

Regular Council Meeting
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: June 2, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Budget & Finance Jeanne Reeves on behalf of City Recorder Jean Hadley

Absent: Steve McKibben unexcused

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Rogers announced that Marc Berry will not be able to attend to present his agenda item.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – LaVonne Povey mentioned areas where blackberry bushes are extending into the street. Areas on Cherry Hill Drive and also on Idaho St. are the worst and could be the property owner's responsibility to keep the weeds off the street. Mayor Rogers asked for a review of the situation by the maintenance supervisor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: May 5, 2010, Budget Committee meeting April 28, 2010
2. Review/Approve Bills
3. Resolution 2010-02 Appropriation increase
4. OLCC app. for Good River Restaurant additional privileges/off site sales; recommend or not

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Mortenson seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously

BUSINESS

1. Informational Presentation: Mosier School expansion

Mayor Rogers recognized Mosier Charter School Principal Carole Schmidt and school expansion participant Steve Salmon who were in the audience to present information regarding the work done, to date, for consideration of expansion of the school. Schmidt explained the feasibility plan for expanding the ability to have 7th and 8th grades at the School and that the district has approved kindergarten through 8th grade. Salmon explained the process which has occurred so far in the evaluation of sites for possible property acquisitions. Salmon said the site focused on the gas station property and the property behind that to Third St. Schmidt answered questions about funding this project; grants, fundraising, and possible private donations. The cost is estimated between 3-5 million dollars for property and building. Councilor Fitzpatrick said the gas station property may be a problem and she spoke about the environmental assessment on both properties being considered for the expansion and how a Brownfield Grant is being considered. Fitzpatrick, Schmidt, and Salmon all mentioned the work being done in coordination with the Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to have the property assessed.

2. Triangle Park report – Marc Berry

This item was removed.

3. Mooring buoy removed?

Wallace and Fitzpatrick both verified that the buoy was still in the river. It was suggested to find a contact name and address and send a formal letter stating removal by a certain date. The effort to be a good neighbor has been tried and failed with no response. Should the letter be ignored the City will remove the buoy and charge the owner for that removal.

4. Art Project letter of intent

Councilor Wallace announced that she and John Mahar are meeting on Friday and drafting and sending a letter of intent for the art project Mahar presented with the incorporation of Cherries in the art he presented in the past. Wallace said it will be nice to have a smaller design. Wallace said the City will be the applicant, or co-applicant, and the letter is no commitment for money from the City. The cost of this project will be \$50,000 or less.

5. Bat Boxes update

Fitzpatrick updated Council about her and Tuck Contreras' visit to Mosier School to build bat habitat. That portion of the project was not feasible so 1st – 6th graders painted the bat boxes and a lesson on the benefits of bats in the environment. Fitzpatrick announced how in two weeks the habitat will be ready and installed by ODOT.

6. Cemetery Master Plan estimate/survey

Rogers brought to Council's attention the paperwork in their packets and asked Fitzpatrick to present this part of the agenda. Fitzpatrick reiterated what was said in the paperwork. Fitzpatrick told Council about the work party at the Pioneer Cemetery and what actions were taken to clean it up and repair three grave markers. Fitzpatrick asked Council to approve of the Master Plan for the Pioneer Cemetery and hiring Donovan and Associates to help the City with the Master Plan which will guarantee a business plan for the cemetery, mapping out the cemetery, and complying with Oregon State Law by being operational and becoming a legally operating cemetery. Rogers reminded Council that in 2004 the City agreed to open the Pioneer Cemetery to cremain burials. LaVonne Povey suggested a raise in rates for burials because there is no other remedy for paying for maintenance or updates. Finance Director Reeves explained how the money disbursement would work. It was discussed that this item needs to be resolved and use of the cemetery set in motion; this is the first best step.

A motion was made by Councilor Princehouse allocate \$2000 and approve the hiring of Donovan and Associates for the Master Plan for Pioneer Cemetery. Councilor Mortenson seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Greg Koontz – Rock Creek restoration plan

Rogers announced the discussion regarding spending money for a Rock Creek restoration plan. Fitzpatrick reminded Council of the memo and discussion she had with the City Attorney and how hiring Greg Koontz is the first step in the direction advised by the City Attorney. Rogers agreed and stated the intention of the City is to preserve and restore the Rock Creek area which involves the quarry site. Council discussed grants which might be available for some of the work involved. To allocate the money would show serious intent to act on a restoration plan process. This would show a solid portfolio for ODOT to understand that we are serious about making this happen. Fitzpatrick also mentioned allocation of money would help when grants come available.

A motion was made by Councilor Princehouse to allocate \$8000 for stream restoration with 2010-2011 funds now freed due to Fire District Formation. Councilor Wallace seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – report earlier in minutes
2. Park Committee – bat boxes going up, park open, passes out to businesses 10-Speed and Route 30 for sale, re-seed perimeter with help from Mike Igo.
3. “Art in Mosier” committee

CORRESPONDENCE – On June 12th the vision workshop will be held and it was encouraged that Council attend. The City Planner Dotty DeVaney will facilitate and help discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of June, 2010

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder