

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, Jill Pambrun, Lavern Gertlar, and Steve Doherty

Youth Advisory: Emily Doherty and PJ Keefer

Staff: Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, Barry Beyeler, and Jackie McCauley

Audience: Kellye Finch and 12 Riverside High School Senior students

Councilor Gertlar moved to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2009 Council Retreat as presented. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilor Pambrun moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting as corrected. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilor Johnson asked about Community Block Grants. City Manager Pettigrew will address this topic later in the meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Planning Commissioner Appointment

Mrs. Kellye Finch had submitted a letter of interest for serving on the Planning Commission. She has lived in Boardman for several years and would like to contribute to helping Boardman grow. Councilor Doherty expressed that he supported her being appointed to the position. Councilor Johnson expressed appreciation of her being willing to step up to help Boardman.

Councilor Doherty moved to appoint Kellye Finch to position #4 on the Planning Commission. The term of this position expires on December 31, 2011. Councilor Gertlar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION**

Community Development Director Beyeler asked for discussion regarding the letters that had been written to the Morrow County Planning Department regarding the Public hearing for changes to the Space Age Industrial zone near Tower Road. There is concern that the changes would not allow the use of the City owned property to be developed as a wastewater/water facility. This property was purchased specifically for expansion of our wastewater facility. There were also concerns about the power lines, no other utilities being allowed except electricity, and changes in the zoning/building requirements in this area. After a discussion of this matter it was the consensus of the Council to continue with the opposition to this zoning change with these items of concern not addressed. The next meeting will be on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Community Development Director Beyeler prepared a letter to Morrow County Planning Department requesting withdrawal of a Zone Change Application that had been filed by the City of Boardman on the Tower Road property several years ago. This zoning application could not

be completed because the information that was required for completion was not available regarding the use of the property.

#### Youth Advisory Report

Mayor Phillips recognized Mr. PJ Keefer to give the Youth Advisory Report. Mr. Keefer explained that there were more senior students from Riverside High School in attendance. Mr. Keefer reported that the Youth Advisory Council had a meeting this morning at RHS. Miss Emily Doherty, Secretary gave the Activity Report. There had been an academic award given to Riverside High School for being the #1 Academic School in a low income school. There had been 5 wrestlers from RHS at the State Tournament. Mr. Brigham Hansen had won the State Wrestling Tournament in the weight class of 171 lbs. Mr. Carlos Garcia had received 3<sup>rd</sup> in his weight class. Spring Sports were starting. RHS students from the Band and Choir had visited the Jazz contest in Moscow, Idaho. Next year they are hoping to compete in this Jazz Contest.

They will be having a pop can drive for fund raising to do activities and projects. It will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. They will start on the South side of town and work their way to the North. They will have a Movie night at the Senior Center on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. They have been discussing other fund raisers such as: sock hops, Game Night, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, etc. They have been discussing a new program that has been successful at Prosser, WA. There is a Make a Wish Application and the Youth Advisory would grant wishes. They will be working on the project and see how to grant as many as possible. There will be another meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>

Councilor Gertlar congratulated Ms. Doherty for her thorough and well prepared report.

Mayor Phillips asked the Council if they would give their consensus to recognize Mr. Brigham Hansen for his accomplishments at the State Wrestling Tournament. The Council gave their consensus.

#### City Manager

-Community Block Grant meeting. She had attended the meeting in Pendleton and has a better understanding of their uses and guidelines. One of those guidelines is that the project needs to be applied for and then ask for the support of interested parties. The Columbia River Community Health Services probably won't fit into the criteria.

-Columbia River Enterprise Zone reapplication-New maps were displayed. There have been some changes: Allowing exemptions for Motels, URA district, and Enterprise Zones. The language has been discussed and agreed upon by the Port of Morrow, Morrow County, and City of Boardman. The communication between these entities has been productive and should have the completed documents for the next meeting.

-Frostbite Golf Tournament will be in March-be thinking about getting a team together

-City Hall Day in Salem on April 1. Be thinking about attending. The deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

-Representative Greg Smith will be at the Irrigon Senior Center on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He will be discussing the economic problems of the State Budget for the Biennium.

-Council Retreat planning. Check you calendars for April for a date.

-Morrow County School District had a meeting to explain the 3 year Option Levy that is being placed on the May Ballot. Look for \$1.00 per 1000 which would give the School District an additional \$500,000 to operate during the State funding shortage. Be looking for an article in

the North Morrow Times by Ed Glenn explaining Taxing Compression which may answer questions about only collecting 94% of tax levied revenue.

#### Council

Councilor Johnson has an interest in developing an Economic Committee to handle potential developers in the Urban Renewal District. It was decided to put that on the agenda for the April Retreat. Councilor Pambrun explained that in the past the City Staff had been the committee as the 1<sup>st</sup> contact and have been doing a good job. There was discussion regarding a support system to sell the community with a development package.

#### Mayor

Mayor Phillips was invited to the Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis Breakfast in Hermiston. He will not be able to attend. City Manager Pettigrew and Councilor Pambrun volunteered to represent the City of Boardman.

Mayor Phillips asked that each Council member give a positive comment regarding something going on in the City or their personal lives.

Mayor-Opportunity to meet with the Youth Advisory Council and be a part of achieving positive things through the Grant a Wish project they are starting. Both the granting and the receiving the wish could be a very positive experience.

Councilor Doherty-Both daughters are participating in the School Play this spring. He was happy that this opportunity was available again in the school.

Councilor Perry-She has been reading a book about Abraham Lincoln and how he had affected the United States through government.

Councilor Pambrun-Police Dept. good work with the U.S. Marshall Dept. to arrest a fugitive which was in Boardman and been spotted by Officer Brandon.

Councilor Gertlar-the Senior Center Facility because there is a large area to meet. This brings more and more people together to develop a stronger community.

Councilor Yates-Recognition of our community. Mayor Phillips has helped promote this concept. Councilor Yates felt that being recognized by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce for Citizen of the Year has helped him to become a better person.

Councilor Johnson-Thanks to Boardman citizens for their positive ideas, and they are ready to pull together to work towards a better Boardman.

PJ Keefer-had received a Eagle Scout award

Emily Doherty-She had been chosen to represent RHS Band in Music in May Festival in Cottage Grove and an individual music competition in 2010.

Mayor Phillips will be cooking at the Senior Center for the monthly breakfast on March 14<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to attend.

**Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

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Chet Phillips-Mayor

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Lila Killingbeck, Recorder