## BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL- WORKSHOP MINUTES— MAY 23, 2023 BOARDMAN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA ZOOM

Council President Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Councilors Present:

Heather Baumgartner, Cristina Cuevas, Karen Pettigrew, Brenda Profitt,

and Richard Rockwell

Councilors Absent:

Paul Keefer - Excused and Isaac Williams - Unexcused

Staff:

Rick Stokoe- City Manager Pro Tem, Marta Barajas-Finance Director,

Loren Dieter-Interim Police Chief

Audience:

**Brandon Hammond** 

## **WORKSHOP PLANNING SESSION**

## North Boardman Urban Renewal District

Councilor Pettigrew has been working with an urban renewal consultant, Elaine Howard, who she would like the council to meet with soon to consider a new urban renewal district on the north side of the freeway. The proposed boundary includes a portion of cemetery-owned property and along Front Street which needs curbs and sidewalks and cleaned up. Everything in the plan will not be accomplished, however you must include everything you might do as a guideline. The proposed boundary is a large area and does not include property already developed. North Main Street cannot be repaired using urban renewal, as it is only for new streets.

The process involved in creating a new urban renewal district includes a lot of time dealing with money issues because it involves tax dollars. The city will hold a couple public meetings regarding the proposed district. Councilor Pettigrew would like to get the district formed by October.

The special districts involved will have to be talked to. They include Morrow County, Morrow County Health District, Port of Morrow, Boardman Fire Department, Riverview Cemetery, Boardman Park, Morrow County Unified Recreation District, North Morrow Vector Control, Oregon Trail Library District and Blue Mountain Community College.

Councilor Pettigrew may want time on the June agenda to meet with the consultant to further discuss the issue.

There were questions regarding the proposed district boundaries. The council will further discuss the properties they would like to see included in the district.

Councilor Pettigrew would like to get the district formed sooner than later as the BCDA will be building an incubator building within the proposed district and soon could be on the tax rolls.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

Paul Keefer - Mayor

Jackie McCauley – Acting Recorder