

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
Youth Advisory: P.J. Keefer and Emily Doherty
Staff: Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, Frank Rivera, and Jackie McCauley
Audience: Harold Baker, Karen Purcell, Julio Verduco, Juan Rodriguez, Zuleima Flores, and Cody Connell

Councilor Yates moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting as presented. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Youth Advisory Report

P.J. Keefer informed the Council that the members of the Youth Advisory Council had met today. Emily Doherty continued the meeting report about the Wish List program that they have been forming. The pop cans that were collected a few weeks ago have been sorted and bagged. They will be cashing them in soon to help fund the Wish List program. In effort to raise awareness of the Youth Advisory Council they are trying to get 100 RHS student volunteers to help with the May Community Cleanup for the 150th Birthday of Oregon. Spring sports are in full swing. Ms. Doherty gave individual results from a track meet last Friday: Chris Benson-2nd in shot put, Amy Kegler-1st in 100 & 200 Meter Dash, Emily Doherty-7th out of 60 in the shot put (her personal best). The RHS Band will be participating in a Tri-County Band Festival. They are hoping for the Best Small Band Award this year. Mayor Phillips congratulated Emily and Lilly Doherty for the great job they did in the play production of "A Mid-Summers Vacation Nightmare" that was presented on April 3-April 4. Ms. Doherty complimented their Director, Sheila Corpus, for a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Phillips recognized Harold Baker from the audience. Mr. Baker has been working on a business project. He has been working with City Staff regarding the construction fees and System Development Charges (SDC). Mr. Baker feels that the SDC's of \$15,000 is too high and asked the Council to consider reducing this charge. He feels that being a long time resident and business owner of the Boardman area, he should not have to pay a charge of this size. He gave examples of other cities SDC's in our area and feels that the City of Boardman's needs to lower their SDC charges. Mayor Phillips asked Mr. Baker to attend the next City Council meeting on April 21st. The Council will be prepared to discuss this item then.

ACTION ITEMS

Arbor Week Proclamation

Mayor Phillips led the discussion regarding planting a tree in honor of Arbor Week. The consensus of the Council was to plant a tree on April 18th during the retreat. Mayor Phillips issued the Arbor Day Proclamation.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSIONCity Manager Report

City Manager Pettigrew expressed appreciation for all the work that Ms. Mittelsdorf had done in helping the City apply for an Oregon Park and Recreation Grant. City Manager Pettigrew will be reviewing the possibility of applying for a COPS Fast Grant which will be due on April 14th. The Garbage Voucher program is underway. We have issued 52 vouchers so far. This has been a successful program in the past, and we hope it continues.

City Manager Pettigrew expressed her congratulation to the North Morrow Foundation for their work in providing children of North Morrow County opportunity to learn about play acting through Missoula's Children Theater workshops. With this training high school students continue their drama experience with presentations such as "Mid-Summers Vacation Nightmare" production. She had attended and enjoyed the play as well.

City Manger Pettigrew, Mayor Phillips, and Councilor Johnson had attended City Hall Day at The Capitol. They had met with Rep. Greg Smith. All of them came back with a greater understanding of how the State Senators and Representative work. There are 4000 Bills on the Docket this session. Our Representatives need input from us to determine how they should vote regarding these bills. They want to know how the citizens feel about the impacts of these bills on citizens and local government operations.

City Manager Pettigrew and Mayor Phillips had attended the OR Dept. of Transportation meeting in La Grande last week. There was a presentation explaining in detail about the applications for road projects that the State is planning to use Federal grant money on. They had also attended a tour of the Army Depot which had been very interesting.

City Manager Pettigrew had attended a meeting in Hermiston with Senator Greg Walden. He expressed that all legislation seems to be on the fast track. This is great for getting lots of work done, but could be a problem if they go too fast. Both CM Pettigrew and Councilor Johnson expressed concern about the 5 billion dollar price tag that may come along with these projects. City Manager Pettigrew also expressed concern if in their rush to move expenses from the State budget to local control they remove Measure 50 this could be a large funding problem for all Schools, County, and City Governments. There has also been some concern that because the City of Boardman forefathers planned ahead for the future this has been a stumbling block for applying for Federal Recovery Act funding. It seems to be the price you pay for doing the right thing.

Councilors

Councilor Gertlar would like to take some of the Senior Citizen on a tour of the Army Depot. City Manager Pettigrew will get the contact name of the Army Depot for him. He asked if the City had participated in a Defensive Drive Class and if not the County would be providing a class on the 22nd and 24th. If the City was interested in the class, we should contact Morrow County Special Transportation.

Councilor Johnson asked about the progress of removing the truck, trailer, and work truck that is parking in the Dodge City Parking near the Interstate Right-of-Way. He had found out that the truck belongs to Gold Dust Trucking. City Manager Pettigrew will be in contact with John Russell, Code Compliance, about his research into the problem. There was a discussion

regarding the ownership of that area. It may belong to Dodge City Inn and not to the City of Boardman.

Mayor

Mayor Phillips had been working with John Russell, Code Compliance, to work on a property with 22 code issues. There had been compliance with 8 of the issues and 14 issues are being resolved. Mayor Phillips encouraged the Councilors to contact our state elected officials.

April 9th City Manager Pettigrew, Community Development Director Beyeler, and Mayor Phillips will be meeting with Representatives from Idaho Power regarding the power line routing through our area. Councilors had heard that Idaho Power had changed their routing.

Mayor Phillips encouraged each Councilor to support and attend community events and programs. He has also encouraged the Police Department to do the same so that the Community feels supported from their Government.

Regular meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Phillips opened the Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. He announced that the Executive Session would be according to 192.660, Section 2, sub-section (e), to conduct deliberations by a governing body to negotiate real property transactions. He expected the session to last 10 minutes.

Mayor Phillips announced at 7:55 p.m. the Executive Session would be extended for another 10 minutes.

Regular meeting resumed. 8:15 p.m.

Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chet Phillips-Mayor

Lila Killingbeck, Recorder