

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Peny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Steve McKibben, and Hector Kent.
Staff: Budget & Finance Barbara Irving, City Recorder Jean Hadley
Absent: None Excused: Tim Mortenson

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – New list of bills and a MEMO from the Finance Director about the auditor interview and opinion.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes June 6, 2012 Budget Hearing and regular Council
2. Review/Approve Bills

A motion was made by Councilor McKibben to approve the consent agenda including the new list of bills. Councilor Wallace seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. July 4th – Council meeting date change to July 10, 2012

For the meeting on July 10th a quorum of Council will be in attendance and Council unanimously agreed to hold a second meeting in July on the usual date of July 18, 2012. Hadley told Council of her absence in the first part of August and reminded Council that the meetings in August have usually been limited to one meeting. **Council unanimously agreed to one meeting in August on the 15th.**

2. Extension of Pocket Park Trail maintenance & signage on private property

Kate McBride representing the Friends of the Columbia Gorge and the Mosier Plateau Trail was present. The Trail is on property owned by the Columbia Gorge Land Trust, the Povey's, and the City of Mosier. The issue about hikers entering private property; Povey property, and signage needed was addressed. The Povey's were present to suggest the type of signage and a clear path for hikers. McBride said she has put up a couple of simple signs with arrows and the word TRAIL since the trail is not complete and in a stage for completion later in the summer. McBride and Povey discussed the need, placement, and wording of signs along the path. Hadley asked for direction as to the expense, permanence, and expectations of signage erected on city property. The outcome for signs was unclear until the path is more complete and defined. The City Maintenance person went out to the trail with McBride so he has an idea of how to make the trail understood as it relates to the City portion, and users, in order to avoid straying onto private property. Hadley suggested doing cost research on four signs with the City logo with arrows and the words TRAIL and was given a nod from the Povey's.

3. CH2MHill Amendment No. 4: Annual fee increase adjustment

Mayor Rogers reminded Council of conversations in the past about the increasing cost of a treatment plant with state of the art equipment and the ease of operation of a new system. Rogers voiced her frustration with the increases each year and asked if there was any other choice than to sign the amendment to increase the annual fee. McKibben said the fee for this service has increased each year and it would be nice to see if there are any other companies offering this service in the area. Council discussed the

possibility of going out for request for proposals with regard to what is needed at what cost. David Povey suggested a bid from a company he knew of who does the same contracted work. The Council requested information about this company and to send it to the City Engineer who can diagnose the need and expectation for going out to bid. The Council unanimously agreed to actively pursue an avenue toward a competitive bid.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to approve the signature of the Mayor on the CH2MHill Contract Amendment No. 4. Councilor Fitzpatrick seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Election filing for Mayor and 3 Council positions

Hadley spoke to Council of the three upcoming elected positions with no prospects. Hadley presented the list of positions, the date for filing a petition, the option of collecting 25 signatures or filing by declaration and paying a fee. Hadley told Council that a filing fee has not been established and would like some direction about establishing a filing fee. **Council directed the Recorder to contact the Attorney about the options and/or action necessary for establishing a filing fee of \$10 or not.**

5. Letter to Mid-Columbia Housing Authority-boundaries and use of lease land

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to approve the letter to Mid-Columbia Housing Authority and allow the Mayor to sign it. Councilor Kent seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Use of Open Water Ordinance – set public hearing date July 10th & discussion

Hadley reported her actions of sending the comments to the City Attorney and her suggested changes to the ordinance in the third WHEREAS to include “Water Recreationists” which the Attorney agreed of the change which is presented to the Council that evening. Hadley asked for a date of July 10th for the public hearing for adoption of Ordinance 160. **Unanimous consensus of Council was to approve the date of July 10th as the public hearing for adoption of Ordinance 160.**

7. Approval of Auditor

Mayor Rogers mentioned the MEMO from the Finance Director and her recommendation to accept the bid from Arens and Associates for the auditor position for the City of Mosier.

A motion was made by Councilor Kent to accept Arens & Associates bid as auditor for the City. Councilor McKibben seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – Fitzpatrick updated Council about the Pioneer Cemetery committee actions and clarifying boundaries of the lease with the operators of Mosier Creek Terrace. Fitzpatrick spoke about the memorial bench for Lyle VanCamp and the actions of the family to renew the surface and adhere a plaque and Fitzpatrick asked the City to establish a concrete pad to deter the ability to steal it or move it from the Totem area.

2. Park committee – Fitzpatrick reported that the money from the Parking fee money box is being stolen every day; she was able to collect one day and the rest is being systematically stolen. There is a design of a metal plate inside the box to block the ability to send a grabber down the box. Council asked that Maintenance Manager Carl Gregory look at the box and meet with Fitzpatrick to discuss options for deterring the thieves. Fitzpatrick also reported about the Underground Storage Tanks (UST) at the Triangle property and the finding that the tanks are in both ODOT right-of-way and City property; both entities will be responsible for applications and removal. Fitzpatrick also mentioned the grant(s) available from DEQ and the actions being taken by all involved.

3. Public Art committee – Wallace updated Council of the action and time frame of the mosaic benches. There will be a call out for volunteers to complete the installation of the designs of the students.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Approved this 10th day of July, 2012

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder