

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chet Phillips at 7:05 p.m. and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken:

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| Council members: | Chet Phillips, Christie Perry, Randy Yates, Jerry Johnson, LaVern Gertlar, and Steve Doherty |
| Absent: | Jill Pambrun |
| Youth Advisory: | Tanner Wightman and Matt Hyder |
| Staff: | Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, Jackie McCauley, Tom Kligel, John Zeiler, Loren Dieter, Dave Winters, and Barry Beyeler |
| Audience: | Terry Tallman-Morrow County Judge, Diane Wolfe-Boardman Chamber, Gwen Herman & Jack Triperinas-C & D Drive-in, Erin Mills-East Oregonian, Tom Cutsforth, and Kenn Evans. 23 Riverside High School Students (see sign-in sheet). |

Councilor Pambrun absence was excused.

Councilor Gertlar moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting as presented. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Tom Cutsforth was recognized from the audience. He explained that he is running for Morrow County District Attorney. He told the Council about his background, experience and he was hoping to return to Morrow County because of this opportunity.

Mayor Phillips asked the Riverside High School Seniors to introduce themselves. Attendance of a City Council meeting is a requirement of the Senior Class graduation portfolio.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Kligel had given the February financial reports to the Councilors. He asked if anyone had questions regarding the information. There were none. He explained that the General Fund is showing a balance of \$396,699 and he expects additional revenue of about \$150,000. There will be a \$300,000 short fall in expected revenues due to miscalculation by the state and county assessed values for Avista-Coyote II and ConAgra line 5. Mr. Kligel will be watching this closely. Mr. Kligel reminded the Council of the Budget training session scheduled for tomorrow morning from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentations

Public Works

Dave Winters, Public Work Supt., gave a department report. The Community Garden area is almost ready to plant. There was a discussion regarding the Community Garden logistics regarding management, water, planting, fencing, etc. This project is being developed so the 1st year will be a learning experience. If residents are interested they need to contact City Hall. They are continuing to improve and plant more trees in the tree nursery at the Sewage Lagoon. The Department will be cleaning winter debris off the streets with the sweeper. They are

checking on the irrigation system for Circle 52, so that it will be ready to start sprinkling soon. The City has been working with the Port on Laurel Lane to put an 18" sleeve under Laurel Lane while the Port has been replacing an affluent line from NE Columbia under the Freeway and out Laurel Lane down to Wilson. This will be needed in the process of getting potable water across Laurel Lane.

Police Department

Lt. Loren Dieter gave a report regarding a drug bust in which the Dept. had assisted the BENT Team in an arrest at Wilson Road Trailer Park. Councilor Perry asked about the graffiti problem that has been occurring over the last few months. Lt. Dieter explained that over the last few months there had been a lot of gang activity in the Tri-Cities, Prosser, and Yakima areas and it spills over into our area. At this time the police do not have any suspects for the graffiti in Boardman but Lt. Dieter has been keeping it cleaned off. Chief Zeiler gave a report on an accidental shooting that had occurred on Monday. It was between 2 adults. The life flight helicopter had landed at the High School soccer field to pick up the person who was shot, which caused all kinds of false rumors.

Mayor Phillips recognized Judge Terry Tallman from the audience. Judge Tallman announced that he will be running for Judge again in the May Primary. This would be a 6 year term. He has been Judge for 12 years. He informed the Council that Morrow County Budget process will start April 21-24 and should be ready for adoption during the June 16th County Court Meeting. The Bombing Range Road is open again. The paving will be completed during the middle of March.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Committee Member

Councilor Yates moved to approve Mr. Bob Okeson as a Budget Committee Member for a term of 4 years. Councilor Gertlar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Youth Advisory

Mayor Phillips asked Tanner Wightman to give the Youth Advisory report. He reported that the Wish Assembly will be on March 18th. The basketball team will be traveling to Harrisburg for a state play off game. The Riverside High School Wrestling Team went to state: Brigham Hanson, state champion, Briton Hanson, 5th place and Riverside Wrestling team was 9th with 60 points. Mayor Phillips asked that we have certificates ready for the Spring Awards Assembly. The National Honor Society will be sponsoring a Blood Drive March 3rd from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Walk-ins are welcome.

Economic Development Committee

The next meeting will be March 9th at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. City Staff will be joining the committee for input on incentive ideas that could help new community members with housing cost and/or commercial development.

City Manager

City Manager Pettigrew reported that the LUBA Appeal for the Love's Travel Stop partitioning had been denied and had been filed with the Oregon State Court of Appeals.

CAPCO is trying to have a 5 member work team, ages 17-20, and a leader to work on projects in the Boardman/Irrigon area this summer for large projects. CAPCO pays wages and transportation and the entity with the project provides plans and supplies for completion of their project. This team concept should work better than the previous one worker at one entity program.

ODOT is considering June as the month to repair Overpass Bridge. It will all depend on the engineering being finished, requests for proposals, and a bid being chosen before May. Councilor Perry explained that she had received some complaints about the financial impact of the bridge being closed and traffic being re-routed to Laurel Lane. City Manager Pettigrew said that there have been several discussions regarding logistic between the north and south side of Boardman. City Manager Pettigrew explained that it is better to repair the overpass traffic lanes all at once, less of an impact than to have the bridge half open all summer, and more cost effective. There will be fire, ambulance, and police issues to deal with. Both school and Summer Recreation programs transportation issues. She explained the there will be bike and pedestrian traffic over the bridge and hoped to prevent anyone trying to run across the freeway. She feels that these can all be addressed and planned for to make this project the least inconvenient as possible. There was a discussion regarding the helicopter landing for emergency ambulance pick up on both sides of Boardman.

Mayor asked if the Councilors had anything to report, hearing no reports. He declared that he didn't have anything to report.

Meeting was recessed at 7:55 p.m. for 15 minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called according to ORS 192.660 section 2 (h) regarding: Litigation Likely to be filed, at 8:15 p.m.

Executive Session was closed at 8:25 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

City Manager Pettigrew explained that this week the City Manager List Serve had information regarding suspending System Development Charges for their Cities. In Molalla they were suspending SDC Fees for up to \$1 Million. They had also had a 179 unit apartment proposed to be built. Staff figured that the cost of such project to Boardman would have been about \$325,000 at Boardman's rate. Mayor Phillips viewed this as a positive advertising tactic which would draw interest for construction projects to look at Molalla. Many cities have more types of SDC's than water and sewer.

She had received an estimate for Design engineering cost from Anderson Perry in the amount of \$126,050 which was needed to apply for the Federal Stimulus American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA Stimulus) Grant for the South Main Street Improvement project. This estimate is for Design Engineering not for construction engineering. The construction engineering cost would be about the same amount. Anderson Perry would be available next week. This grant is still a maybe and we may not get the engineering cost back even if we received the grant. There was a difference of opinion about the grant application process. Mayor Phillips understood that if the process was done correctly the City would not pay upfront,

and all expenses would be included in the grant after it was granted. He feels that this is a zero cost grant if you follow the grant correctly. City Manager Pettigrew will call Doug Wright with ODOT and verify the application requirements.

We have already committed \$150,000 reserve money to a Curbs/Sidewalk projects from the overpass south to the BPA easement. We have committed about \$250,000 to the SE Front Street Motel, but the planning approval will be expiring soon and that will void our commitment to get the water/sewer and street down to their site. We need to be careful spending our reserves.

There was a discussion regarding the difference in State Grants and different types of Federal Grants. The Staff explained the need to be aware of the cost, before applying for the grants. The City has had the tax revenues reduced this year and that may change our ideas for spending reserve funds. If we don't have the money then we won't be able to move forward. Congress has not funded the Stimulus ARRA grants yet, but the deadline the City was working under was March 31st.

Mayor Phillips felt that if the Council and Staff do not go after this ARRA Grant, we would not be following the number one item in the Strategic Action Plan. Councilor Johnson felt that if we don't have money to make progress happen for Economic Development then maybe we should just put economic development on the shelf and wait. Councilor Perry feels that we should still do the planning. Councilor Yates feels that if we don't have money then we need to wait.

We need to do our quarterly review for the Strategic Plan. There was a discussion as to the review process being quarterly or annually. Lila will check and verify what process was approved with the document.

Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chet Phillips-Mayor

Lila Killingbeck, Recorder