



**City of Mosier City Council Meeting  
October 20, 2021  
6:30 PM ZOOM**

**6:30 Mayor Burns calls the meeting to order.**

Attendance: Mayor Burns, Charlie Cannon, Ron Wright, Witt Anderson, Peny Wallace  
Absent Excused: Acasia Berry

Corrections Additions to Agenda - Scott Here providing updates as desired

Business From Audience:  
Kim Kovalich, Grant Smith

Address City Council for anything? No.

Scott Hege: Had a commission mtg today and approval of Google project was agreed - 100m in fees and payments over a 15 year period. Larger picture of many other things to come in and around The Dalles. The agreement is done. They will build eventually; we don't know the timing.

COVID-19: Wasco County has not been declining with the State of Oregon. We are at around 100 cases per week. We are still messaging for people to get the vaccine, take it seriously, be aware. Vaccination rate for Wasco County 70% (depending on inclusion of young people or not). Herd immunity should be met by (projection) after first of year.

ICU beds are full in the district (HR and TD) - number varies from day to day and we have such a small number of beds.

Mayor inquires if cases can be quantified by zip code. Mosier has one of the highest vaccine rates in the county. If not the highest.

**Motion for approval of the Minutes from 09/22/2021**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Peny Wallace**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Charlie Cannon**

**Motion for approval of the Minutes from 10/06/2021**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Ron Wright**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Witt Anderson**

**All in, no opposition, motion passes 6:39**

**Business Item I: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): John Grim**

Achieved 2.5m grant for the design work to RH2

Basically, here for the proposal to amend contract for construction services -

Proposal includes designing all improvements in the facilities plan, subsurface discharge outfall, nutrient removal improvements, restroom design at treatment plant itself - the effluent quality will be improved. We feel this organic process, which doesn't require power, or structural use will bring great benefits, with a low footprint.

226,530 fee schedule is to 60% by May 2022 which is a big push. This will ensure the project is ready sufficiently for the New Market Tax Credit Funding.

**Motion to approve contract and authorized City Manager to sign the contract.**

Discussion:

Mayor Burns very excited, as is DEQ about not having any discharge to the Columbia River.

Our understanding is our projects will not be restricted from this financing opportunity- this moves our updates up - easy grant money compared to USDA red tape nightmare.

Ron- can the cost of restroom be itemized before moving forward?

Essential - financing is important and the restroom is important for the community - we can classify it differently as needed.

**Motion for authorization of City Manager to sign the contract for RH2 Engineering as presented by John Grim tonight.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Witt Anderson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Penny Wallace**

**All in favor, no opposition, motion passes 6:49**

**Project Updates:**

**Third Ave. Sidewalk: John Grim**

90% done – punch list is done, small items outstanding, lots of comments on the drive through mailbox - some pro and some not.

Main piece of work left to do is landscaping the drainage swale – Main Street Mosier is doing that as volunteers - city buying materials. Currently just dirt - erosion control will come along with clean up in parking lot below the library.

Mayor Burns - what about the connectivity of the new pavement to the old pavement -

JG: The tack coat on the seam was missing, but the transition is smooth now.

Mayor Burns: From Post Office to City Hall: Little bits here and there of various materials, it can be confusing with the different mix of finishes.

JG: The drive through apron over the sidewalk was very complex and challenging - Crestline built what we designed. Limited in access and parking, and the drive thru area will be better once it is cleaned up and planted.

Colleen: Postmaster will assist us in moving the box as appropriate with the Legion Hall request. We will work moving forward to figure it out the best solution for the community and stakeholders. USPS wants to ensure the public has that drive thru access. Or somewhere near there as appropriate.

John Grim: Rock Creek Park gate arrived today. West side pump station started last week - excavation for the building done already.

As city council - we are going to do another section from 3rd to Brenna's - we are doing pieces at a time as we can afford to do it.

EV Charging Station: Finalized site to far East as possible. Appears to be potential conflict with Mosier Center Fire apparatus driveway if it got rotated - ie: If ODOT says no backing up fire trucks, for example - avoid conflict by relocation. Civil site work is almost done, and the electrical diagram is about 50% Katie is working on the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which is the land use approach - ready to bid in the spring no problem.

Witt: Oregon E-bikes offered to provide the chargers for the bikes, so I want to make sure in your design that we have plugs and chargers to house them so some people have the ability to stop in and charge up - Jody will go to manufacturers and get us our connectors.

Grim- Stop sign will be repaired and replaced on Third Ave Sidewalk- it is back up with the free right turn, but too low currently.

Peny- 15 MPH on 5th street sign?

Grim and Carl have them and are locating specifics tomorrow on a site walk - Bottom of Blanchard and around the stanchions on the straight away - maybe near there.

That straight away is where they race up the hill.

I almost got hit a couple nights ago and I was coming down and they were coming up fast. And you must put yourself out there to even see if there is a car coming around - he wasn't expecting me.

Witt: Well number 5 cultural resources - any news? Going smooth?

Grim: Yes, going slow, phase 2 archaeology work hasn't started yet, will coordinate with RH2 and the firm they are using to do the work to is quite busy at present. I will follow up and get back.

Quin Clarkson: Shallow well, sedimentary, not in basalt - not surprising as that is seasonal - lucky when we did well number 4 - they got a backup water option to their house and they are feeling really good about the water project right now.

Kudos from Mayor on the multitude of projects. Lots of hard work.

JUF Funding update: Sadly, we got the news we are not getting the federal 1.5 million we were asking for. We were confident. It never got out of the committee so Merkley couldn't go to bat for it.

JUF MTG next week so we can discuss a strategy that is based on reality.

5m or 5.5m project is the goal. We and the Fire Dist. will need to look to hone down to essentials and the city has been heading this project and very involved - the biggest need for the community is the community center part of the building - not the city part.

Jill and colleen meet Monday morning at 9 to review restricted funding and ensure it is allocating properly for financial reporting.

Winter Schedules: Peny: Out of state and in Baja January and February, and part of November - always available for ZOOM.

Grim: End of Dec and early Jan - gone 28 days in march  
Ron Wright- no plans at the moment  
Jayme Bennet – no plans (moving next week)  
Charlie Cannon- work sched can be hectic - but otherwise here.

Request for agenda items - Suzie Conklin Newsletter?

Winter hours - dark early - shifting to 6 pm mtgs? Discuss at following meeting.

If staff tells us we get to skip - then we skip the assumption is a mtg first and third mtg.

Financial reports to be re-distributed in a simplified format at the following meeting once there is ample access to the software programs and coordination.

More public outreach on projects and signage and community communications will be implemented.

**Adjourn: 8:15**