

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
Staff:	Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, and Barry Beyeler
Audience:	Jim and Margie Hollandsworth, Kent and Paula Hansen, Manuel Gutierrez-Domestic Violence, Richard Rockwell and Dave Boor-RHS Wrestling Coaches, Juan Llamas, Christian Llamas, Jouanny Llamas, Juan Alba, Briton Hansen, Brigham Hansen, James Town, Carlos Garcia, and Jose Chavez

Councilor Pambrun had notified City Manager Pettigrew that she would be working out of town but would try to be back for part of the meeting.

Councilor Perry moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting as presented. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Phillips asked Councilors to join him at the front of the room. He and the Council acknowledged Boardman Police Officers: Shane Brandon, Nat Hughes, Chris Tiboni and Chief John Zeiler for jobs well done and expressed their gratitude.

Mayor Phillips asked Mr. Dave Boor, Riverside High School Head Wrestling Coach, to come to the front. Mayor Phillips congratulated Mr. Boor for having several students participating in the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament. Mr. Boor introduced Richard Rockwell, Asst. Coach and 11 wrestlers that were at the Tournament. Certificates of Acknowledgment were presented to Brigham Hansen-Champion at 171 lbs. and Carlos Garcia-3rd at 140 lbs. Mayor Phillips recognized Ms. Evelyn Garcia from the audience. She has been chosen for the Oregon Ambassador of Music which will be touring in Europe this summer. There will be a Spaghetti Feed at the RHS on March 19th to raise funds for Ms. Garcia's trip.

Mayor Phillips recognized Mr. Manual Gutierrez, Domestic Violence representative for Umatilla and Morrow County, from the audience. Mr. Gutierrez gave a brief overview regarding the statistics of domestic violence and sexual assault in the USA. He explained that April was the awareness month for sexual assault. He thanked the Council for their proclamation.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 12-2009

Councilor Yates moved to approve Resolution 12-2009, a resolution to joint sponsor with the Port of Morrow and Morrow County an application of Designation of an Enterprise Zone. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor

Resolution 13-2009

Councilor Doherty moved to approve Resolution 13-2009, a resolution to authorize a grant application for a picnic shelter in the Boardman City Park, and give Ted Leurance, Ranger for

Boardman Park and Recreation District, authorization to sign the application on behalf of the City of Boardman. Councilor Perry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Intergovernmental Agreement-Board of Directors and Duties

City Manager Pettigrew explained that this document had the changes in it that were discussed with the Port and the County. There are 3 copies so that each entity will have a copy with original signatures.

Councilor Doherty moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Port of Morrow, Morrow County and the City of Boardman for creation of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone Board of Directors and Duties. Councilor Yates seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the section regarding financial impacts on public safety services and schools. Those entities that would be involved will continue to have opportunity to prove economic need during the Enterprise Zone application process for all jurisdictions. There was discussion regarding the decision to have motels included in businesses that qualify for tax exemption. It will be left out of those qualifying for tax exemption, if it should become an item to negotiate with it would take 60 days to get through the amendment process.

Intergovernment Agreement-Management of Columbia River Enterprise Zone

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Councilor Perry moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Port of Morrow, Morrow County, and City of Boardman for management of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone. Councilor Gertlar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Public Utility Commission Pre-Hearing Conference-Idaho Power Transmission Lines

City Manager Pettigrew asked that Mr. Barry Beyeler, Community Development Director, to give the Council an overview of the Conference he had attended.

Intervening Parties consisted of a group of lawyers representing many interested groups along the proposed route from Boardman to Hemingway, Idaho for the power lines. There were no interventions filed at the March 16th conference. Stop Idaho Power is planning on filing a Writ to have the whole Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Hearing dismissed. There is some information online but it won't be completed until June. The process requires two public comment Open Houses. The City of Boardman is considered an Interested Party and will receive all the information via email. The process is very disjointed. There is a meeting in Baker City on March 27th, which will be our opportunity to make comment. Mr. Beyeler will be submitting his letter expressing the views of Boardman City Council about the power lines on March 27th. Intervening Hearing for Idaho Power will be somewhere between April 3 to April 20th, yet to be determined. The final staff recommendation from Public Utility Commission should be in by August. If Idaho Power is successful in getting their approval, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity will be issued. With this Certificate, the Right of Condemnation power is allowed. These hearings are about the necessity of need for this

transmission line, not about the routing. These hearings will determine if there is Public need for electricity to pass back and forth from the Grid Termination point near the PGE Coal Fire Plant in Boardman and Idaho Power in Hemingway, Idaho.

There was a discussion regarding the impact that citizens, cities, and counties have when talking to our legislative representatives and participating in public hearings at the state level. When there is a problem or a situation that impact us, we need to speak up. If we do not speak up nothing will change for sure.

Councilor Yates expressed concern about not establishing wind farms which would eliminate the need for Transmission lines.

City Manager

City Manager Pettigrew informed the Council that the deadline for registering for City Hall Day is March 18th. City Manager and Mayor will be going and she invited all the Councilors. Councilor Johnson would like to go. There are 4000 bills to work on this session, one of which is about Prevailing Wages being paid in an Enterprise Zone. City Manager Pettigrew has discussed with Senator Nelson, how this causes increased expense for construction.

City Manager Pettigrew suggested that the Council consider a retreat for Saturday, April 18th from 8-12:00. She thought it should be a joint retreat with the Planning Commission and do Planning 101 and have a tour of Boardman concerning Code Enforcement

She will be meeting with the Park and the State regarding the off ramps. She had concerns about taking care of the ramps for free. The dilemma is that if you start doing it for free, then you will be doing it for free forever. Park contract would increase and the water cost would increase. The Council feels we need to make the entrance area as pleasing as possible, so that may mean we will need to be ready to pay for it.

Councilor

Councilor Doherty had been approached by Jim Doherty, cattle rancher, about renting the Tower Road property for grazing. City Manager Pettigrew asked Councilor Doherty to have Mr. Doherty contact her regarding this matter.

Councilor Johnson expressed concerns about the truck and trailer parking on the Right of Way on NE Front Street down at the end. There is a problem with someone using this area for storage and repair for their trucking business. There was a discussion regarding the changes that may need to be made in the Development Code, signage to notify, and removal. All agreed that this has become a problem and changes need to happen.

Councilor Gertlar complemented Mayor Phillips for the presentation for the Wrestling Team and recognition for Riverside High School Students and Coaches that attended the meeting tonight.

Mayor

He, City Manager Pettigrew and other Councilors will be leaving for City Hall Day at the Capitol in Salem at 5:30 a.m. and should be back early evening. Mayor had attended the City of Pendleton's Progress Board meeting. It was a positive learning experience. He has been pleased with the improvement in communication between Riverside High School staff, students

and the City. The League of Oregon Cities promotes an "If I were Mayor" contest for students 4th – 12th grades. Mayor Phillips will be taking information to the schools.

Mayor Phillips feels that the Youth Advisory Council has good leadership with Emily Doherty and PJ Keefer as officers. The Youth Advisory, School, City Council, and Community are excited about the new "Make a Wish" program that the Youth Advisory is promoting. Mayor Phillips thinks that this program can bring more people together to help each other.

Mayor Phillips had attended the meeting with Representative Greg Smith in Irrigon. Mr. Smith is the Chairman of the State Budget Committee. He explained some of the problems with the State Budget over the next 2 years and the negative impact that may cause. Mayor Phillips encouraged each person to be part of the State Government by participating in the issues.

City Manager

City Manager Pettigrew explained that along with the negative impacts of State Budget Cuts come the changes in the amount of bed space in jails and prisons in Oregon. If this shortage becomes reality, the City of Boardman and Morrow County Sheriff Dept. may be really fortunate to have local officers.

She passed out a Councilor's Handbook, which is full of information that each Councilor needs to know about the City and being a Councilor. She hopes that each one would read through it, but the important thing is to use it as a reference book throughout their term as Councilors and Mayor.

Finance Officer Kligel is almost finished with 2009-2010 Budget and if the Council has anything to add or questions about it please contact him.

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

Chet Phillips-Mayor

Lila Killingbeck, Recorder