

Mosier City Council Meeting/Budget Committee meeting/Public Hearing DATE: May 2, 2012
Mosier Creek Terrace 7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Tim Mortenson, Hector Kent, Peny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, and Steve McKibben.

Staff: Budget & Finance Barbara Irving, City Recorder Jean Hadley, and former Finance Director Jeanne Reeves.

Budget Committee: Mark Freeman, Marc Berry, Sally Lehman, Darrell Roberts, Arlene Burns, and Susan Froehlich
Absent: None Excused: None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:02 p.m. and roll call was taken.

- Mayor Rogers addressed Jeanne Reeves and explained that her presence, which was a ruse, was to surprise her and recognize her contribution to the City. Rogers presented Reeves with a few gifts of appreciation from staff and Council.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes April 18, 2012
2. Review/Approve Bills

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

Mayor Rogers suspended the regular Council meeting at 7:08pm and opened the Budget Committee meeting. Rogers asked for nominations for Budget Chairman and Secretary. Berry nominated Darrell Roberts as Chairman and Mortenson seconded. Roberts declined the nomination. Hadley nominated Froehlich as Chairman and Rogers seconded. Froehlich accepted. Wallace nominated Hadley for Secretary McKibben seconded. Hadley accepted.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to appoint Susan Froehlich as Budget Committee Chairman and Jean Hadley as Budget Committee Secretary. Councilor McKibben seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee meeting/Public Hearing

Froehlich asked for each committee member to introduce themselves. Froehlich turned the meeting over to the Budget Officer Barbara Irving. Irving read the budget message, when that was completed; she asked if there were any questions. There were none. Irving explained the layout of the pages presented; historical data on the left on each page and the 2012-2013 proposed numbers on the right. Resources (income) summarized on one page and Requirements (expenses) on the following page. Later in the document was departmental detail. As the document was reviewed the questions were all addressed. Freeman explained the use of the word tax related to liquor was incorrect because the money is distributed from liquor sales revenue, not from taxation. Line 11 in Resources of the general fund should be zero. Line 19 is related to the acquisition of property from Union Pacific Railroad. Under Street fund it was questioned about Line 21 Signs; there are a few signs around the City that need to be replaced due to age related damage. \$500 was moved out of Engineering Services (Street Fund) and inserted into Signs.

Cemetery fund transfer will require a Resolution stating the transfer in and then out. Irving updated the committee about the situation with the utility billing program which is becoming obsolete. When it was purchased (GreenTree became MasterMeter Systems) the Master Meter Systems operation would rather not deal with the old program and to get tech support has become difficult. Irving explained the need to purchase a new utility billing program.

When the budget review was complete it was unanimously agreed to make the changes discussed.

The Budget Committee was suspended at 8:38pm and the Public Hearing on suggested uses of the State Revenue Sharing Funds was opened. It was explained that historically this fund is put into the General Fund for use as needed. The Committee discussed the fund and its use. Froehlich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Budget Committee & Councilor Fitzpatrick to approve of the State Revenue Sharing Funds collected to be put into the General Fund for the year 2012-2013. Budget Committee person Burns seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Froehlich opened discussion regarding accepting the tax levy amount of \$1.4128 per \$1000 of assessed value. The committee asked if they had any possible opportunity to lower the tax levy amount. They were told how the tax levy amount is not changeable and they do have the opportunity to not approve it but cannot change it.

A motion was made by Budget Committee & Councilor Wallace to approve the tax levy amount of \$1.4128 per \$1000 of Assessed value. Budget Committee member Berry seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing was closed. The Budget committee meeting was reconvened. Froehlich asked for any more questions. There were none. The committee unanimously agreed to allow Irving to amend the budget to reflect the changes suggested and send it to the public hearing on June 6, 2012.

A motion was made by Budget Committee/Mayor Rogers to approve the budget with changes and corrections. Budget Committee member Berry seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

NONE

A motion was made by Councilor _____ to _____ . Councilor _____ seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee - Lyle Van Camp memorial – Fitzpatrick reminded Council of the discussion at the goal setting meeting about the work around the City done by Van Camp. His family would like to do some sort of memorial and it was discussed at the goal session to use the bench parked outside the maintenance shed and ask the family to contribute. Fitzpatrick explained the idea and **the unanimous consensus of Council was to move the bench, secure it in that location, allow restoration, and use it as a place for plaques as memorials for citizens around the City; with Council approval.** There was discussion about establishing criteria/guidelines for use of the bench.

Fitzpatrick asked for discussion on allowing Dotty DeVaney to help consult with Mid-Columbia Housing Authority on the possible changes to their lease with regard to the Pioneer Cemetery and surrounding property boundary lines and easement.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to allow the City Planner to help consult with Mid-Columbia Housing Authority regarding the easements, re-plating, and boundary lines of the

property leased by them and surrounding areas. Councilor Mortenson seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Park committee – Fitzpatrick said that Route 30 and Ten-Speed Coffee have agreed to help sell the Park parking passes. McKibben spoke about the efforts of Bloomster to move and collect the salmon hatchlings, bucket by bucket, from the shrinking creek to the Columbia River.

3. Public Art committee – Mosaic benches – Wallace updated Council about the art project. McKibben built the forms for two concrete benches; the concrete was poured and the project is moving forward. McKibben said there is one more form ready to go when the possibility arises. Wallace said the mosaic work will begin the following Monday with the children.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley reported to Council of the first meeting in July falling on the 4th and the Council needs to consider another date for the first meeting in July. PARC asked to have a two hour worksession with Council about Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority Grant awarded for Mosier Well #3 Replacement; documents will soon be sent for signature.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of May, 2012

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder