

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF
January 22, 2018
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Stephen Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Russ Brown, Taner Elliott, Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Planning Director Steve Harris, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Engineer Dale McCabe, Senior Planner Dawn Hert, Airport Manager Chuck Covert

Number of people present: 30

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman, all Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lawrence invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Brown to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Tourism Report – Lisa Farquharson, CEO Chamber of Commerce

Chamber President/CEO Lisa Farquharson presented a report on tourism in the first and second quarter of fiscal year 2017-18. (Report Attached)

She noted that website hits and walk ins were down due to the fire in the Gorge in September.

Historic Landmarks Annual Report – Dawn Hert, Senior Planner

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report.

She introduced the members of the Commission that were in attendance. She noted it was time to review Historic Landmarks ordinance and update as necessary.

Hert said she heard a presentation from the City of Canby on a program they are using to engage the youth in their community. She said she would provide the information to the Council.

Councilor Long- Curtiss asked about a secession plan for members of the Commission. Hert said volunteers weren't easy to come by. She said there were education requirements for all members of the Commission.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

John Nelson, 524 West Third Place said he wanted to make sure the walkability of the Historic District stayed in front of the Council. He said there were areas that were deteriorating. He said it was important to keep up the landscaping and sidewalks.

John Fredrick, 614 West Seventh Place thanked local law enforcement for the work they do. He said the Sheriff, The Dalles Police Department and the State Police all do a good job keeping us safe.

Mark Linebarger, 324 East Fourteenth said the last two times he spoke before Council he felt like an outsider. He had hoped more members of the Council would have reached out to talk to him. He asked Council to listen to those who come before them and reach out to them for further

conversations.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger reported the wooden retaining wall at the Anderson House was deteriorating. She said they had asked Public Works to assist with the repair. Public Works would assist as needed.

Public Works Director Anderson said another entity might be able to assist with the repair of the retaining wall.

Krueger reported that the City Clerk was working with Open.Media Foundation on a grant for livestreaming. She said the case study would be at no cost to the City and a sound system would also be part of the program.

City Clerk Grossman said that part of the case study was tracking engagement.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Parker said he was working with Finance Director Wilson and Public Works Director Anderson on the bond. He said the closing date was targeted for February 5. He said they were hoping to lock in the current interest rate of 2.67%.

Parker said the sale of one of the surplus properties had been completed. He said he anticipated the other three property sales would close in three weeks.

He said the DDA for the Tony's building was coming together.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Darcy Long-Curtiss reported on:

- Volunteering at the Veteran's Center, she encouraged everyone to volunteer if possible
- Met with Public Health regarding new smokeless tobacco devices that look like a USP drive; she asked them to come make a presentation to Council
- Urban Renewal Agency –She thanked Finance Director Wilson for detailing the budget for the board
- Attended the Honored Citizen Banquet, well attended, nice event
- Met with Eric Gleason regarding the Gitchell Building
- Attended Benchmark Work Session

- ARK Bingo

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Attended Historic Landmark Commission meeting
- Attended Blue Zone meeting. Signed the planning document as a private citizen
- Met with Police Chief Ashmore – impressed with the efficiency and responsiveness
- Met with Mr. Linebarger – good conversation
- March 24 Open House at Airport
- Attended Benchmark meeting

Councilor Miller reported:

- Urban Renewal Agency
- Sister City Association – Paint Nite fund raiser in March; 30th Anniversary – Mayor of Miyoshi coming to The Dalles; fund raising for a bench and cherry tree

Councilor Elliot reported:

- Urban Renewal Meeting – lots of details; looking forward to DDA for Tony’s building

Mayor Lawrence reported:

- Mid Columbia Council of Governments transition; State taking over permitting for a time, will be housed at Wasco County Planning Department
- Mid Columbia Economic Development District took on the transportation – already applying for bus shelter grants; passed a new drug and alcohol policy for drivers; working on deviated fixed route
- Met with consultant who wants to help with implementing the Transportation Plan

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Long-Curtiss to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved by Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of January 8, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting Minute.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing Testimony Regarding Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/18

Mayor Lawrence opened the public hearing.

Finance Director Wilson reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Elliott to Adopt Resolution No. 18-003 Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures within Various Funds of the City of The Dalles Adopted Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTION

Contract No. 2017-006 Gitchell Building proposal

Assistant to the City Manager Klebes reviewed the staff report. Klebes read a letter he received. (attached).

After some discussion of the options, if parking would be available and various opinions of the condition of the building, it was the consensus of the Council to have staff contact Union Pacific and to research liability risks to the City if a nonprofit owned the building and the City remained owners of the property.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 18-004 Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts Between Departments and Categories of the General Fund of the City of The Dalles Adopted Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Finance Director Wilson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Elliott and seconded by Long-Curtiss to adopt Resolution No. 18-004 Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts Between Departments and Categories of the General Fund of the City of The Dalles Adopted Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Opportunity to Permit, Design and Construct Aquifer Storage and Recovery System utilizing Private Funding

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.


It was moved by Long- Curtiss and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize staff to negotiate a development agreement with Design LLC to permit, design, construct, and start-up infrastructure improvements necessary to implement an Aquifer Storage and Recovery system utilizing a progressive design-build contracting method. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, City Clerk