

Public Hearing/Regular Council Meeting
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: July 15, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Council President Allan Rodrick, Peny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, David Princehouse, and Rae Jackson
Staff: City Attorney Dan Kearns, City Recorder Jean Hadley
Absent: None Excused; Tim Mortenson
Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Appleton

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:02 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – After agenda item # 2 add Mosquito Control issue

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Fire Chief Jim Appleton notified Council of the public meetings about formation of a Fire District and asked Council to not form a quorum at any meeting they may be attending.

BUSINESS

1. DRAFT-Municipal Code book Review - Public Hearing continues

City Attorney Dan Kearns: General Provisions, Admin. & Personnel, Revenue & Finance Title 1, Title 2, Title 3 chapter 3.01, Title 5, Title 8 (chapter 8.10, 8.15, 8.25), snow removal, parks/public lands, cemeteries

Public Hearing reconvened and the Hearing turned over to City Attorney Dan Kearns. Kearns brought the hard copy of the current code being considered to the attention of the Council. Kearns mentioned one amendment/revision to the Fire Code, section of Title 8.35.070, where the term ladder fuels will be added in certain areas of the Code. Kearns spoke about the placeholder in Title 15 in the Table of Contents where PUD/Cottage development could be considered for future development. He mentioned where it will be added to the TOC. Kearns reviewed the Chapters which are new or revised/enhanced from past Ordinances. Reimbursement for Public Improvements, Civil Enforcement, Utility billing, dog control, lighting, Public Contracts and Purchasing, and Snow Emergency routes control were all discussed and approved by Council satisfactorily.

2. Ordinance #148 Code Book Adoption

Motion: I move that we adopt Ordinance #148, including the amendments to Title 8.35-Fire Prevention Code and Outdoor Burning, by title only to be read tonight.

First: Rodrick Second: Princehouse Discussion: None

Rodrick read Ordinance #148 to include amendments to Title 8.35; ladder fuels, by Title only.

Vote: Roll Call Vote: Jackson; aye, Wallace; aye, Princehouse; aye, Fitzpatrick; aye, Rodrick; aye, Rogers; aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: I move that we waive the second reading of Ordinance #148.

First: Rodrick Second: Wallace

Discussion: None Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Fee Schedule Resolution 2009-09

Hadley explained that annual increases are necessary to keep up with the budgeted increase for goods and services provided by and from our vendors and the City. Hadley said unless there is any question about the Resolution it is included in the consent agenda for approval. The Resolution was not pulled from the consent agenda.

Item Added: Mosquito Spraying

Citizens have been complaining to the office of the infestation of mosquitoes around standing water at Rock Creek Park and trails around the property owned by the Railroad and ODOT. Councilor Fitzpatrick researched past practices and found out about the spraying/fogging which was done approximately 10 years ago to control the infestation. Hadley mentioned that the maintenance superintendent became aware of the mosquitoes and brought a Bat box to install it down at the park. He was aware of how Bats and Birds can help to control mosquitoes. The City Attorney spoke about Martins (birds) and their effectiveness also. It will be critical to find out how to install these bird houses and bat boxes in order to attract them. It was decided to do more research. The City Attorney will find out about the Federal Endangered Species Act and the City Recorder will look for options and talk to the Maintenance Superintendent to build habitat.

4. Cable across road to water reservoir

Hadley updated Council and the City Attorney about restricting access to the reservoir and the cable to go across the road will mean one side of the cable barrier will be installed on property owned by Owen Minnick. Hadley was interested in finding out if it is necessary to have a contract with Minnick about use of his property. City Attorney Kearns said it will require something in writing but not a lengthy contract. Minnick could draft a simple statement of permission to use the property and he will have a key.

5. Check signer's response from Auditor

Hadley explained that the Auditor did not like the idea of the Finance Director signing checks and she suggested other Councilors get approved for signing checks. Hadley spoke about the Mayor working full time and Councilor Rodrick, often enough, not available. It would be convenient if there were more options of authorized signers.

Motion: I move that we add two more Council members; Rae Jackson and David Princehouse, with check signing authority, as check signers for the City.

First: Rodrick

Second: Wallace

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes June 17, 2009
2. Review/Approve Bills
3. Resolution 2009-09 Fee Schedule

Motion: I move that we approve the consent agenda.

First: Rodrick

Second: Princehouse

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sign committee – Rodrick will be out of town and asked to be able to turn in an inventory of signs needed in September.
2. Cemetery committee – Fitzpatrick told Council of the work being done by Jack Bissett on his day off. She suggested a letter of recognition for Jack Bissett because he does work in Mosier with the youth work crew and on his own. She asked for a list for Jack; knapweed on paths and clearing other invasive plants.
3. Park Committee – Fitzpatrick and Wallace are working on making signs clear for visitors where the fee station is located and keeping visitors aware.
4. “Art in Mosier” committee – Wallace said things are moving slowly but moving.
5. Rae Jackson reported about the utility payment help available and how the City of Hood River is using this program. Jackson found out that The City of Mosier will have to hold a budget and administer the program if they choose to implement a help program.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley asked Council to sign three letters of recognition and appreciation; John Grim, Matthew Koerner, and Mountain States Construction.

Fitzpatrick asked if the Real Estate Broker who is showing the Post Office for sale is aware of the fact that the building is on the City Historic Registry and the County Historic Registry through the Comprehensive Plan. The City Recorder was directed to send this information to the Real Estate Broker so he is aware.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2009

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder