

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chet Phillips at 7:00 p.m. and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken:

Council members: Chet Phillips, Christie Perry, Randy Yates, Jerry Johnson, Jill Pambrun, LaVern Gertlar, and Steve Doherty  
Staff: Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, and Jackie McCauley  
Audience: RHS Students: Aaron VanGorder, Levi Kauffman, Jason Dolar, and Cassie Rogelstad. Brenda Rogelstad, Armando Rodrigues, and Jim Magoteaux

Councilor Gertlar moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 7, 2009 as presented. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilor Pambrun moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on April 3, 2009 as presented. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Planning Commissioner Appointment

City Manager Pettigrew explained that the Planning Commission had received a Commissioner Letter of Interest from Steve Taylor. He has an interest in development in the City, is willing to serve, and has lived in Boardman over a year. Mayor Phillips had known Mr. Taylor and felt that he would make a good candidate. The Planning Commission has recommended that Mr. Taylor be appointed by the Council. Councilor Perry moved to appoint Mr. Steven Taylor to the Planning Commission for position #2 for the term ending Dec. 31, 2011. Councilor Pambrun seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### Macarios Liquor License

Mayor Phillips recognized Mr. Armando Rodriguez from the audience. Mr. Rodriguez is the owner of Macarios Mexican Restaurant in Hermiston. He has been in business for 18 years. He felt operating this restaurant in Boardman would be an opportunity to expand his business. Councilor Yates asked if there had been any alcohol related problems with his business in Hermiston, and there had not. This liquor license is applied for as an individual. Councilor Doherty moved to approve the Liquor License application for Armando Rodriguez doing business as Macarios Mexican Restaurant. Councilor Perry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### System Development Charges-Baker

Mr. Harold Baker was not in attendance. The SDC's reduction will be addressed at another time.

## **REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION**

### Youth Advisory

Representatives were unable to attend due to school activities. Cassie Rogelstad had attended the Prom and gave the Council an account of the activity: Bernice Chavez was homecoming queen and Juan Munoz-Arros was Homecoming King. Mayor Phillips congratulated the RHS Students for being able to work out the Prom problems so that they could proceed with the

Prom activity. Tillicum Club had provided an opportunity to show the Prom dresses and tuxedo from the Prom plus many other style show type activities. It had been a great event.

#### City Manager

Mr. Ed Glenn, previous Mayor, had informed City Manager Pettigew that the Amicus Brief had had a positive outcome from Public Entities. The resolve had been that private contractors providing contracted services for Public Entities would be solely responsible for legal responsibilities not the Public Entity.

There has been a request from a citizen to allow chickens for pets inside the City Limits. As of now chickens are not allowed. City Manager Pettigrew asked this person to come to a future meeting to discuss this with the Council. There has been a new movement to grow your own chickens, eggs, and rabbits in the cities, so we will need to address this item sometime in the future. There was also a discussion regarding riding horse on the streets and sidewalks. The main concern was safety and manure on the sidewalks. At this time horses are allowed when used for transportation.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> Rep. Greg Smith and Senator David Nelson will be at the Pendleton Armory from 10-12 for public comments regarding funding for the State 2009-2011 Biennium Budget. Rep Smith will be discussing "Budgeting 101" in Lone on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There were several Upcoming Events: 4/28-Budget Meeting, 5/2-Cinco de Mayo, 5/13-City County Port Dinner Meeting, 5/16-Boardman Community Clean-up.

#### Council Members

Councilor Doherty expressed concerns regarding the sale of City property at Tower Road to Love's Travel Center. He stated, he didn't understand that the excise tax in that area would not be assessed on food and gas nor would it be assessed until a racetrack is developed. At this point he feels that the City should not help them in any way to get through the process to get their project completed.

Mr. Jim Magoteaux of MJ's Motel asked to be recognized. Mayor Phillips recognized his request. He explained that he had been in the process of getting a Subway Franchise in Boardman, but he had not gone through with it. He felt that he could not compete with Love's when their project was completed. Mr. Magoteaux felt that the City made a bad choice in selling the property which will hurt the City.

There was a discussion regarding the Public Hearings that were held regarding the sale of part of the Tower Road property. There had been several hearings. No one attended the hearings nor made written comment during the process.

Councilor Gertlar said that he had concerns about reduction in fund raising for the Boardman Senior Center at the Rest Stop west of town. The Love's Country Stores Representative, Kym Van Dyke, initially said his company would help. But at the next meeting Mr. Van Dyke told Mr. Gertlar they wouldn't, so he is still concerned.

Councilor Perry thought that Love's Corporation has supported the communities that they are located near. Other large chain stores in our area support our community with donations. Boardman is unique: we sell food and gas. We have gotten in a habit of driving to Hermiston to

get most of our services. Business people in Boardman need to put their thinking caps on and create an environment that makes us a unique destination not a pit stop. We can mitigate the impact by promoting ourselves in a positive way. We have a contract with Love's and we need to take a proactive roll in what is happening with Love's Country Stores. We need to re-invent what we are going to show citizens and people traveling through Boardman. It isn't the City Council but every citizen that needs to make this a better place for all of us to live. So rather than sit back complain we need to step up to the plate and be leaders.

Mayor

Mayor Phillips welcomed the RHS students that were in attendance.

He thanked City Manager Pettigrew for the Council Retreat that was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. City Manager Pettigrew appreciated the recognition, but appreciated all the help from Mr. Barry Beyeler, Community Development Director. She also thanked Ted Lieurance, Boardman Marina Park Ranger, for his help with the tree planting.

Mayor Phillips encouraged the Council to attend the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Boardman Marina Park on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> starting Noon. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July planning is continuing, but he would like all citizens to become involved in all celebrations not just Cinco de Mayo or 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

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Chet Phillips-Mayor

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Lila Killingbeck, Recorder