

Regular Council Meeting  
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: February 3, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Council President Allan Rodrick, Peny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, David Princehouse, and Tim Mortenson

Staff: City Recorder Jean Hadley, Mosier Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Appleton

Absent: None                      Excused: Rae Jackson

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:03 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Change in business presentation; move item #1 to spot #3.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Kathy Fitzpatrick reported her attendance at a meeting regarding Hanford nuclear waste storage and removal. Fitzpatrick announced the meeting date of February 9, 2010 from 7-10pm at the Hood River Inn. Fitzpatrick shared some websites to look into for information regarding the proposal to transport waste through the Gorge.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes January 20, 2010
2. Review/Approve Bills

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

#### BUSINESS

1. Audit report

City Recorder Jean Hadley asked Council to take a few minutes to read the reports generated by the Auditor Jessica Berty and presented to Council at this meeting. Hadley forwarded the audit report to the Council earlier in the week by e-mail. Hadley mentioned the steps being taken to implement the suggestions made by the Auditor. Four copies of the Audit were passed out to Council for review and Hadley suggested returning them when their review was complete. Council discussed the suggestions and decided to consider forming a “Checks and Balances” committee by asking a few interested citizens to consider being on the committee.

2. Fire Chief update – Hazard trees

Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Appleton announced that three recruits are going to Fire Academy starting the next day, the date for the annual smorgasbord is Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the election measures now have numbers 33-67 Dissolution of existing Fire Departments and 33-68 formation of the Mosier Fire District. A filing deadline of March 9 has been set for Board member candidates.

The Nuisance/Hazard Trees report; Appleton said he met and did a walk around with Councilor Mortenson and Mike Igo to determine the extent of the damage by beetle kill or other disease of the Pine trees he is considering for removal and to determine their hazard level. All 11 trees are in the Riparian Zone on City property and pose a problem for human safety, and if they fall, will pose a problem for emergency responders to access areas used by citizens. Appleton said he found some professional loggers who are qualified individuals and have volunteered to remove the trees for exchange of the wood. Appleton requested permission from Council to remove the 11 trees identified.

Fitzpatrick asked for procedures to be written for vegetation removal in a Riparian Zone as stated in the Mosier Municipal Code 15.03.200.

Mortenson agreed with the recommendation of the Fire Chief and Mike Igo about the trees and mentioned fire traveling through the area where these trees are located and how they would pose a significant problem. Councilor Princehouse asked if there was any need to replant. Appleton said it could be done but it was not needed due to the large stand of trees and shrubs still existing in the area. Princehouse felt the Council should realize that the people who have agreed to remove the trees are qualified and are volunteers. Hadley reminded Appleton and Council of the requirements for volunteers doing work on City property. Council discussed the beetle kill damage and trying to lessen the impact of more damage. Rogers announced that the Fire Chief has taken steps to determine the nuisance/hazard and to clean up the ladder fuels to create a safer fire protection area around the City.

**A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to allow Fire Chief Appleton to proceed with the removal of the trees identified as beetle kill damage or hazardous to human safety on City property around Pocket Park. Councilor Mortenson seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.** Appleton updated Council of the correspondence regarding the motel/hotel building and the steps taken to get it boarded up for safety reasons. Appleton had hoped to have the building donated to the Fire Dept. for training purposes and once he spoke with the management company he is hesitant to say it will be donated. The building is currently boarded up and does not pose an immediate danger.

3. Water Operator backup response – this item was tabled until the next meeting of the City Council. The Water Operator was not available to report.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – Councilor Fitzpatrick updated Council about the meetings held and what the next step will be to establish clear boundaries in a possible survey, a possible change of boundary, and to apply for grants. Fitzpatrick mentioned the agenda that was posted and the adherence to the public meetings law. She announced the next meeting will be in a couple weeks.

2. Park Committee – Nothing to report.

3. “Art in Mosier” committee – Councilor Wallace handed out copies of the Vision and Arts Standard and Mission Statement for Public Art in Mosier which was drafted at the last meeting. Wallace spoke about the meeting and the idea of receiving proposals on a quarterly basis and presenting the ideas to the Council. She mentioned the grants committee and their work to understand the grants available and the process of applying for those grants. Wallace requested Council permission to adopt the concept and move forward with proposals for committee review. Wallace clarified that the City Council is the facilitator and not the only jurisdictional entity.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Rogers mentioned the letter from a citizen regarding more problems associated with the Recycle Depot in its current location. Hadley asked Council to consider getting rid of the Depot by asking The Dalles Disposal to store it at their location. Rogers mentioned the request from her to copy the MEMO regarding the Rock Pit, dated October 23, 2009, from the City Attorney for Council information and possible consideration at the Goal Session meeting on March 13, 2010 at the Fire Hall next door to the City Administration office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010

Attest:

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Andrea Rogers, Mayor

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Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder