

## **BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 13, 2021 VIDEO CONFERENCING MEETING**

Mayor Keefer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

**Councilors Present:** Paul Beagle, Roy Drago, Jr., Paul Keefer, Katy Norton, Leslie Pierson, Brenda Profitt and Isaac Williams (all in person)

**Councilors Absent:** None

**Staff:** Karen Pettigrew – City Manager, Rick Stokoe – Chief of Police, Marta Barajas – Finance Director, Glenn McIntire – Building Official, and Toni Connell – Acting City Recorder (all in person)

**Audience:** Mike Hughes – BFD Fire Chief, Adam Cole – BFD, Zulema Gayton – BFD (all in person), Renee Maenle – Boardman Chamber of Commerce, Karla Jiminez, Jenna Rollins, Kathy Street, Norma Ayala, Cornel Falland, Unknown BFD (all via Zoom)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 8, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting**

Councilor Beagle motioned to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Councilor Profitt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2021 Special City Council Meeting**

Councilor Profitt motioned to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 Special Meeting as presented. Councilor Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 30, 2021 Special City Council Meeting**

Councilor Norton motioned to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2021 Special Meeting as presented. Councilor Beagle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **PREARRANGED PRESENTATION**

#### **Boardman Fire Chief Mike Hughes**

Fire Chief Hughes wanted to discuss with the council his proposed partnership between Morrow County Health District and Boardman Fire Rescue. The proposal is to combine both resources with the primary goal of improving medical services. The fire district is in the process of building a new facility which will include living quarters. In the proposal, the health district will maintain ownership of equipment and transport vehicles along with retaining all billing responsibilities. The fire district will provide management and oversight of shift personnel, will provide living facilities for all medical and fire personnel for 24-hour onsite staffing and perform all regular maintenance of transport vehicles.

Councilor Profitt asked if the health district is in agreement with this proposal. Fire Chief Hughes stated there is a handshake agreement, meaning they are currently talking and believes in time they will get there but not as quickly as he would like. Councilor Profitt asked what he is asking from the council. He stated he is not asking for anything but support. He wanted to come and inform the council and asks them to be willing to support this partnership while they try to grow it as he believes it is what's best for

the City of Boardman and North Morrow County. He continued by telling the council he is not only asking for Boardman's ambulance; he is asking for Irrigon's as well.

City Manager Pettigrew stated when Fire Chief Hughes came to her regarding this, she told him what he needed was community support and suggested coming and speaking to the city council.

Councilor Pierson asked what is the expected completion date on the new firehouse. Chief Hughes stated he is hoping to break ground by the end of the summer with a guaranteed completion date by November 2022.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT – Ending June 30, 2021**

Finance Director Barajas stated June 30<sup>th</sup> is the end of the fiscal year. The city received the bond proceeds which has allowed the city to proceed with the water and waste water infrastructure project. The city did not receive the ARPA Funds, which is the federal aid to local government funds. These funds will be sent to the state and the state will disburse the funds to the smaller cities. The state has not awarded these funds to the smaller cities as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Finance Director Barajas explained the city did not expend all of the CBDG funds for the Migrant Head Start project which is why the city had the last-minute supplemental budget meeting. She asked if there were any questions in regard to the financial report submitted and there were none.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### Cornel Falland and Kathy Street – Faler Road and SW Mt Hood Avenue

Mr. Falland wanted to have a discussion with the council regarding the intersection of Faler Road and SW Mt Hood Avenue going into the Chaparral Development. He stated he brought it before council in 2019 asking about the possibly of putting in a four-way stop to make the corner safer. He explained it is a very busy and dangerous intersection and wanted to bring it back up for discussion to find a solution to the problem he and his neighbors are having. Ms. Street commented they have asked the police department to patrol the area a little more often. She feels there is a lot more traffic than what was expected because people are using it as an alternative to Wilson Lane to bypass the school zones. Ms. Street continued by saying with more families moving into the Chaparral Subdivision, she fears it will only be a matter of time an accident will happen.

Councilor Profitt stated after the concern Mr. Falland brought to her, she drove by there and noticed there is a very short sidewalk on Faler Road to the entrance of the Chaparral Subdivision. She continued by saying instead of a direct right angle corner typically seen on a corner, it is cut in a 45-degree angle for a few feet and again in a 45-degree angle. It appears because of this it makes it a smoother angle allowing drivers to go faster while turning into the subdivision. Also, with the residents' driveways close to the corner she can see where it could be a problem when backing out of the driveways.

Mayor Keefer asked what the city needs to do to see if this is a problem area and if it needs to be addressed. City Manager Pettigrew commented she believes the traffic through there is more than they anticipated but putting in a four-way stop is a bit difficult and a process as you cannot just put up stop signs. Mayor Keefer stating the council will take this under advisement and will have staff review the situation.

#### Renee Maenle – Boardman Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Maenle communicated the news and upcoming events:

The chamber wanted to thank the Morrow County Unified Recreation District for funding the fireworks this year.

Boardman Foods had a ground breaking today for their new expansion project.

The Boardman Chamber Luncheon will be in person at the Riverfront Center on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Next month's luncheon will be moved back a week to August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The "Think Big Space" in the SAGE Center was announced on Monday. Morrow County School District is currently looking for a STEM teacher to oversee the space.

The Doggie Park is coming along on NE Front Street with the parking lot graveled and the hydroseed and irrigation now in.

For more information on any of these events, and other information around the community, visit the chambers website.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Resolution 12-2021 – Rename Streets for Bailey Park Subdivision

Councilor Profitt motioned to approve Resolution 12-2021, a resolution to rename the Tradewinds and Sunridge Terrace Phase Two side streets to the connecting streets of Bailey Park within the City of Boardman. Councilor Williams second the motion. Mayor Keefer asked if there was any discussion needed and there was none.

Motion passed 7-0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Memorandum of Understanding: CREZ III – Fiscal Agent

Councilor Profitt motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, a memorandum of agreement between CREZ III Board of Directors and the City of Boardman addressing the duties and responsibilities of the fiscal agent. Councilor Drago second the motion. Mayor Keefer asked if there was any discussion needed and there was none.

Motion passed 7-0.

## **REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION**

### Police Report

Chief Stokoe submitted a report to the council on behalf of the police department. He stated the numbers were a little higher than in previous months. Chief Stokoe commented the majority of the service calls were officer initiated. He stated the city has an outstanding team. They are constantly paying attention to what's going on in the community. The department will get calls from residents who think they left their garage doors open at night and the officers will check and let them know. Those are good things that happen here and he is very proud of his team. He asked if there were any questions in regards to the report submitted. There were none.

### Building Department Report

Building Official McIntire submitted a report to the council on behalf of the building department. He stated the building department is the same and noted there were more permits issued in the City of Irrigon than Morrow County in the month of June. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### Public Works Department Report

City Manager Pettigrew stated a report was submitted to the council on behalf of the public works department. She stated with the record high temperatures this past month, there has been a lot of water usage throughout the city. Mayor Keefer asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### City Manager

City Manager Pettigrew told the council in the packet she included a confidential fact-finding report Building Clerk Jackie McCauley put together to clarify some of the statements made by county representatives at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting so the council has a better understand of how the building program works. Mayor Keefer stated this report was in depth and he appreciated her putting this together for the council.

Bids went out on the 9<sup>th</sup> for the Loop Road project on Laurel Lane and it looks like it will only be on the east side of the road instead of both sides. Bids will be opened on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The city had interviews for the City Recorder/HR position last Thursday. She asked the two finalists to attend via Zoom and take minutes of tonight's meeting. She stated minutes are not a word for word

dictation but is a feel of the meeting and who makes the motions. She will review their minutes and will be holding second interviews on Thursday.

City Manager Pettigrew explained for those who didn't know Mike Wilson, he was the man who helped the city with the water and wastewater bond issue and also helped the fire department with their bond. He helped raise funds for the clinic and worked the bond issue for the Boardman Marina Park in getting the Rec. Center bond passed. He was a huge figure in a lot of Boardman projects. Last night he was in a fatality accident outside of Stanfield and will be missed.

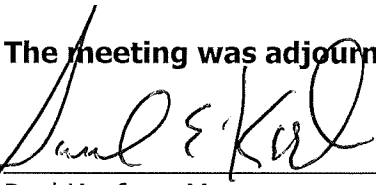
#### Councilors

Councilor Drago stated he was approached and asked about the broadband on how it is going and when residents can start getting hooked up to their houses. City Manager Pettigrew stated PDTFast is laying new fiber in the River Ridge Subdivision and will be working on getting what they have laid out hooked up. Finding employees to work is really hard right now. Councilor Pierson stated PDTFast has moved an office in Boardman at 202 N Main Street and has spoken with them and they are working as fast as they can in getting people hooked up.

#### Mayor

Mayor Keefer commented on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities and was happy to see the community work together and put something together for everyone to enjoy.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm**



Paul Keefer – Mayor



Toni Connell – Acting City Recorder