

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, LaVern Gertlar, and Steve Doherty
Absent:	Jill Pambrun
Youth Advisory:	Tim Thomason, Tonya Thomason
Staff:	Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, Tom Kligel, John Russell, Jackie McCauley, Loren Dieter, and Barry Beyeler
Audience:	Kenn Evans, Alan Homes, Jim and Inez Kirker- Rodeway Inn, Jack Triperinas and Gwen Herman-C & D Drive-in, Kyle McBride and Jane Akers-River Lodge and Grill, Brenda and Yuliana Madrigal, Lola Davidson and Don Daggett-Banner Bank

Councilor Pambrun's absence was excused.

Councilor Johnson moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2010 City Council meeting as corrected. Councilor Gertlar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilor Yates moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2010 workshop meeting as corrected. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentations:

Tatone Memorial Fountain

Ms. Linda Jo Smith asked that City Council consider placement of a self-contained water fountain in the lobby of City Hall. She would like to put a plaque on the fountain that would thank all the men and women who have served the City of Boardman in memory of her father, Joseph Tatone who had been Mayor and a Councilor for several years. She provided a picture of the fountain. The size will be 22 X 24 X 54. Ms. Linda Jo Smith has \$2000 to spend on this project and had considered an outside fountain, but the cost is too high. She would consider the donation of the \$2000 if there was a group that could put their resources together to build an outside fountain. The Council will consider placement of the pictured fountain in the lobby of City Hall.

ODOT Overpass Bridge Closure

Mayor Phillips explained that there were people in the audience that wished to make public comment regarding the ODOT 4 week closure of the Overpass Bridge to repair the deck surface. He explained that there will be a 3 minute time limit on each speaker and the extension of that time would be determined by him.

Mr. Tim Rynearson and Mr. Ace Clark, representatives from ODOT, made a short presentation regarding the need for the 4 week closure opposed to the 9 week partial closure to repair the deck of the Overpass Bridge. Mr. Clark explained the positives for 4 week closure: time saving to project, cost savings, safety, better construction with a microcell overlay, project completed before the 4th of July. The negatives for the partial closure were: no truck traffic for 9 weeks,

24 hr flaggers, more costs because of length of construction, less safe, and construction all summer. Mayor Phillips asked Mr. Rynearson who owned and controlled the bridge. Mr. Rynearson answered that it is the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation.

C & D Drive In

Mayor Phillips asked if anyone from the audience would like to talk, Gwen Herman-C & D Drive-In was recognized from the audience. She feels that closure of the overpass for 4 weeks is not an option. She also was upset that the business owners of Boardman were not notified in writing by the City. She felt that it was wrong that the City Staff and Council did not notify the citizens. Linda Jo Smith asked what emergency services and school would be doing to handle the closure. At this time the plan is to go around by Laurel Lane or from Boardman exit to Port exit and back to Boardman Exit eastbound ramp. Mayor Phillips reminded the audience that it was going to be inconvenient for everyone. Councilor Johnson led the discussion regarding detouring and signage. Mr. Clark gave an example of how much time between detour signage to get eastbound traffic to the north side of town and the westbound traffic to the south side of town.

Mr. Kenn Evans asked about the cost of the 2 options. Mr. Clark explained it would cost at least \$136,000 more to have a 24 hour per day flagger at both on and off ramps for at least 9 weeks. Mr. Clark told the audience that a stop light at the ramp areas would not work because there are too many incoming traffic lanes (on/off ramp, East/West Front Streets, North/South traffic on Main Street) this would cause large traffic backups on the ramps and Main Street, which would be a safety issue. ODOT continues to support a 4 week closure.

Mr. Alan Holmes asked ODOT how come the City doesn't have a part in the option decision. He contends that the Council should have had an opposing opinion to ODOT, stand up and support a 9 week partial closure. Mr. Holmes apologized to the Mayor for his confrontation about this project. He had been wrong about the Council making a decision without citizen input. Councilor Johnson informed Mr. Holmes that the Council was not uninformed but did not have a decision to make. Councilor Perry explained that ODOT has Eminent Domain on their property and didn't need anyone's permission other than Federal Highway Commission. ODOT informed the City as a courtesy and to make preparations for the closure. Councilor Perry reminded the audience that they have to take responsibility for being informed also.

Mr. Jack Triperinas-C&D feels that there wasn't proper notification. He feels that the City Council should standup for what the citizens want, not just go with what ODOT wants. Mr. Evans asked Mr. Rynearson-ODOT questions regarding penalty clauses, contract incentives in case the contractor doesn't get done with project in 4 weeks. Mr. Rynearson stated that there were both types of clauses in the contract and they would be enforced.

Ms. Linda Jo Smith explained that her manager from Dodge City Inn had attended the Feb. 22nd meeting. After meeting with her manager she had had many questions and had emailed Mr. Rynearson several times, which he responded each time and answered all her questions.

Meeting was recessed at 8:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Youth Advisory Report

Mr. Tim Thomason gave the report. The sports report: Wrestling and Basketball are over. There had been 7 wrestlers and 3 went to State. Three basketball players had received honors for their season. Spring sports are starting up and would like fan support throughout their season. Key Club will be attending their District conference in Seattle. The Honor Society Blood Drive had been successful with 36 participants. The Youth Advisory Wish List program will be granting wishes at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 18th. They were pleased that there had been about 80 wishes being granted this year. The RHS Juniors are getting ready to sponsor the Junior Prom which will be on April 24th this year. Seniors are busy with their speeches and scholarship applications.

Councilor Perry asked their opinions of tonight's meeting and the process they had watched. They were in agreement with the Council and didn't feel that the audience members were listening to reason about the project. Councilor Perry encouraged the students to bring information and opinions to the Council about their City.

ACTION ITEMS

Boy Scout Service Contract Renewal

Morrow County Deputy Braun is the Troop leader this year. He had reminded City Manager Pettigrew that the 2010 year is upon us. The Boy Scouts put up the Flag 10 times per year, and this is a great service for the City. Deputy Braun requested that about ½ of the flags be replaced. Boardman Community Development Association will pay to replace the flags. City Staff will order them.

Councilor Perry moved to approve the 2010 Service Contract for the placement of the Flags along South Main Street 10 holidays per year. Councilor Gertlar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Economic Development Committee

The committee met with staff on March 9th and they will be continuing to work with ideas that were presented. The next meeting will be on March 22 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall to finalize the information and will be reporting to Council after that.

City Manager

Portland General Electric will be hosting a dinner meeting on April 8th from 4-6 p.m. and is requesting that the City Council attend. All Councilor, Mayor, and City Manager will be attending.

Umatilla City Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be on Saturday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m. who would like to go? City Manager, Mayor and Councilor Gertlar will attend. Councilor Johnson will check his schedule.

Councilor Pambrun had previously asked City Manager Pettigrew when the Police Dept. 10 hr. shifts would be starting. City Manager Pettigrew informed all of the Council that the new shifts had started on Feb 15th, which was 6 weeks ago, and the new shifts seem to be working out.

Mayor

Mayor Phillips asked if the Council had any items to place on the Strategic Plan quarterly review agenda for next meeting. Mayor Phillips suggested that he and City Manager Pettigrew work together to come up with an agenda. The Council was in agreement.

The League of Oregon Cities is sponsoring a contest for students 4th grade to high school. The theme is "If I were Mayor". Mayor Phillips will be distributing contest information and rules. The winner will be announced at the League of Oregon Cities Conference this year.

Mayor Phillips led the discussion regarding Councilor Pambrun's request to be excused from Council meetings until May 18st. The Council's consensus was to excuse the absence.

Mayor Phillips asked for discussion regarding the placement of a self-contained water fountain in the Lobby of City Hall. There were concerns expressed about water and children in the lobby, the height of the fountain would determine the location (between the double door area), and precedence of memorials in City Hall. It was the consensus that the Council supported contribution to a bigger outside fountain. Mayor Phillips moved to place a self-contained fountain in the lobby of City Hall in honor of Men and Women who have served the City of Boardman in Memory of Joseph Tatone. The motion failed due to lack of a seconded.

Mayor Phillips thanked everyone for the attendance and contribution to the discussion.

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

Chet Phillips-Mayor

Lila Killingbeck, Recorder