



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday May 19, 2021 6:30 P.M.

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6:30 Call to Order Mayor Burn

Mayor Burns, Peny Wallace, Ron Wright, Charlie Cannon, Witt Anderson, Acasia Berry

Absent (excused): Greg Valitchka

City Staff: Laura Westmeyer, John Grim, Katie Skakel, Jayme Bennett

Agenda Corrections or Additions: 2020-03 Amending the date of declaration of State of Emergency:

Addition to the agenda after John Grim City Engineer Project Management Status (IV)

Addition to the agenda: A policy for tree preservation after Rock Creek Restoration (V)

Business from the Audience: N/A

Approval from 05/05/2021 Minutes: Spelling (Froehlich), Berry, Ron Wright was absent (excused)

Wording: Acasia Berry "requests financial report" at the next budget meeting. "not would like"

Motion to approve Minutes of 05/05/2021 with the above-mentioned corrections:

1st: Peny Wallace

2nd: Acasia Berry

All in, no opposition, motion passes 6:35

I. Budget Officer Appointment for Fiscal Year will be City Manager (Laura Westmeyer)

Motion:

1st Witt Anderson

2nd Ron Wright

Resolution 2021-07

II. (Katie Skakel FEMA Grant)

Hazard mitigation plan for FEMA funding. Cities require a natural hazard mitigation plan to participate. There are grants available due to the fire last summer. Mosier did not have the capacity to participate previously is my understanding.

10k is our match (staff time, in kind) with the 40k request from FEMA – Due may 28th

Mayor Burns is excited we have the natural hazard superstar Katie Skakel!

Witt Anderson: If we get the 30k grant - is the 10k match entire staff time? Is this is a one-year project, and if so, can it be completed within the year? No matter what award money we get, are you able to scope to that budget? Are we obligating funds from our budget for this plan? Are you comfortable we can do it for 40K?

Katie Skakel: I have reviewed the budget, talked with FEMA and it is comparable to other plans. I have written other plans, we will have it budgeted, there will be the in-kind amount/staff time from the City of Mosier. I am still tweaking the numbers and will look at the cost.

Mayor Burns: Anyone want to make a motion?

Peny Wallace makes a motion for Resolution 2021-08 Authorizing a Grant Request for FEMA – and Committing City Funds

2nd Greg Valitchka

All in, no opposition, motion passes 7:05

Mayor Burns: Could we integrate the tree issue as a way of keeping shade/water/etc in the city limits (referencing the natural hazard mitigation plan)?

Katie Skakel mentioned the trees the beavers took down as something we should ensure the watershed is aware of. The wildfire terrain shows we have wildland urban interface – trees are not the enemy – we need to make it a piece of the conversation for sure. We are going farther and getting our resiliency efforts dialed, this is a piece of it.

Mayor Burns: Could we have an ordinance that protects these trees?

Katie Skakel: Plenty of Cities have programs, I would work with Laura to come up with the proper language to protect as many as we could.

Charlie Cannon: Mentions a book: Fining Mother Tree – the largest tree within a group of trees protecting other trees (reference NPR).

The Intelligent Tree is another reference – I am worried of phase 4 and 5 Tanawashee – What can we do to preserve the right balance or the right number of trees?

Mayor Burns: Talked to Scott Hege regarding the logging – relative humidity is used as a factor, not wind.

Katie Skakel: Glad we brought this up, Acasia – is this what you were talking about? We are heading into the budget; can we accommodate this?

Katie Skakel is going to the watershed to talk about the removal of trees from the creek bed/bank/creek. Someone removed the fallen trees which provide shade, and embankment stabilization etc.

John Grim: It is a violation of riparian protection and they should be contacted or fined.

II: John Grim Project Status with City Manager (Colleen) hand off:

RV Charging Station – I requested the project engineer hand us documents we can bid- I will oversee but not have to be overly hands on.

Mayor Burns: Deadline for project completion: May 2022

Mayor Burns has a material she is curious about the AAC – the bathrooms – low hanging fruit.

Park Gate: Grim: How do you get a day pass for this and pay for it?

Acasia raises the idea that single use plastic is not appropriate for the City of Mosier.

Parks Committee will report back to council on the passes and the gate options with Grim.

State of Emergency extended to be allowed to receive the funds to be able to replace the loss of revenue due to COVID-19 – because we haven't received the funds, we wanted to extend it. August 4th is the addendum.

Witt reads Addendum No. 06 to the Resolution 2020-03 Adoption of the New Date Declaring State of Emergency.

2nd Charlie Cannon

All in, no opposition, motion passes 7:20

Mayor Burns: RCP Restoration

Site work, start to really think about what we should do outside of the gate, and think about parking (short and long term), thoughtful about ingress and egress, and the full restoration environmentally.

The other great news is we were able to communicate on the Federal application that we do have 1.6m on the project, which takes us a lot further along. The Mosier Community School and the Fire Board have passed resolutions as well. That was a miraculous week.

Witt wants to make sure we are committed to the same outcome as the community. The restoration, the environment, and the trees- make sure we have enough money withheld to ensure the park is restored. Maybe consider the size of the parking and the size of the park.

Katie Skakel asked about the State Park IGA option for restrooms, patrolling and potentially assistance with capacity calculations?

Acasia on the Tree discussion – super happy everyone had a positive reaction to this when I brought it up – also happy we have staff here tonight. I clearly recall being required to keep trees over 10” and it was reassuring to me. Is there something we can adopt to preserve some trees going forward sooner than later?

Ron Wright reminds everyone there is a balance with trees and wildfire and defensible space.

Katie Skakel maybe worth it for the city as we go through the Natural Hazard Plan – do we want to be a fire wise community? What can you retain for shade? Heat? You do not go after one hazard; you find a balance.

Acasia agrees with a balance.

Peny asked about modeling a tree ordinance for tree preservation.

Laura gave clear direction on a way forward with policy.

Jayne gave brief update on audit (continues to provide samples, which are reviewed, and additional requests are made, then samples are provided until they feel they have obtained enough) – ensuring management conference is scheduled with Colleen directly (after her return).

Acasia wants it to reflect in the minutes (audit inquiry and signature proposal for oversight on large expenditures).

Adjourn: 8:05

