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MINUTES

MOSIER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

I		CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
II		<p>Council: All Council members were in attendance.</p> <p>Staff: City Manager, Colleen Coleman and City Maintenance Associate, Andy Wells.</p> <p>Audience: Mosier resident, Witt Anderson</p>
III		Business from the Audience —Witt Anderson asked that the documents referenced in the agenda be posted to the City’s website at the same time the Council receives them for review, prior to the meeting. Colleen agreed to accommodate his request at the next scheduled meeting.
IV		Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for 11/01/2017. Council Member Gries made the correction that Kayla be added as presenting under staff business. Penny motioned to approve minutes with that correction. Council Member Gries seconded. All approved.
V		BUSINESS
1.		Approval of Mosier City Council Policy Document – Council members had many comments regarding format and content, and asked that subjective idioms such as “lead from the front of the parade” be omitted and replaced with less colloquial terms, such as, “respect your position of leadership—act as a model.” Colleen was not aware that the Council had not seen the document and said she would make the suggested changes to formatting, including adding cover page, page numbers, table of contents, header and footer, and chapter headings, as well as reducing subjective terms before bringing it to Council again.
2.		<p>Staff Report – Andy Wells – Winter Preparedness Needs. Andy reported on several projects underway, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replacement of over 100-meter registers so far, with plans to complete the remainder before snowfall. Penny recommended giving City Hall a record of meter placements for future repair tracking. Mayor Burns suggested using i-phone photos to log placement of the meters. Andy replied that Tenneson Engineering mapped the meters with GPS for Matthew Koerner and said he would file a copy with the City. - Council Member Gries asked about brown water coming through her tap and Andy replied that the fire district had filled up a tanker that day and any large draw such as that typically causes turbidity

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		<p>and discoloration of the water. He said the best thing to do is flush the system regularly to avoid damaging filters. Mayor Burns suggested Andy give the fire district feedback and ask for a warning when flushing fire hydrants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well 2 was tested and found to be heavy in minerals that do not mix well with chlorine. Mayor Burns mentioned Well 2 could be a good source for fire hydrant/access. - Mosier Creek Bridge project is near finished with a water shut down for Mosier Creek Condo residents scheduled for 12/4/17. - Andy asked that the City approve purchase of a four-wheel drive truck. Council member Van Osdol recommended we check with Pacific Power to see if they have a surplus truck. Council member Acasia Berry asked if the Council would authorize a certain amount for the truck, and then approve detailed needs later, once a truck is found. Council member Reed requested a list of specifications for truck size, etc. from Andy Wells before Council votes on truck budge. City manager, Colleen Coleman, mentioned that there are several public/private agency partnership sources to consider for obtaining a truck, including Council member Van Osdol's suggestion of Pacific Power, as well as asking the City of The Dalles and Mosier Fire District before retail or used car dealers and private owners are considered. Colleen and Andy agreed to provide the Council with research on the truck. - There was significant discussion around whether or not to find a truck that has the capability to plow city roads during winter months. Mayor Burns mentioned that the City is not legally obligated to plow the City's roads, however she would like to continue to offer it as a service to our residents. After significant discussion it was determined that the City would follow up on truck needs, but continue with hiring the local plowing professional who lives in Mosier to plow the roads.
3.		<p>City of Mosier Emergency Response Plan – Colleen presented the plan to the Council and said John Grim, City Engineer prepared the 2017 emergency response plan required each year by the State of OR. Council members requested a hard copy for each of them, and Mayor Burns requested an emergency phone/text reference card be made available as a handy way to reach first responders. Council member Reed and Council member Wallace requested that the minutes reflect the Council's great appreciation for the first responders and volunteer firefighters, as well as the Fire District's work.</p>
4.		<p>Approval - Letter of Support to PacifiCorp for Investment in Renewables. Council unanimously approved the City's submission of a letter of support to PacifiCorp to make continued investments in renewable energy sources.</p>

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5.		<p>Announcements –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- City of Mosier Holiday Lights - Council member Wallace requested a discussion on the city’s holiday lights program to determine where to place them and mentioned that she needed to spend some of the City’s budgeted funds for this year’s effort for striping ribbon. Initially the Council discussed putting lights on the businesses, but it was decided that the City should pay for lights only on public property and require the downtown businesses to furnish their own lights. Final decision of was that lights be placed on the City Hall building, on the large conifer in the public right of way behind City Hall.- Main Street Mosier Tree Lighting - Mayor Burns offered to donate lights for Mosier’s Christmas tree. Colleen offered to donate a tree from her property. Discussion continued around the need for a volunteer Santa and inquiry as to the final date and time (which had not been decided yet, but will be December 9th from 5-6pm.- Discussion around the early November car burglaries was initiated and it was mentioned that the police were notified and replied that all cars were left unlocked and asked that citizens be warned. Colleen let the council know that a warning was posted on the website shortly after the incident. Council members continued discussion around past burglaries and the unfortunate need to lock all vehicles and homes in this small, rural town.- Mayor Burns mentioned the passing of Walla Walla Chief Carl Sampson (CTUIR Reservation) and asked that the City send a card with our gratitude for his support of the City during the derailment and our condolences to the family. Colleen agreed to do so and attended the memorial in Pendleton on behalf of the City.
VII	7:50 pm	Adjourn