



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday June 23, 2021 6:30 P.M.

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2021

Mayor Burns calls to order 6:30

Mayor Burns, Witt Anderson, Penny Wallace, Ron Wright, Greg Valitchka

Absent Excused: Acasia Berry, Charlie Cannon

Staff: Colleen Coleman City Manager, Jayme Bennett City Recorder

Consent Agenda:

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Addition: Move the Rock Creek Park agenda item to the top so Kris McNall can participate earlier in the meeting. Addition: Ron Wright would like to add an audit update to the agenda after the budget performance discussion. Move the Mosier Center update before the rafting. Addition: Witt Anderson would like to add the staff and office hours before rafting.

Business from the Audience: N/A

Approval of the May 11, 2021, MTG Minutes:

Peny Wallace makes a motion of approval of the May 11, 2021, Mosier City Council Meeting Minutes.

2nd: Greg Valitchka

All in favor, no opposition, motion passes 6:35

Approval of the May 12, 2021, MTG Minutes with the following corrections: Clarification of the tire berm rebuild is the removal of the tires and the berm being replaced – this will also release around \$6,000 that is being held in a COD for the DEQ.

Ron Wright makes a motion of approval of the May 11, 2021 Mosier City Council Meeting Minutes.

2nd: Peny Wallace

All in favor, no opposition, motion passes 6:36

Approval of the June 09, 2021, MTG Minutes:

Greg Valitchka makes a motion to approve the June 09, 2021 Mosier City Council Meeting Minutes.

2nd: Witt Anderson

All in favor, no opposition, motion passes 6:37

Business Item I:

The I-bolt on the lock and door on the mailbox is working, as it is preventing the removal of the envelopes from the small opening.

Jayme will stash envelopes and pens in the mailbox for restocking, and when Carl returns, he will check daily as well.

2 proposals for the gate for equipment and install:

First thought was we will buy the equipment and install it with the loop (automatic lifting for exit), with a card reader and a token machine, (online vendor): 5k (roughly). Challenge is professional installation, programming, and technical aspects.

John Grim is checking with an electrical contractor that works with this type of equipment.

Other option is card pass and token system: 18-20k with full install - few minor differences.

Casual bottom line, 10k for install.

Credit card reader for 10k additional, more work to be done, in all 3 cases, we need underground power and ethernet ran to the location - that's another piece of this.

Mayor Burns: Keep in mind with trenching not to place near the new restroom.

Ron Wright: Where is the funding for this coming from?

Colleen: Annually we achieve 4k-5k for passes, we have 200k set aside for park improvements for the UP derailment. Possibly SDC funds over time could be utilized for this as well.

Additionally, there is replacement of loss of revenue for the COVID funding if the lack of collections last year is too heavy of an impact.

Kris McNall would like to comment: She understands people can park outside of the gate - and because of the intensive gear required for windsurfing it is difficult to park outside of the gate. There are several people not going because of the fee. There is a 35.00 annual state park pass - the bigger issue is a spiral of destroying the Cheers of beaches. It's pricing it to a point that don't want to or can't pay it because of the fee.

It doesn't work for windsurfers, and we don't want to destroy community with this pricing.

Also, did you all get Wilton's email?

Colleen got it and she and Witt both responded. Kris would urge you to consider having a local discount. Or not charge as much for it.

Example given Bridge of the Gods did it for 5 counties.

Mayor Burns: the City of Mosier and all we do for that park are tied to the residents within the city limits, as it is their tax dollars funding the park expense. It was 15.00 for too many years. The gate is going to make things more efficient, and easy on everyone, it is not an exclusive thing. For our community it is important to be responsible with the funding and conscious of the access. We will have a program for the discount and alternatives. This gate is something that addresses multiple issues.

Linda (Kris's friend) would like to know of the vandalism and has not heard anything.

The police reports have all the information.

Peny wants to show the information at the park so folks can see it – Jayme will pull this information together.

Witt would like to remind folks the number one principal is covering cost and the corollary is that- is it right the city to cover 100% of the cost for non-city people using the parks? We must be true to the citizens we represent.

Maybe its \$38.00 and maybe its \$64.00 – maybe we review it all and remind ourselves Wilton wanted tree limbs cut that might fall on his vehicle while parked there, and we did that at the expense of \$1,500.00

Ledger matching the fee concerns are legit. Are you on board that we need to cover our costs? Or do you feel we need to subsidize it as a city? Principals do we base this on?

Kris: Historically – it was just rocks and no improvements; one presumes the costs are lower. On the one hand, I agree with you, on the other, I am not convinced that the users that need to drive in there are only windsurfers. No cost should be put on the backs of one class of users.

Jayne reminds the council that the rate study is in place, and parks is part of this effort.

Peny suggests signs posted that assist in informing the public better. Jayme agrees the outreach efforts were not best practice and will work to improve educational efforts and transparency.

Business Item II:

RESOLUTION #2021-08- ADOPTING THE BUDGET \$6,812,291

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Mosier hereby adopts the Budget as approved by the Budget Committee for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$6,812,291 now on file at the office of the City Manager.

Peny Wallace makes above motion.

2nd: Ron Wright

All in, no opposition, motion passes 7:23 pm

RESOLUTION #2021-09- LEVYING TAXES & CATEGORIZING LEVY

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Mosier hereby imposes the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$1.4128 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations; and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the district.

Greg Valitchka makes above motion.

2nd: Peny Wallace

All in motion passes no opposition 7:27 pm

Ron Wright – regarding the purpose of an audit - going on faith - learning what we can when we can on this process. Ron Wright is concerned the audit is not finished.

JUF MTG: Deadlines met with submittals for state level which could result in additional 1.5m – could know by Friday.

Tomorrow evening is a private fundraising dinner and Bennett and Andrew are graciously hosting.

Schematics and documents are progressing - we need the Fed and State money to get this over the finish line for community support.

Office hours 10-2 M-TH (transitioning from closure to public after the 4th of July Holiday).

Jayne doodle pole rafting (starting with Witt given his volunteer commitments).

Alternatives proposed:

Peny has a double canoe that is safe and not tippable and takes 12 people – if we are open for things like this.

They have all the things they need to offer this alternative that would be less rigorous or even closer to home. Peny also wants to share a couple week ago she was walking down 5th street, and there are folks that want a speed sign on the corner (by Joe Wyatt's) - no speed bump – and cars are speeding.

Colleen spoke with John Grim regarding this issue and he is looking it up and she will find out what to do and post the signs.

Colleen asked ODOT to turn downtown into a Business District to make it 20 MPH

It is on the agenda and being reviewed.

Adjourn 8:33