

Mosier City Council Meeting 7 pm July 17, 2013-- Mosier Creek Terrace

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Arlene Burns, Steve McKibben, Peny Wallace, Mary Lou Perry

Staff: Barbara Irving, Finance Director/Administrator; Kathy Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

Municipal Judge: Steve Seymour

Absent: Emily Reed (pre-arranged)

Audience: Sheriff Rick, Kristy Beachamp, Shannon Hill, Scott Hege (Wasco County Commissioner), Lauren Goldberg (Columbia River Keepers), Mary Lou Perry

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrea Rogers at 7:05 pm.

Oath of Office: The Mosier Municipal Judge, Steve Seymour, performed the Oath of Office Ceremony to swear in Mary Lou Perry as a new Mosier City Councilor. Mary Lou Perry takes the vacancy left by Kathy Fitzpatrick. The term ends on December 31, 2014. There is still one position open on City Council, which is a vacancy left by Christina LaFever. This term ends on December 31, 2016.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS: The following items were added to the Agenda under Business: Trash receptacles for Totem Plaza and State Rd. Cemetery; Insurance Bond for Recorder; Color printer and backup unit for computer, brush cutter purchase; new project: re-siding City Hall; Wasco County Community Corrections MOU for Community Service Program; Ordering name plates and business cards.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Sheriff Rick Eiesland and Kristy Beachamp, Wasco County Emergency Manager, introduced the Wasco County Emergency Management program to the Council. All incorporated cities within Wasco County are encouraged to participate and resources are shared throughout the County. Local contributions are matched by FEMA funds. Membership in the program would give the City technical assistance in developing and adopting an Emergency Management Plan, access to more federal funding, and access to resources from the County and other cities within the County. The cost of membership is negotiable, and Sheriff Rick said that the City might want to contribute \$500.00 to \$750.00 towards the membership fee. Kristy Beauchamp is a 30/hr week Emergency Manager. The Council asked the Sheriff and Kristy to come back to give a full presentation. The Council was invited to tour the Communications Trailer and Emergency Operations Center Trailers.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council had questions about OLCC Licenses and the 3 options: written recommendation, written request for more time to investigate, or take no action. Barbara explained that OLCC does all of the legwork. If a business doesn't renew their license, the OLCC does not send them one. Bills: Councilor McKibben asked why Barbara didn't use the City Credit Card for the purchases she made and needed to be reimbursed for. Barbara explained that she is only allowed to use the CC for online purchases. Councilor Wallace mentioned that the road going up to the new reservoir is full of concrete bits from the concrete mixer and the new reservoir construction. Barbara will investigate this with John Grim, City Engineer.

Motion by Councilor Wallace to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Councilor Burns. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

BUSINESS:

1. Coal Train Presentation

Lauren Goldberg, Attorney for Columbia Riverkeepers presented a PowerPoint update regarding coal export through the Columbia River Gorge and gave one handout to Council. Columbia Riverkeepers works with water quality—they work to ensure that the Columbia is a fishable and swimmable river for generations to come. The organization has lots of local volunteers. Lauren reminded Councilors that Mosier has taken a strong stand against coal exports. Some coal terminal applications have been taken off the table throughout Oregon and Washington, but some remain

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and there are many in the process and more to come, including the transport of crude oil. The Port of St. Helens is rezoning to allow for new coal terminals. More than 24 communities have formally approved resolutions and statements against shipping coal because of health and public safety concerns. The Morrow Pacific project is in the DEQ comment period right now. The coal would arrive at the Port of Morrow by uncovered train and then go through a silo to be stored and then the coal would be loaded on covered barges. Final destination is the Port of St. Helens to be transferred to ocean going vessels. Total number of barge trips 10,382 roundtrip. In 2010, the total number of barges along the Columbia was 533. The possible new coal barges would represent an increase in the # of barges by 94%. Ambre Energy Corporation is saying right now that the barges would be covered. This would be new technology. The question is whether Ambre will actually use covered barges and how this will be regulated. Once the dock is built and the permits approved, who is responsible for ensuring that the barges are covered? The Governor of Oregon is asking for an area wide analysis, but Army Corps of Engineers is only looking at each application separately. DLS and DEQ are the two State Agencies that could ask for area wide review. Riverkeepers is encouraging municipalities to send comments to these agencies, especially during the DEQ public comment period. Riverkeeper's objective is to protect the Columbia River. Lauren said the most comment activity is coming from cities and ports. This public comment period closes August 12th.

