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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JULY 11, 2022
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall, Dan Richardson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Alice Cannon, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman. Long, McGlothlin, Randall, Runyon, Richardson present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Long and seconded by Randall to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion

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carried 5 to 0; Long, Randall, Richardson, Runyon, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Police Officer Award of Valor – Officer Reams

Police Chief Tom Worthy read the Award of Valor:

“On June 15, 2022 at about 6:30pm, Officer Reams, with his Field Training Officer Perez responded to a report of a swimmer in distress in the Columbia River near the ferry dock. The Columbia River was extremely high due to continual rains, and there are areas of flooding in the city. The water temperature of the river was 56 degrees.

Upon their arrival, Officers Reams and Perez located the swimmer who was stuck in the river with her foot caught in the rocks on the bottom. The swimmer was nearing exhaustion from her continued exposure to the swift, cold water. Officers were joined by Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue personnel. The swimmer advised that she had been caught in the river for over 30 minutes, and that she had made the emergency call from her Apple watch. The swimmer was showing signs of hypothermia. Her voice was raspy and broken and she was in obvious distress.

Fire personnel attempted to provide a ladder to the swimmer, and to pry apart the rocks in which her foot was stuck from the shore. These rescue attempts were unsuccessful and the swimmer’s condition continued to deteriorate.

Officer Reams assessed the scene and determined that the rescue of the swimmer needed to be immediate, and that he would be able to aid in the rescue only by entering the water to feel how the entrapment was occurring, since the water was too murky and fast to allow any visible inspection from above. Officer Reams left his ballistic vest and duty belt on the shore and carefully entered the water downstream of the swimmer. Officer Reams reached under the water and was just able to reach the swimmer’s foot. Only Officer Reams’ head was not submerged. Officer Reams was able to free the swimmer’s stuck foot and bring her to shore and the care of the fire fighters.

Officer Reams is receiving this Award of Valor based on his meritorious actions taken on June 15th 2022. If it were not for the quick efforts by Officer Reams, the swimmer’s suffering would have been prolonged or the outcome may have been worse.”

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported:

- Community Outreach Team Washington DC trip
 - Week of September 12th or 19th
 - City Manager and Councilor Richardson attending
- Council Goal Setting
 - October or November to align with budget process
- Items under review
 - Street analysis on Gitchell Building
 - Underground Utilities Feasibility
- Planning Department Transition
 - Alice Cannon has resigned to take a part time job at Wasco County, last day July 25th
 - Working out an agreement with Cannon to consult regarding Urban Renewal

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Runyon reported:

- Attended 4th of July events – well attended
- 2 days with Tribute to Fallen Heroes – met with Oregon residents

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Conversations with constituents
- Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs
- Clean up projects
- Climate Resiliency Committee – elected Chair

Councilor Long reported:

- Meeting with City Manager

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Stopped by St. Vincent de Paul Hope Center – 1st Community Health had a mobile nurse unit available

Mayor Mays reported:

- Red Cross Wildfire plan
- Judged floats for the 4th of July parade – McDonalds placed first

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CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0, Richardson, McGlothlin, Runyon, Long, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the June 27, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.; 2) Surplus 3 Police Vehicles.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Authorize Purchase of New Sign Truck for Transportation Division

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Richardson to authorize the purchase of a new 2022 Dodge Ram 5500, 4X4 flatbed pickup from Ron Tonkin Dodge, in an amount not to exceed \$69,975.53 plus license fees. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Richardson, Long, Runyon, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

Authorize Purchase of New Cat Model 303.5 Excavator

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Randal and seconded by Long to authorize the purchase of a new Cat 303.5 compact excavator from Peterson Cat through a Sourcewell pricing agreement in an amount not to exceed \$71,062.08. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randal, Long, Runyon, Richardson, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

Authorize Purchase of New Cat Model 430 Backhoe Loader

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked how many employees at Public Works can operate the pieces of equipment.

Public Works Director Anderson said Transportation and Wastewater (15 employees) use the first piece of equipment brought before Council at this meeting.

Anderson said the backhoe/loader would be used by all division (23 employees).

Mayor Mays said it was nice to be able to use a local vendor.

It was moved by Long and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the purchase of a new Cat 430 backhoe-loader from Peterson Cat through a Sourcewell pricing agreement in an amount not to exceed \$170,314.13. The motion carried 5 to 0; Long, McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

Authorize Lease Police Computers and Docking Stations

Police Chief Tom Worthy reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Richardson asked if the lease was paid monthly, over the 5-year term of the lease.

Chief Worthy said yes, and that the annual costs would be in the budget each year.

Councilor McGlothlin asked why the equipment was essential.

Worthy said to exchange information quickly to dispatch. He said it was a vital tool for gathering information to make calls in a timely manner for the safety of offices, and the community.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Randall to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with HarborTech Mobility, Inc. to lease 26 computers for a 60 month term, in an amount not to exceed \$129,007.58. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson, Long, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

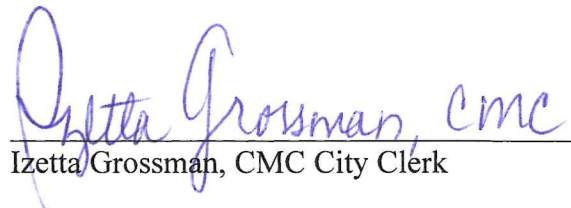
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk