

## **BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 5, 2022**

Mayor Keefer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call for attendance was taken

**Councilors Present:** Isaac Williams, Paul Keefer, Paul Beagle, Katy Norton (In Person), Leslie Pierson, and Jr. Drago (via Zoom)

**Councilors Absent:** Brenda Profitt

**Staff:** Karen Pettigrew – City Manager, Richard Stokoe – Chief of Police / Assistant City Manager, Marta Barajas – Finance Director, Rolf Prag – Special Projects Manager, and Jenn Rollins – City Recorder/HR (In Person)

**Audience:** Torrie Griggs (In Person), Jasmin, and Nate Graham (Via Zoom for High School Civics Class)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Councilor Norton made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 City Council Special Hearing as written. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. No discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Pierson – Yes; Councilor Beagle – Yes; Councilor Norton – Yes; Councilor Drago – Yes; Councilor Williams – Yes; Mayor Keefer – Yes. The motion passed 6 – 0 with one absence.

#### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Councilor Beagle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting as written. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. No discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Pierson – Yes; Councilor Beagle – Yes; Councilor Norton – Yes; Councilor Drago – Yes; Councilor Williams – Yes; Mayor Keefer – Yes. The motion passed 6 – 0 with one absence.

#### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 1, 2022

Councilor Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting as written. Councilor Norton seconded the motion. No discussion ensued.

Councilor Beagle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting as written. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. No discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Pierson – Yes; Councilor Beagle – Yes; Councilor Norton – Yes; Councilor Drago – Yes; Councilor Williams – Yes; Mayor Keefer – Yes. The motion passed 6 – 0 with one absence.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Torrie Griggs appeared in person to present Chamber of Commerce information to the council. Jasmin and Nate Graham joined the city council meeting via zoom, and were attending as part of their High School civics class.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT – ENDING JANUARY 31, 2022**

Finance Director Barajas presented the Financial Report, month ending February 28, 2022 to the council.

Finance Director Barajas explained the general fund in the February report had large deposits into the account from franchise fees and a large property tax payment. She also asked the councilors to note the interest rates are starting to rise indicating economic stabilization post Covid. Mayor Keefer asked the councilors if they had any questions regarding the report as presented – no questions or discussion ensued.

Finance Director Barajas presented the Financial Report, month ending March 31, 2022 to the council. Finance Director Barajas explained the report showed income generated from building permits and plan reviews while other funds remained mostly unchanged. Mayor Keefer asked for an explanation of the Capital Projects Fund and Director Barajas explained how the fund is used. Councilor Beagle asked for clarification regarding the

difference in the general fund numbers; Director Barajas explained how the report was set up and how the funds are used by the city. No other questions were asked.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### Torrie Griggs – Chamber of Commerce

Torrie Griggs from the Boardman Chamber of Commerce presented the councilors with the April Port Commission Report and noted the following events: The Ryan Neal Memorial Golf Scholarship Tournament was held at Marker 40, and funds raised from the event went to the Chamber's scholarship program; the Distinguished Citizens Award Banquet was held on March 12<sup>th</sup> and table centerpieces were auctioned off in support of the Chamber's scholarship program; on April 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a Morrow County School Bond Discussion on Chamber Live; on April 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. there will be an in-person and Chamber Live County Commission Position #3 Candidate Forum at the Riverfront Center where citizens can attend and ask questions of the candidates; on April 7, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. there will be a Chamber Live event to show how the Destination Development Studio for Morrow County helps communities cultivate tourism; on April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. there will be an in-person and Chamber Live County Commission Position #2 Candidate Forum at the Riverfront Center where citizens can attend and ask questions of the candidates; On April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. there will be an Interactive Community Input Destination Development Studio demonstration at the Riverfront Center; on April 20, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. the Chamber will host their April virtual luncheon; on April 21, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. there will be a Chamber Live Lunch and Learn with Kevin McWhirter from Dale Carnegie discussion employee engagement.

Ms. Griggs also noted between the two scholarship fundraising events, over \$18,000 dollars were raised for the Boardman Scholarship Program supports RHS Seniors. Ms. Griggs also noted the BCDA budget meeting will be held next week and they will be discussion allotments for the new homebuyer's incentive and completing the broadband project for 97818. Tesla is currently installing 8 electric charging stations at the SAGE Center and an additional 8 regular charging stations will be installed there as well. A new SUPA sign has been installed in front of the SAGE Center which is a new tool which can be used to drive tourism engagement in the City of Boardman and Morrow County.

## **REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION:**

### **POLICE REPORT**

Police Chief Stokoe presented the council with a copy of the police report for the month of March and noted the number of responses are rising as citizens return to normal life after COVID and Boardman Police Officers are very busy. Mayor Keefer asked if there were any questions – there were none.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

City Manager Pettigrew presented the Building Department Report for the month of March to the council. Councilor Beagle noted the number of permits issued in March was lower than the two previous months of the year. Mayor Keefer asked if there were any further questions – there were none.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

City Manager Pettigrew presented the Public Works Department Report from the month of March to the council. Mayor Keefer asked Special Project Manager Prag when the dip in Main Street would be repaired and whose responsibility it was to make the repair. Special Project Manager Prag responded noting the asphalt plant was now open and it was the contractor's responsibility to repair the road, but any future repairs after would be the responsibility of the city.

Councilor Beagle asked Special Project Manager Prag to explain what a setter was, as it was listed in the report; Special Project Manager Prag explained it is a device which holds the water meter. Mayor Keefer asked if there were any further questions – there were none.

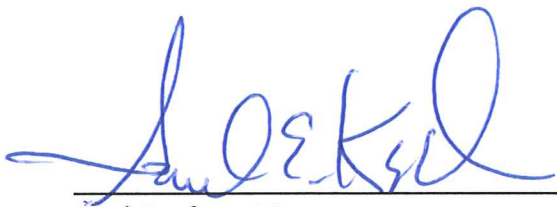
### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Pettigrew presented her report to the council and noted the following events: The Corps of Engineers has given the City of Boardman the green light to proceed with the water and wastewater project; the BPA has also given the City of Boardman the green light to use their easement for the Loop Road Project on Laurel Lane.; Kittleson has completed their traffic study and will be sending the city the results soon; Negotiations with the Teamster Union employees was completed last week and once the new agreement is ratified it will be presented to the council; the City of Boardman has received notification that the appeal of ZP21-066 has been filed with LUBA; a job has been posted for a lateral position with the Boardman Police Department to help with the increase in calls; the AWS has a meeting in Heppner and announced it will disperse \$200,000 in grants to local committees in support of STEM projects; City Hall will be closed at noon on April 8, 2022 so staff can attend the celebration of life for Barry Beyeler; and finally, noted a memorial for Ryan Neal will be held at Marker 40 on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Keefer asked for thoughts on how the city could honor Barry's memory and note his many years of service; City Manager Pettigrew replied a committee would be formed to decide on the best way to proceed with this idea. Mayor Keefer also asked if the UEC transmission lines on county property required a zoning permit from the county; City Manager Pettigrew responded she wasn't sure, but she suspected that was the case. Finally, Mayor Keefer asked if the power poles UEC is replacing out on Wilson Road are going to be the size of the transmission line project; City Manager Pettigrew replied the new poles would be five feet taller than the current poles, but they would not be the size of the towers used for the high voltage transmission lines.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

  
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Paul Keefer – Mayor  
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Jenn Rollins – City Recorder/HR