

Regular Council Meeting  
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: February 17, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

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

Staff: City Engineer John Grim, City Recorder Jean Hadley, Water Operator Matthew Koerner, Municipal Judge Steve Seymour

Absent: None Excused: Council President Allan Rodrick and Rae Jackson

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes February 3, 2010
2. Bills review/approval

**A motion was made by Councilor Princehouse to approve the consent agenda as presented in the packets. Councilor Mortenson seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### BUSINESS

1. Back-Up Water Operator request response

Water Operator Matthew Koerner gave an overview of his memo included in the Council packets. Koerner agreed with the suggestion from the City Engineer John Grim to hire Dave Griffin as a backup water operator for the times when Koerner is out of reach and the City needs a certified water operator to make decisions of importance where water issues are concerned. Councilor Mortenson asked what Griffin's credentials were. Grim stated that Griffin is certified in Oregon and Washington and is currently in charge of other water systems throughout the Gorge and is a past Public Works Director for Goldendale Washington for six (6) years. Koerner mentioned working with Griffin when he was the project supervisor for the City during the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade. Both Grim and Koerner were impressed with Griffin during the process. Mayor Rogers, with the recommendation of Grim, felt that a letter of engagement/understanding stating the terms would suffice and agreed with the need for a backup operator. Koerner asked for Council permission to contact Griffin and discuss terms of employment and give Griffin a tour of the system, and report back.

**A motion was made by Councilor Mortenson to follow the recommendation of the Water Operator and City Engineer and write a letter of engagement/understanding to Griffin for backup water operator services. Councilor Fitzpatrick seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Koerner reported to Council about some charges for his time, that FEMA found, which did not apply and he was overpaid by the City and is aware that he owes the City back for some time. Koerner will reflect five and one half (5 1/2) hours in his future time sheets.

Koerner updated Council about issues regarding water quality reports. Koerner said there have been a couple events that affected results of water testing in the past few months. An electric cable was severed by a contractor working for Mosier Bluffs in one of the incidents and Koerner was adjusting the chlorine levels which caused a change in the testing. Each of these events has been taken care of.

Koerner wanted Council to know of the new policy about checking for leaks after a freeze. Koerner told Council of cases where the water was leaking after the recent freeze and explained how the City has the ability to check for leaks. Koerner announced the need for a policy to check for leaks after a freeze event in order to detect leaks to lessen any possible property damage. Koerner spoke about residents who have houses here and are gone for an extended period of time.

Koerner told Council about how the Safety Comm. Meetings prompted a call from us to OSHA for consultation of the City facility buildings. Koerner said OSHA has set a date for checking our facilities and once that happens we will know where we stand and can move forward with any needed changes. By calling for consultation the City has some time to comply before OSHA can send out a compliance officer.

### 2. Tanawashee Tank over-sizing update

City Engineer John Grim referred to the documents in the Council packets and explained some logistics of the water system requirements by showing a map of the Mosier Bluffs and Tanawashee developments. Grim's memo explained the Mosier Bluffs Water system problem, gave some background on the Tanawashee tank, and explained an alternative solution to avoid a 2<sup>nd</sup> pump station which the City does not want. Grim reviewed a couple scenarios being considered and asked Council to consider approval of one of the two options presented. 1. Leave things as they are and wait for Tanawashee to build and require Mosier Bluffs to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> pump station now which will be obsolete when and if the Tanawashee development is built. 2. Build the new tank now on a parcel in Mosier Bluffs and donate a parcel to Mosier Bluffs avoiding construction of a new and unnecessary pump station. Water Operator Koerner was on hand to explain the current pumping/tank situation. Another document was on hand showing a schematic of the Mosier Bluffs current option and the idea of the tank being built by Mosier Bluffs and removing the current tank and booster pump station.

After many questions from Council, and in order to not rush a decision, it was decided to table this discussion and bring it back in one month; second meeting in March, for a decision. Councilors were encouraged to contact the City Engineer and the city office to ask questions they may have.

### 3. Recycle Depot removal/storage

City Recorder Jean Hadley explained to Council that when an item is not under business there should not be a decision made and so she put this under business in order to explain what had occurred with the Recycle Depot. Hadley reported that she called The Dalles Disposal and asked if they could store the Depot on their property until the City figures out what to do, and where to put the Depot in, hopefully, the near future. Erwin Swetnam of The Dalles Disposal agreed to allow the two containers to be housed on their property. Hadley spoke with Tri County Household/Hazardous Waste coordinator David Skakel and Bruce Lumper from DEQ and it was agreed to remove the depot and store it at The Dalles Disposal until an alternate location or a decision regarding the future of the Depot could be made.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – Councilor Fitzpatrick mentioned her conversation with Dan Boldt from Wasco Co. about the needed survey of the Pioneer Cemetery. Boldt said it would have to be a private contractor doing the survey.
2. Park Committee – Fitzpatrick mentioned the Bat Box Project and the costs associated with building and erecting bat boxes in Rock Creek Park. Fitzpatrick contacted a few interested people who could help with this project. Koerner mentioned some utility poles which the City owns and could possibly be used for erecting the bat boxes. Fitzpatrick said she would look at those and see if they could possibly be considered for use. Mayor Rogers asked that this item get added to the agenda for the Goal Session on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

3. "Art in Mosier" committee – Councilor Wallace announced the time frame for proposals for art in Mosier. Wallace explained the quarterly application process, the press release, and the guidelines for proposals. March 15<sup>th</sup> will be the date for the first art proposals to be reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley brought to Council's attention the letter from Mosier Gas owners Rod and Delores Holzinger in the back of the packet under Information Only. Hadley asked Council opinion on the letter which was vague and did not ask any particular question of Council. Council agreed there wasn't any particular response at this time. Council discussed the issue of meter removal, SDC's, and utility payments issues. Princehouse posed the question, suppose the property is rented, what will it take to get the utility services back? Hadley reminded Council of the request for the GAS sign to be removed and the City Attorney asked for direction how to proceed with that issue. Hadley said she looked back on the issue and Councilors Rodrick and Princehouse were directed to discuss the issue with the Holzinger's and come up with an answer. Hadley mentioned that the current budget was not able to cover the cost of removing the Gas Sign due to a few logistical issues; overhead lines, concrete removal, and the size of the sign are just a few issues. Hadley said the sign issue was included on the Goal Session agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of March, 2010

Attest:

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Andrea Rogers, Mayor

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Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder