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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

I	6:30 pm	Call to Order/Roll Call – Mayor Burns	
II	6:32	Agenda corrections or additions	
III	6:35 pm	Business from the Audience - This is for Mosier residents and anyone else to express concerns, needs, or opportunities. Please keep your comments succinct and under two minutes. You may bring in written materials for Committee and Staff to review. The Facilitator can assign the issue to a future Committee meeting, or to an appropriate Committee or staff member. Please realize that we cannot always offer a response immediately but will give the matter due consideration. We encourage the participation of all stakeholders in our community.	5 mins
IV	6:40 pm	Approval of: 03/18/2020 Council Meeting Minutes	5 mins
V		BUSINESS	
1.	6:45 pm	COVID-19 – Updates and Precautions – Mayor Burns	30 mins
4.	7:15 pm	Announcements	5 mins
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VI.	7:20 pm	ADJOURN	

MOSIER CITY COUNCIL MTG MINUTES

March 18, 2020

Phone Conference City of Mosier City Council MTG

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Attendance:

Peny Wallace, Colleen Coleman, John Grim, Jayme Bennett, Arlene Burns, Acacia Berry, Nick Kramer, Scott Hege, Lacy Gries, Charlie Cannon, Laura Weltmeer

Absent excused: Witt Anderson

6:30 call to order

Mayor Burns asks the council about a way we can make greater efforts to communicate better during the Covid-19 pandemic, seeking feedback and suggestions.

Been in contact with the governor four times in 48 hours.

Peny Wallace: Mosier newsletter communication via Suzie Conklin would be an awesome first step.

Mayor Burns: Let's gather relevant links from county, check with Scott H. Refine and distribute. We are under the umbrella of the Wasco County and the State of Oregon, let's follow their protocol, adjust as needed.

Agenda additions or corrections: addition: number 3: declare a state of emergency- pass tonight to enable/empower the staff to respond with level of diligence and eliminate a 2 week wait for permissions, or potential setbacks.

Colleen Coleman: request council members follow facebook page, she has been making announcements with the OHA and county, also the bulletin board, etc.

Mayor Burns: let's direct traffic to the source that the community references the most. Embed that link to any press releases or newsletters. Requests Commissioner Scott Hege send best source of info for us to distribute once they have it completed on their end.

Scott Hege: We are in the process of setting up central command for information and direction for Wasco County, hopefully this will be up and running tomorrow.

Conclusion: Mosier will wait on release of info until Hege communicates with Colleen Coleman.

Charlie Cannon: is there a way to notify residents of statistics and avenues for factual information?

Acacia Berry: can we put this on the agenda and revisit it as a topic for discussion?

Mayor Burns: approval of minutes?

Motion: Peny Wallace

Second: Acacia Berry
Motion passes: 6:52 (18:52)
No opposition

Nick Kraemer: Business I:

OPRD application resolution: pause: Colleen: if we have an audience, we need to read it.

Nick Kramer: describes grant application process. One of the requirements is the City of Mosier pass a resolution in support of seeking funds. Additionally, we are required to dedicate the land as public space, and open parks. Which precludes us from selling to private developer.

This would apply if we were to receive the funds.

Colleen: do you want to cover the scoping for the grant app?

Colleen: this is an effort to combine the Totem Plaza and the HUB to one new park that facilitates restrooms and biking amenities to allow the facilitation of tourism and accommodation of recreation and hospitality.

Grant is for up to 750K - city to match via land value. Caveat is an appraisal. The appraisal requires partition to designate the land. The ORPD is considering an extension of deadline.

Other glitch being expensive environmental reports to state agencies.

Nick possible solution with a lot line adjustment work around.

Peny: nowhere on this application does it mention the Historic State Highway-are we going to coordinate with them?

Colleen: yes, we need a letter of support but it is part of the process, not the resolution.

Jayme: the resolution allows us to seek the funds.

Mayor Burns: deadline: April 1, 2020

Nick: Should I read the resolution and you can vote 2020-21 resolution of the City of Mosier City Council application of OPRD grant: Nick reads ver batem the resolution.

Vote:

First: Peny Wallace makes motion (reads title)

Second: Acasia Berry

Motion passes: 7:04 (19:04)

No opposition

Mayor Burns requests a drawing of potential lot line adjustment.

Charlie Cannon: if it could be included in our match of the 750k if we could allocate a certain amount of that budget for the maintenance and operation of the facility, the expense is already required, perhaps we could consider that as a match.

Colleen Coleman: I will look into that, typically unlikely maintenance is included as a presumptive/future/nonrecoverable cost, but its good thinking Charlie.

Nick exits the call- 7:06 (19:06)

Mayor Burns: Business Item II:

John Grim USDA resolution - water project - quick summary - issuing revenue bonds to fund debt portion of this project, USDA will be purchasing the revenue bonds. One of the requirements is a resolution of compliance of conditions for the revenue bond for the city Mayor Burns: does this make sense to you, and is it something you are aligned with in the best interest of the city?

Grim: yes, it is a specific verbiage USDA requires to move forward in any capacity.

Peny Wallace: this is a normal legal boiler plate document, if John feels it is okay, I am with John. Grim: city attorney has reviewed and has no issue.

Mayor Burns: shall we make a motion or is there discussion?

Charlie Cannon: motion: 7:08 (19:08) - to pass the resolution 2020-02

Peny Wallace: seconds

Motion passes 7:09 (19:09)

No opposition

Mayor Burns: Grim while you are on the phone- anything else you would like to say to council:

Grim: no, thank you all for socially isolating early, stay healthy.

Business Item III: Declaration of emergency for city council:

(Laura Westmeyer City Attorney joins call).

Peny Wallace: can you go over the title?

Laura Westmeyer: On your updated agenda packet - you have a list of the items that might implore consideration of a declaration. Definitions for council consideration etc.

Laura Westmeyer: What is the benefit and why are people doing this? p[practically speaking - temporarily suspends process or rules in place. It might suspend procurement rules, spending limits etc. a ratification would surface later.

Staff can act and react without inconvenience of quorum.

Counties and Cities of Hood River and Wasco (The Dalles City) have declared this already. Having the Emergency Declaration allows providing and receiving services without a formal IGA or agreement. This facilitates putting your city in the best position in the state of an emergency. questions?

Mayor Burns: Colleen and I talked today: one example of a potential concern or decision to be made is a rental of quarantined folks coming to Mosier. People needing to seek shelter from high risk areas- are we risking our community? In this declaration, are we needing to put in place policies or is that draconian?

Laura: where we are with the state and what Governor Brown has in place: currently regulating businesses at this point. Following executive order. Very simple.

Mayor Burns: it is up to every individual to take personal responsibility. No disadvantage of declaring an emergency. Trustworthy confident staff - is there any reason or risk not to?

Laura Westmeyer: I see no reason not to. I would propose today for flexibility and think about what type of actions you want to take as a city, we can talk about after the mtg.

Mayor Burns: I would like to get this in tonight- two weeks from now, I can't guarantee what things will look like. We need the flexibility to move, and convene on short notice. Pass a resolution and reconvene later to refine as needed or for best practice. The best interest of the City

of Mosier is to get compliance initiated tonight with the intent of highest success and best outcome for our citizens.

Colleen: there is a draft resolution in your packet.

Laura: the resolution has the definition, process, actual declaration which declares the city to be in a state of emergency. Section 2 allows City Manager and attorney to prepare a resolution based on this outcome.

Ratified at next mtg.

Mayor Burns: Thank you for this tremendous effort to put this together for tonights mtg.

Peny Wallace: on board

Mayor Burns: full transparency and inclusion of everything, expediency is of paramount. Everyone will be kept abreast. This is a formality and implementation that provides nimble response.

Charlie Cannon asks that we work hard to connect with local communities (surrounding areas) and work together to ensure we are as a large body supporting each other and staying on the same page.

Mayor Burns: bringing it back to the resolution: any comments or concerns:

Laura Westmeyer: if there is anything you want to add once we adopt the resolution - we can add and adopt later.

Pendy reads the motion: Resolution 2020-03 etc

Motion: Acacia Berry

Second: Peny Wallace

Motion passes 7:29 (19:29)

No opposition

Mayor Burns: Thank you Laura, we appreciate your council through this uncharted territory we are navigating and there are a few things we can coordinate with Colleen and our fire dept on helping the more vulnerable.

Newsletter: deadline Friday of resources and refined facts (Hege to Burns and Colleen) - then Colleen to distribute.

Jayme: there is meals on wheels in Mosier now as well.

Burns: Can we do Spanish translation and ensure we are reaching our entire community and vulnerable population?

Acacia Berry: these people from Africa, can we flyer the houses to ensure they have support and access to resources?

Mayor Burns: Let's have city council help deliver flyers

Acacia Berry: this should be a message on access to resources and potential resources.

Colleen: let's get Wasco county command first, then we can do po box and door steps

Burns: we want to also cover staff hours and remote locations etc

Burns: community awareness and consciousness of our neighbors and vulnerable is essential.

Scott Hege: There is a new website launched in Hood River called getreadygorge.com- HR health Dept has great info on it-

Anything else prior to adjourn? N/A

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