

Regular Council Meeting
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: January 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Council President Allan Rodrick, Penny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, and Rae Jackson

Staff: City Recorder Jean Hadley

Absent: None

Excused: David Princehouse, Tim Mortenson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:08 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Add business item #4 to discuss City Engineer request for back-up Certified Water Operator.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – January 6, 2010
2. Bills review/approval

A motion was made by Councilor Rodrick to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Wallace seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Recycling Depot issue

Hadley mentioned the document in the packet which explains the efforts made by David Skakel the representative from the Tri-County Household/Hazardous Waste Program. Skakel sent a Memo because he was not able to attend this meeting. Council had questions regarding ownership of the Depot, costs to the City, and City monitoring on county property. Hadley reminded Council that the City currently owns the Depot and the City Maintenance person monitors the site for illegal dumping. Hadley said the only way to change ownership is with permission from DEQ who said they are willing to work with the City.

Unanimous Council consensus was to allow Skakel to continue negotiating the move of the Recycle Depot and answer the questions about ownership, work on County property, and costs to the City.

2. Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR) Mid-Year Academy scholarship request

Mayor Rogers requested a motion to allow the letter submitted to be signed.

A motion was made by Councilor Rodrick to allow the Mayor to sign the letter in support of a scholarship to attend the OAMR Mid-Year Academy. Councilor Fitzpatrick seconded. There was no discussion. Council members present signed the letter. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Need & Issues overview

Rogers announced her ability to attend the Needs and Issues presentation to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) and represent the City of Mosier. MCEDD is made up of 3 counties in Oregon and 2 in Washington, all bordering the Columbia River. Fitzpatrick said she will be representing Main Street Mosier; Kate Merrick will represent the Watershed Council; a representative from the School will hopefully be there; and Chief Appleton said he will be there to represent the City and Rural Fire Departments. Fitzpatrick read the City Engineer infrastructure projects submission list and stated the other submissions will look the same as last year's.

4. Water Operator back-up

Hadley read the request made by the City Engineer to ask Council to consider hiring Dave Griffin as a back-up certified water operator for those times when Matthew Koerner is out of reach/town. Hadley reported to Council of a conversation she had with Koerner, the current water operator, and his request to have this item on the next agenda to answer questions Council may have and to submit a MEMO with items he felt needed to be addressed. Wallace mentioned the complexity of the Mosier water system and agreed to the idea of having a backup operator. Wallace wondered how long, and at what cost, it would take for another person to understand the nuances of our system. Rogers agreed to the need for this and agreed to have this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Unanimous consensus of Council was to put this item on the next agenda for discussion and a report from Matthew Koerner City Water Operator.

Rogers mentioned being approached with an idea, and a request to present a proposal to Council, for the quarry property. Hadley asked Rogers to contact the City Attorney Dan Kearns about procedures to hear proposals for property the City does not own. Fitzpatrick mentioned a conversation she had with Kearns about the future of that property owned by Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) and Hood River Sand and Gravel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – None
2. Park Committee – None
3. “Art in Mosier” committee – Councilor Wallace presented written copies of the minutes, to all councilors present, from the first meeting held. Wallace reported about the upcoming meetings and the expectations of the committee with regards to key positions and ideas for future meetings. Wallace said they are planning on meeting every other Monday and the first goal is to provide a framework. Wallace said the committee will submit a “wish list” for goals at the goal session.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley mentioned her visit with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the expenses related to the Microwave Fire. Hadley reported that the letter to Mosier Creek Terrace regarding the exchange of services was drafted, sent, signed by both parties, and returned for filing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of February, 2010

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder