adopt Resolution No. 18-030 Approving The Dalles Disposal Rate Increase of 3.3% for the year 2019

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Elliott to adopt Resolution No. 18-030 Approving The Dalles Disposal Rate Increase of 3.3% for the year 2019. The motion carried; McGlothlin and Elliott in favor, Long-Curtiss opposed, Miller abstained.

Mayor Lawrence recessed the open session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

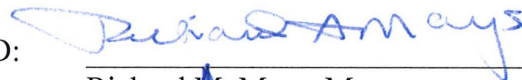
Return to Open Session

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

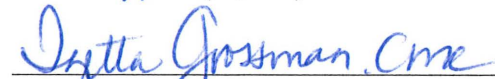
Submitted by/  
Izetta Grossman  
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard M. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk