

City of Mosier City Council Meeting Minutes June 7, 2023

Mosier Valley Senior Center 500 East 2nd Street, Mosier OR 97040

ZOOM ALSO

Attendance – (Mayor) Witt Anderson, Acasia Berry, (Council President) Brenna Campbell, Charlie Cannon, Bill Grater

John Grim, Scott Hege, Sheriff Magill, Jayme Bennett, Chris Longinetti

Ron Wright: Absent Excused

Call to order 630

Minutes: Approval of May 17th MTG MINS

Minutes: Motion to approve: Acasia Berry

2nd Brenna Campbell

All in – motion passes, no opposition

6:36 PM

Public: Charlie Cannon: Can we inquire into the low jet flying drills and try and provide notice in some manner being mindful of our Veterans and the trauma it causes with the drills?

Commissioner Hege lets the Mosier City Council and Staff know that the Wasco County Commissioners approved the purchase of a building for administrative services downtown The Dalles, and is pleased to share this progress.

Business Item I

Cindy Walbridge (Contract Planner for the Department of Land Development and Conservation District (DLCD) Grant)) presents the DLCD Comprehensive Plan Update work from the many years past of the former planning efforts and requires a legislative process to memorialize the documentation. This public meeting is one of the outreach efforts to update the community on the efforts.

The City of Mosier is committed to working closely with the county, state and local entities to improve our administrative process internally to keep up with the rapid growth of the region and city. This is a legislative process that requires fillings with the county and state. sunflower@gorge.net is the email to use with questions or comments. (Materials available at City of Mosier and provided at the council meeting).

Information is provided via newspaper, email lists, website and Main Street Mosier as appropriate. Bring questions or comments to the June 21st meeting – reference to materials available next week.

Business Item II

Amendment to the agreement for Operations and Maintenance of the water and sewer system, with Jacob's (formally CH2MHill, formally OMNI). This year's inflationary adjustment reflects roughly –

3.7% sewer and 6.2% water contract increase –

MOTION: Adopt Amendment No 15 to the agreement from 2008 for Operations and Maintenance of the Water and Wastewater System

Charlie Cannon makes motion as stated above

2nd Bill Grater

All in, motion passes, no opposition

6:56 PM

Business Item III – Backup Well Project – Well No 5

John Grim presents staff report and recommendation of award for gap financing of the water project: Current financing is 1.42m and cash of 263k match originally 100k 55% loan and 45% grant (originally). USDA is looking for completion in 2023 and considerable progress in Sept. Surplus of land has provided some of the funding for the overages. The loan will result in a 10/month rate increase if not paid off through other avenues.

Witt Anderson states again the directive from staff to council was emphatic EVERY SYSTEM HAS A BACK UP WELL –the historical documentation is public record and available upon request.

We are requesting a motion and Resolution to pursue a backup loan option for the short-term funding necessary to move United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding forward to allow for the subconsultants to proceed with their bid from several months ago.

Staff will review all alternatives and report back.

Motion: Brenna Campbell *Amended to reflect PURSUE financing-

2nd: Bill Grater

All in, Motion passes, no opposition

Business Item IV – 90 Day Workload - Bennett

Limited office hours, public works position concerns, flex Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for public works being sought, 45 days – identify the next step and clarify time and responsibilities with community expectations and level of service to meet the community standards. Presents allocation of time and Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) calculations outside of projects.

We just identified 15 hours of work to be done in the next 2 weeks on the water project – This is administratively incrementally burdensome.

Witt agrees that the workload is overwhelming –

We have to right size our help and do it in a smart way.

The needs during budget month are different than the fall, project loads and so on.

Other Updates and Notices:

Joe from the regional office is supposed to call Witt regarding the USPS

And Dan Marhr update on a negotiation on The USPS –

June 21st MTGS 5:00 (Budget Presentation) and 630 Regular Council MTG for Short Term Rental Presentation for new council members etc

June 28th for brief budget adoption or for another budget meeting if budget is not satisfactory.

July 19th follow up on meeting schedule. (July 5th is the first Wednesday and therefore not likely to be attended).

Starting in August City of Mosier City Council will convene once a month (first Wednesday) and reserve the second meeting (Third Wednesday) for Public Hearing process only as needed.

Adjourned 8:30