

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2009

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

Council present: Jerry Johnson, Randy Yates, LaVern Gertlar, Chet Phillips, Jill Pambrun, Christie Perry, and Steve Doherty

Staff: Karen Pettigrew- City Manager, Jackie McCauley- Acting Recorder, Barry Beyeler, John Russell, John Zeiler, Frank Rivera, and Loren Dieter

YAC: Emily Doherty - Secretary

Audience: Erin Mills-East Oregonian, Diane Wolfe- Boardman Chamber of Commerce, RHS Students: Salvador Garcia, Efren Hurtado Jr., Jorge Zamora, Lance Bose, Tim Thomason, James Staten, Lupe Agripino, Jacky Maya, & Andrea Orozco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Johnson motioned to approve the minutes of October 20, 2009 as presented. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Phillips had audience members introduce themselves.

Diane Wolfe of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone of the Christmas Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 2nd. She thanked the City Public Works for decorating the Christmas tree.

ACTION ITEMS

Strategic Plan

Mayor Phillips was pleased with the turn out at the Town Hall Meeting. He prepared a total sheet of ideas from that meeting showing how many votes each idea received. A moratorium on SDC's received 8 votes, and housing issues received a combined total of 11 votes. The Mayor said the ideas from the community were in line with the Council's draft Strategic Plan; 80% of the ideas were the same as the Council's top 5 ideas. He appreciated the public's input.

Councilors Pambrun and Doherty both agreed it was a good meeting, a good turn out, and thought good ideas came out of it.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development

Councilor Johnson reported the committee had their first meeting. They invited Port Manager Gary Neal to sit in at the meeting. The committee worked on creating priorities for a Developer Proposal Package. They determined they could put together a Package that would work for any developer to satisfy questions they have about Boardman and development. They have their next meeting scheduled for January 12th at which time they'll be putting the components together for the Package. The committee plans after they get organized to get Council approval and direction.

Youth Advisory Council

Secretary Emily Doherty reported the YAC elected new officers. They have scheduled a Civil War Game party for Thursday December 3rd at the Senior Center. It will be free to the public, and they're asking for donations of canned goods. They also discussed other fundraisers to do this month like a canned food drive and a Christmas party to fund the Wish List program again this year. The YAC has

invited the volleyball and soccer teams to be recognized for making it to the State playoffs to their December 17th meeting. Mayor Phillips would like to present recognition awards to those players as well at the December 15th Council meeting. He would also like to do citizen awards at that time. There was Council consensus to do so. At the December 15th Riverside vs. Pilot Rock game they have a disco night planned and the game is free. The RHS Choir and Band Concert is also on Thursday, December 3rd. The Drama Club will be presenting "It's a Wonderful Life Radio Play" on December 4, 5, 11, & 12 with a senior citizens matinee on Friday the 4th.

CITY MANAGER

- Idaho Power is holding another meeting on December 9th from 4pm – 8pm.
- Saturday is the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.
- Love's Travel Stops has notified the City they have exercised their second 45-day extension with the City for purchase of the Tower Road property. January 5, 2010 Love's will be on the agenda.

COUNCILORS

Councilor Johnson is disappointed the City canceled its Christmas party. He believes it's a good tradition that should be continued. He said perhaps people lost interest because of the Civil War game. He suggested in the future the City hold the party on a Friday night instead of the usual Thursday night. City Manager Pettigrew said the caterer could not do the event for so few people and that is why the party was canceled. She said to move the party to a Friday the City would need to find another place to hold the event because of tight scheduling at the Port.

MAYOR

He and City Manager Pettigrew met with Karen Wagner from CAPECO regarding applying for a \$2500 grant from Home Depot for community garden projects, which Rural Assistance Center is promoting. The application deadline is December 15th. He is asking for Council approval to apply.

The Mayor would like approval from the Council to write a letter of support for an educator award application. He would like to keep the teacher's name and the school anonymous. The school's principal has asked for the letter. The winner will receive an award to be used in the classroom and an award will be presented at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in January. He would like all the Councilor's signature on the letter.

The Mayor would like approval from the Council to present the RHS soccer and volleyball teams with recognition certificates at the next Council meeting, as well as the volleyball coach, who was Eastern Oregon Coach of the Year.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner went well. They had 180 plus people attend the dinner which was sponsored by the First Baptist Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. They had about 80 volunteers, about 30 of them were RHS students. The Mayor would like to present the two main organizers of the event with special recognition certificates at the next City Council Meeting. The Mayor and Councilor Johnson participated in cooking the meal.

He wants to have a 4-hour workshop to finalize the Strategic Plan because there is still a lot of work to be done to bring it to a final draft. He would like to ratify the plan in January. The Council will set a date for the workshop at the December 15th meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660 (2) (a) – EMPLOYMENT

Meeting was recessed at 7:38pm

Meeting resumed at 8:25pm

Executive Session Recommendation

Council recommends the City Manager follow up with the discussion.

GOAL 11 WORKSHOP

Community Development Director Beyeler led the discussion. He said Chapter 11 of the City's Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) covers water, sewer, storm drainage, streets and other public facilities. He said the Comp Plan creates policy and planning requirements. He said the real point of Chapter 11 is to outline how the City is going to finance its projects.

Councilor Perry asked what can be done about bio swells that get filled in by the property owner. The City's right-of-way is 6 feet from the inside edge of sidewalks onto the owners property. Mr. Beyeler said the problem stems from the developer not complying with the City's bio swell plan and suggested an inspector, other than the Building Inspector, in the field to get compliance. Councilor Perry said the City needs an enforcement mechanism to get contractors to design bio swells correctly.

Community Development Director Beyeler said language changes to Chapter 11 of the Comp Plan will be needed to make it consistent with the City's new Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP). When the City approved the IAMP, they approved it with the condition that they set up financing mechanisms. On December 16th the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) will be hearing the City's IAMP. There will be a condition that the City get Chapter 11 completed.

The last portion of Chapter 11 is the existing Capital Improvement Plan. The City has another Capital Improvement Plan that they've been working on for a long time, but has never been incorporated into Chapter 11. The City has been holding off making the language changes until the OTC approves the IAMP. Changes to the Strategic Plan may affect the Capital Improvement Plan and the City wants to get all those incorporated into the language changes because they do not want to be changing the Comp Plan several times.

Changes take at least 90 days to complete. Once the process is started, the City has 180 days to get it completed. The City's Planning Commission will begin looking at these changes at their next meeting. Mr. Beyeler said the recommended changes, if everything goes perfectly, will probably be before the Council for consideration in March or April.

Mr. Beyeler pointed out that a lot of the information the Economic Development Committee is seeking is outlined in the Comp Plan, the history, the systems the City uses, etc. Councilor Pambrun said the Committee knows that, and appreciates that, but their purpose is to make the information user-friendly for developers. The Mayor explained the Committee is trying to create a Chamber of Commerce information guide to hand out to developers.

Councilor Johnson asked about updating the Comp Plan to accomplish the goals of an economic development plan. Mr. Beyeler said the City could as long as the changes stay within the goals and the laws at the State level. He said the City's Strategic Plan is the vision of the City and the Comp Plan is the policy to get there.

December 15, 2009 Council Meeting

Councilor Perry motioned to dispense with the second Council meeting in December based on tradition, and to resume regular meetings in January 2010. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion. The Mayor reminded the Council of the recognition awards he plans to give out that night. The Council felt as long as the agenda was light, and the meeting was short, they would like to have the meeting. Councilor Perry withdrew her motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm