

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, and Steve Doherty
Absent:	Christie Perry
Staff:	Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, Barry Beyeler, Tom Kligel and Jackie McCauley
Audience:	Lisa Mittelsdorf, Port of Morrow; Diane Wolfe, Boardman Chamber; and Pam Docken

Councilor Perry's absence was excused.

Mayor Phillips opened the meeting with a quote by Abraham Lincoln "The world will little note nor long remember what we do here tonight", but let our City's records show that this City's Council met here on this historic day of the Inauguration of the 1st African American President of the United States, as we endeavor to provide leadership for our City.

Councilor Doherty moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting as corrected. Councilor Yates seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Phillips changed the order of the agenda to accommodate a scheduling conflict for Lisa Mittelsdorf, Port of Morrow. She explained that the Boardman Enterprise Zone is up for renewal. The renewal schedule is every ten years. In the last 10 years the rules have changed so that the Port of Morrow could be part of the voting delegates along with Morrow County and the City of Boardman. It is beneficial to all government agencies in our area to be in the same Enterprise Zone rather than separate ones. The deadline for the renewal application is April 3rd. There will be public hearings in February and Resolutions that need passed in March. She will be the lead agent in getting all the pieces collected and the Renewal Application submitted. There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of Enterprise Zones. The conclusion was that there were more pros than cons. Councilor Pambrun moved to Co-Sponsor the application for renewal of the Boardman Enterprise Zone and to appoint City Manager Pettigrew as the City of Boardman's representative. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Phillips recognized Pam Docken from the audience. Ms. Docken expressed her concerns regarding the problems that she is seeing in the East Oregonian newspaper. The information has been damaging to the livability of Boardman. Her concerns were that when prospective citizens read articles: about high illiteracy rates in Morrow County, low income in our schools, wrong conclusions being printed not the facts, and statements which could become liable suits, it causes concerns about becoming a citizen in the City of Boardman. Ms. Docken feels that the City Council and the Boardman Chamber of Commerce need to meet with George Murdock, Editor of the East Oregonian, to express the feelings of the community. There were concerns expressed that Erin Mills has ran several stories that had not been accurate or only one sided. There was a retraction printed for two of the errors in two different stories, but the damage had been done by that time and no one reads the retractions. There was a suggestion that the LOC may have some suggestions regarding working with the newspaper. There was a discussion

regarding what steps could be taken to improve the stories that are published about the City of Boardman. It was the consensus that City Manager Pettigrew, Mayor Phillips, and Diane Wolfe, Boardman Chamber would work together to develop a strategy.

Recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Honorary Procedures

Mayor Phillips led the discussion regarding the procedure that he should follow when situations, such as recognition for two citizens' heroic act during the apartment fire last month. The consensus of the Council was that there didn't need to be an Honorary Procedure established. They felt that the Mayor's position gave authority with consensus of the Council and City Manager to proceed with the needed recognitions.

The Boardman Rural Fire Department and the City of Boardman will be giving a Recognition of Heroism to Mr. Richard Carroll and Mr. Edgar Juarez for getting Melanie Pike out of the burning apartment on December 26th. Mayor Phillips read the inscription for the plaques and the Council had some suggested changes. Mayor Phillips went to Mr. Carroll and Mr. Juarez's home and invited them to come as his guests to the Boardman Chamber Commerce Awards Buffet on February 6th. They agreed to come. He had also invited Mr. Frank Morgan, who was also part of the rescue and a friend of Ms. Pike's. There was also a suggestion to commend the Red Cross, Del Turner-EMT, and Nat Hughes, Boardman Police Dept.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

City Manager

Community Development Director Barry Beyeler had been asked to become the Representative of the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board on the U.S. Dept. of Energy Hanford Advisory Board, and asked to be one of the judges for the ODOT Review Committee for the Transportation Growth Management RFP Review of consultants. Both of these appointments are an honor for Mr. Beyeler to serve on and the City of Boardman can benefit from participating with these committees. There was Council consensus for the appointments to these committees. City Manager Pettigrew approved this appointment.

Morrow County will be having more Public Hearings regarding the transmission lines for wind turbine generation and the Council needs to make a statement. The Council consensus is still that they do not support any transmission lines that would jeopardize the expansion of the growth of Boardman. That would mean no transmission lines south of the City's Urban Growth Boundary or any across the Tower Road Property.

Small Cities Rural Alliance meeting is in Island City on January 21st at 11:00 a.m. through the League of Oregon Cities. Mayor Phillips and City Manager Pettigrew will be attending.

Oregon Legislators will be video conferencing every other Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Port of Morrow. There had been one at 7:30 a.m. this morning. City Manager encouraged Councilors to attend.

A reporter for The Oregonian was doing an article from the City of Ontario's view point of the Boardman-Idaho Transmission lines. The City of Ontario would like them to go out through the desert and not through their agriculture area where it had been proposed. City Manager Pettigrew explained that the City of Boardman would like them to go to the south of our Urban Growth Boundary.

Umatilla Electric Co-op Dinner meeting-discussed the power rates in the year 2011. They will be developing a draft regarding their position on the cost of using other power sources that will soon be required by the Utility Commission. We will see a big increase in rate if the initial plan is put into play.

Council

Councilor Yates asked about other transmission lines Boardman to Hemmingway, ID is going to go near us. He had also heard that there was a transmission line from Boardman over the Cascade. Community Development Director Beyeler explained that the application for that line has not been made at this time. Councilor Yates led the discussion regarding his concerns with wind generated power and the future problems that may be caused from them.

Mayor

Feb. 3rd agenda item will have a presentation given by Marc Rogelstad, BRFD Chief, regarding the Communication District

He would like to send a letter of congratulation to the New President of the United States. The Council gave their consensus.

Closing statement from Mayor Phillips: 2 week anniversary for the new Council and Mayor, sharing with the Port and the County, business certificates were a big success, the businesses are playing the Welcome to Boardman game as he had hoped, Mayor Phillips is pleased with the support that has been shown from the Council and Community, and keep up the good Job.

Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chet Phillips-Mayor

Lila Killingbeck, Recorder