Scott Hege, Wasco County Commissioner, spoke next. Wasco County commissioners took a position last year to support the Morrow Pacific/Ambre Corporation project. There were a number of presentations of concern by citizens and other groups, but the commissioners decided that the concerns were addressed by the covered barges that would keep the coal covered. He mentioned the positive economic benefits for Morrow County. \$242 million dollars of investment in Oregon (Morrow County) and 2100 construction jobs and 1000 operational jobs. Fees paid to both ports: \$850,000 dollars. Moro County would see millions of dollars of revenue per year. Part of the Commissioner's reason to support was to support a partner County. Wasco County would have limited economic impacts. Some people may live in Wasco County and get jobs at the Port. Commissioner Hege said that increasing train traffic would not be a positive impact on Mosier. Shannon Hill asked how recreational users would be impacted with more barge traffic. Arlene asked about combustibility with covering coal. Commissioner Hege has been told that barge traffic generally has dropped and that the overall barge numbers would not increase. Wasco County commissioners do not support any proposals that would increase coal train traffic through Mosier. Councilor Burns asked Scott Hege if he didn't represent Mosier, too? He responded that County commissioners represent the entire county. They won't take positions on the other applications, but did take a position on the Morrow Pacific Project (barging coal) because it was more of a partnership with another County.

Commissioner Hege also wanted to discuss Economic Development in Mosier. Mosier has made a lot of progress over the last 10 years. He said he's seen a lot of success for Mosier over the years, but he's concerned about the seasonal nature of our economic development. He would like to see a more sustainable economy for Mosier and would like to work in his role as county commissioner with Mosier to develop the Mosier Hub. The City of the Dalles is also interested in the positive economic aspects of recreational tourism and especially biking. Commission Hege wants to see more year round jobs to Mosier and the entire county. He wants to help Mosier establish a strong economic base. Maupin has a very seasonal economy also, but they have put investments in their infrastructure—ODOT has funded a lot of their projects. Councilor Burns wondered if the barges were approved, perhaps they could only be approved for winter traffic. Scott does not believe that the barge traffic will impede recreational use of the river. Scott encouraged City Council to come to a Wasco County Commission meeting to share the City's views.

The City Council thanked both Lauren Goldberg and Scott Hege for their presentations.

Mayor Andrea asked the CC if they wanted to participate in DEQs comment period. CC looked over the draft comment that was written from the City's original comment to DEQ.

Motion made by Councilor Burns to Promptly send comments against coal exports to our elected officials and to take a strong stance against coal exports. Motion was seconded by Councilor Wallace. Mary Lou asked about sending personal comments. Barbara said you can represent yourself but not the City Council. Andrea asked if CC had a resolution. Kathy reminded the Council that there had been a discussion, but the CC never approved a resolution. **Councilor Burn's motion passed unanimously.**

Motion made by Councilor Burns that CC send a comment to DEQ regarding coal export and Mosier's position on the Ambre Energy proposal for the Morrow Pacific Project, seconded by Councilor Perry. Andrea read the

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letter that asks DEQ to deny the Ambre Enegy permit application. **Motion passed unanimously.** Barbara asked if we wanted the attorney to review the letter. Andrea said no, the attorney has already reviewed other similar comments.

2. Hazard Trees on 3rd/State Rd.

Barbara said that Jim Appleton, Fire Chief, was concerned about five dead pines on State Rd. Jim wanted the City to remove the trees. Barbara and Kathy toured the City Limits with ODOT to explore a possible partnership hiring a contractor to fall hazard trees. Barbara said she needs to look at the budget to figure out how we will pay for the work. If ODOT's trees are determined to be hazardous, ODOT will partner with the City to hire a contractor. The County wants to be informed of the work so that they can review and approve the traffic plans.

Motion made by Councilor Burns to move ahead with the ODOT partnership to remove Hazardous Trees, seconded by Councilor McKibbens. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of Existing Open Water Ordinance #160

Kathy presented a history of the open water ordinance, which gives Mosier the ability to regulate any activity within the city limits on open waters such as cable parks or cell phone towers or boat moorings. The ordinance and the safety zone were established by City council with the user groups of the Rock Creek City Park and launch area. The Dept. of State Lands does not regulate the Bonneville Pool which is the open waters within Mosier City Limits. Army Corps of Engineers now has a new Nationwide Permit that allows activity such as boat moorings to occur without permits. Councilor McKibben had concerns about more boats applying for permits to moor in the City Limits. Councilor Perry asked about the permit process and the ordinance and whether the CC was contemplating changing the ordinance. Councilors felt that the main issue was that there was no permit application developed yet. Councilor Burns asked Barbara and Kathy to give Shannon Hill an application for a permit as soon as the permit is developed. Barbara said that the office will mail him the application.

4. Water Tank Painting

Councilor Wallace said that she could donate outdoor gallons of paint for this project. Barbara was concerned about who would paint it and how would they get the materials and scaffolding that they needed? Barbara said that John Grim said the City has already spent money on the tank that should have been paid for by the developer. Councilor Wallace asked if it was a safety issue. Councilor Wallace mentioned that Emily described painting a mural as high as a person could reach to paint. Mayor Andrea said that Mike Rockwell is asking the City to pay for the paining of the tank with a color of his choosing. Councilor McKibben said CC has already been advised by staff not to spend money painting the tank at this time. Barbara asked if Mike Rockwell calls and wants to paint the tank, would the council want to approve the color? City Council asked Barbara to send a letter to Mike Rockwell informing him that the CC will not pay for the painting of the tank.

5. Ordering Supplies for City Office:

Barbara talked about the need for an extra back up memory drive for the computer. The office has one but for security reasons, one needs to be kept off site. Storage is 1 terabyte. Cost: \$95.00. Steve McKibben had to leave the meeting at this point at 9:04 pm. Color Printer: Personnel committee talked about the need for a color printer. Kathy and Barbara have to print color flyers at home. There might be a need for color copy service in the community and the City could charge for those copies. Barbara said we do have money in the budget. Perry recommended getting the new model for \$150.00 and then adding the ink system when it is developed for the new model. There was a general consensus to give Barbara the color copier. Barbara presented her research on chairs and quoted a price from Walmart. Councilor Perry asked about prices for chairs that are more ergonomically and better built than those at Walmart. Barbara said that she is trying to set up an account with Staples. Peny said that Staples has good chairs. Barbara said that this expense is in the Budget. Barbara said that Carl is trying to do more research on the air conditioner. Barbara thinks probably \$500.00 will be the cost for the air conditioner/heater. Vacuum Cleaner—Barbara found one for \$47.00 dollars. It could live in the shed.

Motion was made by Councilor Perry to approve the ordering of supplies necessary as discussed above for the City Office, seconded by Councilor Burns. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Barbara said that Carl needs a new brush cutter and that he needs a good one. He will purchase it from Shepherd's. Carl has also looked at the need for siding on the City Hall including the fire department side. His estimate for materials is \$1200-1500. The new Community Corrections Worker Brian Grant is a handyman and could help Carl. Barbara suggested that this is a good time to use the Administration money from the Centennial Project and use it to do this project. Arlene mentioned getting materials from the Rebuildit Center or local builders. Carl has measured and knows how much he needs. This might be an opportunity for Council to choose a different color for the City Office. Barbara suggested plantar boxes in front of the City Hall. Mayor Andrea said the wood planter boxes the

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office had before had deteriorated. Councilor Burns will talk to Matthew or John Bloomster for materials donations. Barbara asked for a decision to move forward so that the office staff could move on the research necessary for the project. Peny thought that it could be under the Centennial Celebrations Donation list.

Motion made by Councilor Wallace to find out more information about the re-siding project for the city Hall and to approve the brush cutter purchase, seconded by Councilor Perry. Councilor Burns added that there would be a more specific material list to research. No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Create a Mosier State Rd. Cemetery Committee

Kathy explained that Peny Kennedy, a volunteer citizen, has been working on the record keeping system for the State Road Cemetery and needs access to the City records. Andrea suggested combining the cemetery committees.

Motion made by Councilor Burns to consolidate the two cemetery committees and to appoint Penny Kennedy as Chairman of the subcommittee of the State Road Cemetery. Councilor Wallace volunteered to be the chair of the Cemetery Committee because Kathy could be a member now but not the Chair of the Cemetery Committee. **Councilor Perry seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.** Council thanks Peny Kennedy for her work.

7. Trash Receptacles Discussion:

Barbara presented her research: \$400.00 for the unit and \$400.00 to ship. Trash cans needed for both the State Rd. Cemetery and the Totem Plaza. Office staff is checking with Hood River to find the person who makes the concrete planter boxes. Councilor Burns was concerned about people dumping their trash into car and household garbage in a receptacle at the Totem Plaza. Mayor Andrea had the same concern. Councilor Wallace said the lid size was really important so that people can't stuff huge bags in it. Councilor Burns mentioned placing a recycle bin, but Councilor Perry reminded Council that the recycle bin in Mosier had to be removed because it was abused. Barbara said that there is enough money in the budget for a trash receptacle. Kathy explained that last summer the Mosier Watershed Council cleaned up the Pocket Park Swimming Hole and developed signs in both Spanish and English that asked people to treat the park with respect.

Motion made by Councilor Wallace to have the office staff research further the Hood River trash fabricator. Barbara asked that Council make a motion in a way that the receptacle could be ordered before the next meeting for the cemetery.

Motion made by Councilor Perry to go ahead with the purchase of the cemetery trash can and try a temporary receptacle at the Totem Plaza, seconded by Councilor Wallace. Motion passed unanimously.

8. MOU with Wasco County Corrections and the City of Mosier.

The MOU outlines the responsibilities of both the City and the Wasco County Corrections. The City will supply safety equipment like goggles and gloves and Wasco County pays for Workers Comp coverage. The Corrections worker is limited in some work details. It is the same MOU used with all cities. Mayor Andrea said the lawyer should look over the MOU before CC approves it.

Motion made by Councilor Wallace to approve signing the MOU contingent on approval by the attorney, seconded by Councilor Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Insurance Bond for Recorder:

Barbara explained that the City must have a bonded staff person for the sewer and water loans. Also, all staff that handles money needs to be bonded. The insurance agent, Mike Courtney, is asking the City to move forward bonding our Finance Director/ Recorder/Administrator (cost is \$225.00).

10. Business Cards:

Barbara suggested creating business cards for councilors and staff. Councilor Burns said they are an important PR tool. Barbara will check on getting 100 for each councilor. Mayor Andrea says she has about 50 left of hers. Councilor Burns suggested Finance/Admin/Recorder title for Barbara during the discussion of which title Barbara should use if she could just pick one. Kathy will also get business cards as City Clerk. Mary Lou needs a name plate. Barbara will reuse the wooden bases for the new plates. Councilor Burns mentioned getting a generic card for the councilors that they would write their names on with City of Mosier email and address and simply Council Member instead of a specific name.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Andrea would like to attend the Oregon Mayors Association Convention in September 23rd and 24th this year .

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The City Council recessed the regular meeting and opened the Executive Session at 10:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: UNDER ORS.192.660(2)(A), 192.660(7) EMPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

The executive session was closed at 10:14 pm and the recessed regular meeting was reconvened.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns to approve that the two city office employees are compensated starting august 1st 2013 on a part time salary based on their current rate of pay and that the health insurance benefits will going into effect on August 1st 2013 with the City paying 90%, seconded by Councilor Wallace. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Andrea agreed that Barbara will work on the paperwork for the health insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Approved August 7, 2013

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Attest: _____

Kathy Fitzpatrick, City Clerk

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