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MINUTES

MOSIER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 7, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

Mosier Senior Center at 500 Second Ave.

I	CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burns called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
II	<p>Council: All Council members in attendance Staff: City Manager, Colleen Coleman, City Recorder, Jayme Bennett Audience: Rod Runyon, Wasco County Commissioner, Walter Burt, GIS consultant presentation to Council, Marty Mcgee, Mosier, Megan Pingree, Mosier, Scott Hege, Wasco County Commissioner</p>
III	<p>Business from the Audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marty Mcgee, of Mosier, came to speak to Council about pedestrian safety concerns given the road width, stanchions and current parking on the street where 3rd turns into Center Street heading south. The stanchions and rock walls further prevent one car from pulling over on the shoulder to allow for passage of oncoming traffic or create room for pedestrian traffic. - Discussion ensued around available space for parking for local residents near the intersection of Center and 3rd Streets. Council member Wallace mentioned concerns for how quickly cars come down the hill from Center Street heading to 3rd and spoke to the stanchions as possible deterrents from speeding or unsafe driving practices. Also, the parking on the East side of Center Street as your approach 3rd Ave is further restricting visibility and flow of traffic. - City Manager Coleman said she would speak with John Grimm, City Engineer, and come back to Council with a few viable suggestions for improvement.
IV	Council member Gries moved to approve minutes, with noted corrections from 2/21/2018, Council member Wallace seconded, all approved.
V	BUSINESS
1.	<p>Walter Burt, of GSI Water Solutions came to give a presentation to Council and residents of Mosier on the Mosier water resources, and relationship to back-up water for the City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walter Burt has been studying the Mosier water table since 2010 and recently gave a presentation to the Watershed Council, which is available on their website at www.wasco.swcd.org in Power Point format. - Mr. Burt gave an overview of the geological and other existing conditions (Columbia River Basalts) which shape the relationship to the groundwater in the City and groundwater in the watershed, which are naturally divided by the thrust fault. - It was determined the decrease in Psi on the lower Syncline was from heavy use of irrigation. Furthermore, in 1985 the Oregon Water Resources Department found the commingling of domestic wells to be the largest contributing factor to the decline in the water table level for the watershed overall. - Councilor Anderson inquired about the percentage of demand (agriculture vs. domestic); Mr. Burt's response was 80% agricultural, 10% City of Mosier and 10% domestic, outside of City limits. - Mr. Burt shared his extensive knowledge through working with local, regional, and State level resource groups on strategies to alleviate the pressure on the system overall, recharge the water table and prevent further commingling through stabilizing the watershed, increasing the base flow and ensuring any actions taken are viable for the agricultural economy. - Mr. Burt gave the Council a summary of the health and viability of the City wells in Mosier, with the associated water rights. He further explained the steps they have taken to assist the agricultural

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	<p>community in facilitating new well placement on different water tables from the rest of the watershed, as well as assisting domestic wells in properly incasing their commingling wells.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City Manager inquired as to the best way forward for us to ensure we are complying and engaging with the watershed. Mr. Burt suggested attending the SWCD meetings and get to know the water resource entities so they are familiar with our active role in the solutions process and familiar with our unique set of problems.
2.	<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colleen Coleman proposed to make a resolution (2018-01) for the City Budget Officer to be the City Manager, rather than make a motion every year to appoint the officer. City attorney Laura Westmeyer suggested this as the best way forward. Councilor Wallace made a motion to approve, Councilor Berry seconded, all approved.
3.	<p>Mosier Ordinance – Plastic Bag and Styrofoam Ban Public Reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mayor Burns introduced Ordinance #172 (Health 8.65) Restrictions on single use plastic bags and styrofoam with the additional restriction of plastic straws to this ordinance. - The ordinance was read publicly by all members of the council for the first time on March 7, 2018 at 8:26 p.m.
4.	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marc Berry’s Council position was appointed to Witt Anderson, as Mark resigned. The position will expire December 31, 2018. - Penny Wallace’s position on City Council will expire December 31, 2018 - Mayor Burn’s position expires December 31, 2018 - Council member Van Osdol’s position will expire December 31, 2018. - The first day to file with an interest to run for Council is May 30, 2018 and the last day to file is August 28, 2018. - Councilor Van Osdol reported on her attendance of the Mosier School safety meeting with many positive messages about the level of preparedness, and professionalism from Wasco County Sheriff, Lane Magill. He was forthcoming on the importance of the safety of children in schools and the importance of planning and communications. - Councilor Anderson and City Manager spoke with Friends of the Gorge regarding the challenges for the one mile of land between Mosier and The Dalles that currently does not have a trail. Scott Hege suggested getting together with the County and the City of The Dalles regarding similar and aligned interests to see if there is more support to complete the remaining mile. - City Manager mentioned the Mosier Mounds to the Friends of the Gorge to see if it was of interest for preservation; they were unclear if the land was within their mission and suggested approaching the Tribes. Councilor Wallace informed the Council the Warm Springs Tribe representatives visited the site prior to sale and they were not interested at that time. - Councilor Gries informed the City Council that the light on Idaho and 2nd street has been fixed and is no longer a nuisance.
5.	<p>Mayor Burns adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:47 pm.</p>

Approved this 4th day of April, 2018:

Attest:

Mayor Arlene Burns

Jayme Bennett, City Recorder