

**BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 9, 2020**

Mayor Sandy Toms called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Councilors Present: Art Kegler, Brandon Hammond, David Jones, Katy Norton, Roy Drago Jr., Sandy Toms

Councilors Absent: Leslie Pierson - Excused

Staff: Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Heather Baumgartner-City Recorder, Richard Stokoe-Chief of Police, Barry Beyeler – Community Development Director, Glenn McIntire – Building Official, and Marta Barajas-Finance Director

Audience: Jordan Mittelsdorf, Jonathan Tallman, Torrie Griggs, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Galaxy 7 Note (chose not to identify themselves after several requests)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting

Councilor Kegler moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 regular meeting.

Councilor Drago seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2020 Budget meeting

Councilor Drago moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 budget meeting.

Councilor Kegler seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 26, 2020 Budget meeting

Councilor Hammond moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 budget meeting.

Councilor Kegler seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 2, 2020 Emergency meeting

Councilor Drago moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 emergency meeting.

Councilor Kegler seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

2020-2021 Budget Hearing

Mayor Toms recessed the regular meeting and called the Public Hearing to order at 7:17 p.m. She announced the purpose of the hearing was to take comment on the 2020-2021 City Budget.

There were no abstentions from the council or objections to the jurisdiction.

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Mayor Toms asked for the staff report. Finance Director Marta Barajas said the 2020-2021 budget was recommended by the budget committee on May 26, 2019 and she requests the council's approval.

There were no proponents, opponents, or public agencies to speak at the hearing.

Mayor Toms closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Ending May 31, 2020

Finance Director Barajas communicated that there was only one large purchase of a crane truck. Sanitary Disposal has been short staffed and the invoices have been delayed. This caused a larger payment to be made due to being invoiced for 2 months.

Councilor Hammond moved to approve the Financial Report Ending May 31, 2020 as presented.

Councilor Norton seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Roll Call: Pierson – Absent, Jones – Yes, Norton – Yes, Drago – Yes, Hammond – Yes, Kegler – Yes, Toms – Yes

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

INTRODUCTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Torrie Griggs – Boardman Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Griggs reported they would be hosting a Facebook live event for 2020 census on June 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Questions would be taken live. Some information that will be presented will be where funding goes and the importance and being counted. Karla Jiminez will be translating.

On June 17, 2020 the Chamber will be hosting a virtual chamber luncheon to give updates to the community on what the Boardman Chamber has been doing.

There will only be fireworks this 4th of July. No other events have been scheduled. The fireworks display will last 10-15 minutes longer and will be high velocity. The fireworks are expected to be seen from anywhere in Boardman. The community is encouraged to stay home and watch the fireworks. Mayor Toms asked if there would be traffic control for individuals who choose to go to the marina park to watch the fireworks. Ms. Griggs said they are continuing to encourage the community to stay home. If the community chooses to go to the park, it would be the decision of Boardman Parks and Recreation to enforce social distancing and limit group size. Chief Stokoe communicated that his department does not want to take responsibility for enforcement. If the decision needs to be made to block the road, Boardman Parks and Recreation would make that decision. If individuals choose to go to the marina park to watch the fireworks, they would be responsible for their own actions.

On July 6, 202, the SAGE Center and Boardman Chamber of Commerce will meet to discuss plans to reopen to the public. The situation will be evaluated and a decision will be made with guidelines.

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ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 9-2020 – Budget 2020-2021

Councilor Jones moved to approve Resolution 9-2020 – Budget 2020-2021

Councilor Kegler seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Roll Call: Pierson – Absent, Jones – Yes, Norton – Yes, Drago – Yes, Hammond – Yes, Kegler – Yes, Toms – Yes

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

Resolution 10-2020 – A Resolution Appointing Morrow County Treasurer as Custodial Officer

Councilor Hammond moved to approve Resolution 10-2020 – A Resolution Appointing Morrow County Treasurer as Custodial Officer

Councilor Drago seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Roll Call: Pierson – Absent, Jones – Yes, Norton – Yes, Drago – Yes, Hammond – Yes, Kegler – Yes, Toms – Yes

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

Resolution 11-2020 – A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues

Councilor Jones moved to approve Resolution 11-2020 – A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues

Councilor Kegler seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Roll Call: Pierson – Absent, Jones – Yes, Norton – Yes, Drago – Yes, Hammond – Yes, Kegler – Yes, Toms – Yes

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

Resolution 12-2020 – A Resolution Extending City of Boardman's Workers Compensation Coverage to Volunteers to the City of Boardman.

Councilor Drago moved to approve Resolution 12-2020 – A Resolution Extending City of Boardman's Workers Compensation Coverage to Volunteers to the City of Boardman

Councilor Kegler seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Roll Call: Pierson – Absent, Jones – Yes, Norton – Yes, Drago – Yes, Hammond – Yes, Kegler – Yes, Toms – Yes

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

Resolution 13-2020 – A Budget Resolution to decrease contingency and to increase 2019-20 expenditures for materials and services.

Councilor Norton moved to approve Resolution 13-2020 – A Budget Resolution to decrease contingency and to increase 2018-19 expenditures for materials and services.

Councilor Hammond seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Roll Call: Pierson – Absent, Jones – Yes, Norton – Yes, Drago – Yes, Hammond – Yes, Kegler – Yes, Toms – Yes

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

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Resolution 14-2020 – A Resolution First Addendum to the Agreement for Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Abatement

Councilor Kegler moved to approve Resolution 14-2020 – A Resolution First Addendum to the Agreement for Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Abatement.

Councilor Drago seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Roll Call: Pierson – Absent, Jones – Yes, Norton – Yes, Drago – Yes, Hammond – Yes, Kegler – Yes, Toms – Yes

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

Resolution 16-2020 – A Resolution for Safe Routes to Schools on Columbia Ave.

Councilor Drago moved to approve Resolution 16-2020 – A Resolution for Safe Routes to Schools on North East Columbia Avenue for a Multi-Use Path.

Councilor Norton seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

Resolution 17-2020 – A Resolution for Safe Routes to Schools from Bella Vista to Wilson Road.

Councilor Kegler moved to approve Resolution 17-2020 – A Resolution for Safe Routes to Schools from Bella Vista Estates to Wilson Road for a Multi-Use Path.

Councilor Jones seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Griggs communicated that a woman called and has furniture and other household items to donate to victims of the storm. There is a family in need, but they are waiting for a home to put these items in. A request was made to store these items until the family was able to take them. Chief Stokoe replied that he would do some checking and suggested phone calls be directed to him.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Police Report

Chief Stokoe asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. There were no questions regarding the police report. The May numbers are more accurate due to Butch being back in the office.

Chief Stokoe and Fire Chief Hughes released the duties of the command post to the Red Cross on Friday, June 5, 2020. On Monday, June 8, 2020 the Red Cross turned it over to CAPECO. Those needing assistance after the storm will be able to request legal services and assistance from the Human Development Corp. There was a call from a woman in Tri-Cities who would like to donate blankets. Due to the risk of COVID-19, unsolicited donations can not be accepted. Individuals have been directed to donate money to the account set up at Banner Bank.

Chief Stokoe communicated that he was proud to be part of a community such as Boardman. The community came together during a natural disaster that shows the true heart of everyone who lives here.

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The Class of 2020 graduation parade was a success. Councilor Hammond said the Parade with Teachers was successful with minor issues.

Chief Stokoe gave a brief statement in regard to a peaceful protest that occurred in Boardman on Friday, June 5, 2020. He said there were approximately 30-40 people involved and most were local. There had been reports that ANTIFA was scheduled to arrive with close to 8 busses of individuals with the intent of escalating the protest. Those busses did not arrive in Boardman, but they were reported to have arrived in a location in Tri-Cities. It was also reported that community members voluntarily took up arms and were discreetly located in and around Boardman in the event the protest escalated.

Committee Report

None

City Manager Report

City Manager Pettigrew communicated that the League of Oregon Cities sent out forms requesting 4 topics of discussion to be presented at the next legislative meeting. The response is due by August. She said she would add it to next months agenda to discuss again.

The League of Oregon Cities stopped by on Monday June 8, 2020. It was reported that smaller towns along the coast don't have a tax district and rely on funds generated from lodging. These towns are struggling due to the shutdown from COVID-19.

The bid to chip seal Columbia Blvd was put out and closes on June 25, 2020.

The block grant for OCDC migrant head start may need another extension. The process has been inefficient and the city is waiting for a purchase order to be submitted so the modular buildings can be ordered.

The building department continues to be busy. There were 75 building permits issued in April with 2 of them being new home construction. May had 56 permits issued with 3 of them being new home construction. All 5 new home construction are within the Tuscany subdivision.

A decision needs to be made in regard to the splash pad. There is a question in regard to how to keep it sanitized and limited the number of people using it at a time. CIS sent recommendations to assist in making decisions. The Boardman Recreation Center is working to open the pool. The basketball court and the climbing wall will remain closed. Ms. Mittelsdorf commented that the Pendleton Pool will remain closed for the year. City Manager Pettigrew communicated that the Boardman Recreation Center would like to offer swimming lessons. Boardman Parks and Recreation is working towards having a summer rec program. The city park and school grounds would need to be utilized. The groups would be limited to 10 children. If one child drops from the group, the space would not be refilled. There will not be a bus service provided to the children this year. Children would need to walk to the events or have a parent drive them.

Luis Flores made a plexiglass barrier for the counter for staff at City Hall to use when it is opened back up to the public. There is no date for reopening. It was decided to wait to see if there will be a negative affect going into phase 2. If the number of COVID-19 cases does not spike unreasonably, the city will discuss a timeline for opening.

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The recycle bins will be moved to the north side of Boardman by the community garden. Granite has laid gravel and will pave the lot soon.

City Manager Pettigrew reminded the group of the Special City Council Meeting on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to review and pass a resolution to form an enterprise zone for the City of Boardman with the Port of Morrow as the co-sponsor.

Councilor Report

None

Mayor Report

Mayor Toms expressed her appreciation for everything Chief Stokoe, Fire Chief Hughes and volunteers did during the natural disaster emergency. Councilor Norton concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Sandy Toms – Mayor



Heather Baumgartner – Recorder