

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  
Staff: Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Lila Killingbeck-Recorder, and Barry Beyeler  
Audience: Diane Wolfe, Boardman Chamber Director

Councilor Pambrun moved to approve the minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Councilor Yates seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Wolfe was recognized from the audience. She wanted to thank all of the Council for their help with the Boardman Cleanup Day on May 16<sup>th</sup>. She also thanked Ted Lieurance from the Boardman Marina Park for organizing the projects along S. Main Street. There were about 70 volunteers, which worked about 233 hours to report to the State Capitol. These hours are adding together with others who are participating in the Cleanup Oregon for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Oregon. The RHS Youth Advisory Council had the most volunteers and won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$300 for their organization. The Boardman Cub Scout Troop 615 received 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a prize of \$125. She was pleased with landscaping projects that were accomplished and the trash that had been cleaned up along NE Front, Boardman, and Columbia Avenues.

She reminded the Council of the Chamber sponsored event May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-7 pm at the Senior Center called "+50 Boomers". There will be 30 information booths, food, and prizes. She was expecting this to be a fun and informative event and hoped that everyone attended.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Urban Chickens

Mayor Phillips moved to allow chickens for a 1 year for a trial period. This would allow for up to 10 hen chickens. There was no second on the motion. Motion Failed.

## **REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION**

### Youth Advisory

There were no students in attendance. The RHS Night of Excellence was tonight. Mayor Phillips gave an update on the Wish List project. It will be at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 22 at RHS. All together there were 240 requests. At this time there have been 40 Wishes filled and Mayor Phillips expected that at least 50 would be fulfilled by Thursday. Mayor Phillips is proud of the students and feels that this is an exciting project. Councilor Doherty reminded Mayor Phillips that the Pop Can Drive collections are waiting at Vector Control to be cashed in. Mayor Phillips thought that this project would be completed over the weekend. Councilor Perry asked the Mayor to persuade students be thinking about city issues that concern students.

### City Manager

-IAMP draft was passed out to Councilors that hadn't received a copy previously. She asked that they become familiar with the information because there would be a phone conference during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June and then the public hearing would begin about June 22.

- a pamphlet regarding the Educational Services District (ESD) was passed out so that they would be informed regarding the services that are provided from the district.
- Reserve Fund review will be City Council meeting on June 2. A recap of the Reserve Fund Revenues was passed out for the Council Review. She asked that they become familiar before the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- There was a discussion regarding System Development Charges. There will be a review of SDC documents and method for calculation. There are 2 ways to calculate: Equivalent Dwelling Unit or meter size. Usually a consultant recommends a way to calculate. The original consultant calculated the fees using the EDU method. The Councilors were concerned about the commercial calculation.
- City Hall will be closed the 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.
- Mayor-Manager Meetings will be in Boardman on May 21<sup>ST</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

### Councilors

Councilor Doherty expressed concern about the negative East Oregonian article regarding the Sandpiper Apartments. The discussion was that even though the article was not a good representation for the City it was an issue that needs addressed. He was also concerned about a news article regarding Pacific Ethanol Corporation going into bankruptcy. There had been some discussion regarding the Boardman plant continuing to operate in spite of this news.

Councilor Johnson asked about the progress of the Truck Parking situation on NW Front Street. City Manager explained that staff is working on a 24-hr Parking Resolution and signage for this area and the other areas of the City. The Council will see this information in the next packet. He also would like to start answering some of the 14 Retreat Questions that have been on hold since the April Retreat.

Councilor Yates expressed concern regarding the tension that has occurred between the Fire Dept. and the City Staff regarding fire hydrants. City Manager Pettigrew has been working with both sides of this issue, and determined that the City will purchase and install 4 new hydrants. She also expressed that the Fire Dept. has some responsibility for being careful when using them to keep them in good working order. Councilor Johnson reminded the Council that the City is liable for the hydrants and their maintenance.

Councilor Gertlar expressed a concern that residents in our city that live alone especially senior citizens need to have people check on them often. He would like to have an article in North Morrow Times to inform citizens that the Police Dept. will do Welfare checks at resident homes if there is a request. He also wanted people to know that through Morrow County Special Transportation the Senior Center has vehicles and drivers available to transport Seniors/Disabled residents for appointments. He felt that it is an under used service.

### Mayor

He still has about 6 or 8 families that want to have the Community Garden, so he is still working on that project. The Boardman Cleanup Day went well and had lots of volunteers. He feels that the citizens have been giving input regarding all departments of the City; because of that input he feels that a positive atmosphere is being created. He would like to start working on the City of Boardman Vision. He asked for consensus of the Council, they want to start with the 14 Retreat Questions.

Meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor suggested a set of Ground Rules: the objective is to answer the questions and begin a working plan for the Council and City staff to use. During the discussion the comments should be to benefit the City and should stay with the facts and keep personal bias and emotions out of the discussion.

Question #1: Recommendation for Commercial Activity

- Focus commercial encouragement for existing and new basic services to residents.
- Rising fuel cost keep residents in town which would increase support for commercial businesses
- Change Boardman to a destination location instead of a truck stop.
- Is Boardman willing to change to make this happen?

Question #2: Investment Dollars-Where do they come from?

- Outside dollars need to come to Boardman through unique attractions, outlet mall, fitness/retirement complexes, etc.
- Combination of dollars-expand on Culture diversity, Farming, Farmer Markets, Marina & River, etc.
- Advertising our Community
- Making money is what business is about
- Adding curbs, sidewalks, to our streets to makes our town more appealing.
- Make façade for new development and develop into a bedroom community
- You have to sell something that people want to buy
- Create a frame work to develop a business incubator

Question #3 What image does Boardman have for traveling public?

- Truck Stop on every corner
- Travelers know C&D and come from all around to eat there.

Mayor Phillips closed the discussion and left everyone with the question: Where are we going? He encouraged each Councilor to come up with 20 or 30 things that could benefit Boardman for long range planning. Councilor Johnson added that we need to get a 5 year plan and use it to show progress for the Vision.

**Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

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Chet Phillips-Mayor

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Lila Killingbeck, Recorder