

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, Randy Yates, Jerry Johnson, Jill Pambrun, LaVern Gertlar, Christie Perry, and Steve Doherty
Absent:	Randy Yates
Youth Advisory:	PJ Keefer and Beatrice Chavez
Staff:	Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, Jackie McCauley, Frank Rivera, and Barry Beyeler
Audience:	Jim Hollandsworth, Diane Wolfe, Carol Michael, Steve Myren-Morrow County Under Sheriff, Shawn Halsey, Marc Rogelstad, Erin Mills-EO, and 25 Senior Students from Riverside High School

Councilor Yates's absence was excused.

Councilor Gertlar moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting as corrected. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Communications District

Mayor Phillips recognized Fire Chief Marc Rogelstad from the audience. Chief Rogelstad is on the Communications Board. The Communications Board is working to resolve the transition of the Umatilla-Morrow County emergency services radio system from CSEPP to a new Special District. CSEPP expects to be finished providing services by 2010. Chief Rogelstad asked the City Council to pass a Resolution of Support for the development of the Special District. There needs to be a Resolutions of Support from each municipal district in both Counties for the State of Oregon Legislature to consider the amendment to establish a Multi-County District. Both the Special District and the Tax rate would need to be brought before the voters for approval before this Special District would be able to take over the communication system.

The need for the continuation of this system is critical. As the system is now it has a value of \$9.5 million. To continue this system the Communication Board feels that it would cost about \$.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This would allow for \$500,000 to be put in reserve for replacement of radios in the future. There were questions regarding the possibility of going back to the old system. Because of the switch to digital and the change in the FCC by 2009-2015 it would be very difficult to go back. CSEPP will have the new FCC requirements already installed when they hand over the system to the Counties. The system as it stands allows emergency services to communicate over a large area because of the repeater system.

Another option for the radio system is user fees which would be more expensive to each entity. Some other option could be grants, but they are usually for special projects not for steady income over the years. Sergeant Frank Rivera was asked about the system and his opinion of the Communications Board process for the take over of the system. He was in full support.

Councilor Perry moved to provide a Resolution of Support to the Communications Board to establish a Umatilla-Morrow County District for Communications Services. Councilor Pambrun seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Resolution will be ready for the February 17th meeting for signatures.

Oregon 150 Birthday

Mayor Phillips recognized Mrs. Carol Michael from the audience. She told the audience that the State of Oregon's birthday is February 14th. This year the State of Oregon is celebrating its sesquicentennial (150th) birthday. She is working to coordinate "Take Care of Boardman" activities that will be on May 16, 2009, which is when many cities will be working to cleanup their communities. Mrs. Michael explained that there needs to be many volunteers to get this program completed. There was a discussion regarding the need for all community service groups to come together to make a plan. There are only so many volunteers and if they are all coordinated a larger amount of cleanup can be accomplished. Councilor Gertlar felt that we need to work on the looks of the neighborhoods not just the main street areas. In conjunction there is the opportunity to participate in SOLV-Down by the Riverside. SOLV is a State of Oregon program. Boardman needs is to have a Chairman designated soon if we want to participate. There is a chance of receiving a grant for SOLV of \$100.00 if applied for.

City Manager Pettigrew announced that there will be a Boardman Community Development Association meeting on February 12th at 3:00 p.m. BCDA has received a Needs and Issues Grant for \$5,000 to do Main Street improvements. There will be invitations sent for community attendance so that they can get started with the plan for "Take care of Boardman" projects.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Committee Appointments

City Manger Pettigrew had received letters of interest from Ted Lieurance, Kathie McGowan, Jim Hollandsworth and Julie Gisi. There are 4 positions open on the City of Boardman and Boardman Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committees. Councilor Pambrun moved to appoint Mr. Ted Lierience, Ms. Kathie McGowan, Mr. Jim Hollandsworth and Mrs. Julie Gisi to the Budget Committee for the City of Boardman and the Boardman Urban Renewal Agency. Mr. Hollandsworth will fill the position that goes through 2009 the other three positions will go through 2011. Councilor Gertlar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A copy of the 2009-10 City of Boardman and URA Budget Calendar was passed out to the Council. At the February 17th Budget Meeting the URA will be establishing the 2008-09 budget. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Flag Contract

City Manager Pettigrew had been contacted by the Boy Scout Troop #602 Leader, Nathan Braun, regarding the renewal of the service contract that Troop #602 has had for several years. The contract has been to place flags on Main Street during 6 major Holidays for \$1000.00 per calendar year. Mr. Braun felt that the Scout troop could continue to provide this service for \$1000.00. There was a discussion regarding the need for Flags to be placed for Flag Day in June. City Manager Pettigrew will look at the need for the change in contract. The Resolution will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Youth Advisory

Mr. PJ Keefer, President, explained that the Senior Students in attendance at tonight's meeting are fulfilling a requirement of their Senior Class Portfolio. He told the Council that there would be about this many students for several meetings. Mayor Phillips asked each student to introduce themselves to the Council. Beatrice Chavez, Secretary, reported that they had been

working with the American Diabetes Association on a Walk-A-Thon to raise money and awareness of the disease. There will be an information booth to pass out fliers in both English and Spanish at the marina park during the event. The Drama Club is working on a production of "A Mid-Summers Night Dream". Tryouts are beginning soon. City Manager Pettigrew encouraged the Youth Advisory to work on getting the announcements for activities out earlier and at more locations for a better community support. Lilly Doherty suggested using the North Morrow Times to announce activities.

PJ Keefer invited all in attendance to the Friday the 13th games. There will be a Spaghetti Feed and Senior Night will be held during the Varsity Games. Mayor Phillips challenged everyone to attend the event and provide loud supportive cheering for the Riverside Pirate teams.

City Manager

-Tower Road property is still waiting for a zone change. Morrow County Planning is in the process of changing the language in the Space Age Industrial zoning to allow for Public Utilities (transmission lines and wind turbine) to be sited as a Conditional Use. Community Development Director Beyeler will have a draft Staff Report ready for your review at the next meeting on February 17th. The Public Hearing will be held at the Morrow County Planning Commission meeting on February 24th.

-Council expressed concern for the draft letter from the Mayor/Manager group address to Morrow County Court regarding the need for the County services (snow plowing) to be provided to the Cities in the County. It is not supported by all the members of the group including City Manager Pettigrew. She explained that some of the cities feel that there needs to be better communication between all parties. She was hoping that a group similar to the City, County, and Port meetings could be formed to help with this communication problem.

Mayor Phillips recessed the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Phillips called for an Executive Session regarding Labor Negotiations ORS 192.660 (2) (d) at 8:25 p.m. expecting it to last 5 minutes. Executive Session closed at 8:30 p.m. No decisions were made.

Mayor Phillips reconvened the regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Reports, Communication, and Discussions-reconvenes

Mayor

Mayor Phillips had attended the Mayor's Meeting at the Capitol, sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities on Wednesday the 28th. Mayor Phillips felt it was a worthwhile meeting and had met new people, met with legislators' and learned a lot.

At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Phillips excused Councilor Pambrun.

He explained that the Legislators will be working on: Infrastructure Stimulus packages, revisiting the Ethics Committee requirements, and many more topics. Morrow County has the 5th highest paying positions in the state. The problem of those employees who are in those high paying positions not living in Morrow County was discussed. There was a discussion regarding the Shovel Ready concept and how City of Boardman could be ready for the 1st round

of stimulus packages being made available. The first step is to prioritize the Capital Improvement Plan and go from there.

Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chet Phillips-Mayor

Lila Killingbeck, Recorder