

**BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 5, 2020**

Mayor Sandy Toms called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: None

Staff: Barry Beyeler – Community Development Director, Heather Baumgartner – City Recorder, Karen Pettigrew – City Manager, Marta Barajas – Finance Director, Rick Stokoe – Chief of Police.

Audience: Torrie Griggs – Boardman Chamber of Commerce and Mike Wilson – Westby & Associates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting

Councilor Kegler moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 regular meeting.

Councilor Pierson seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 7-0-0 absent

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – April 13, 2020 Special Meeting

Councilor Hammond moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 special meeting.

Councilor Jones seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Motion passed. 7-0-0 absent

INTRODUCTIONS

Torrie Griggs – Boardman Chamber of Commerce and Mike Wilson – Westby & Associates

FINANCIAL REPORT - Ending April 30, 2020

Finance Director Barajas explained that all the budgeted interfund transfers have been completed. The only remaining transfers are the URA payments back to the city.

Councilor Drago moved to approve the Financial Report Ending April 30, 2020 as presented.

Councilor Norton seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

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

Motion passed. 7-0-0 absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Torrie Griggs – Boardman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Director Griggs gave a reminder that on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. the last Facebook live General Obligation Bond discussion is scheduled. She asked that any questions be submitted to info@boardmanchamber.org prior to the meeting. Chamber Director Griggs asked the group to remind farmers and ranchers about the EIDL application is open now. There is a link on the Boardman Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. The Boardman Food Pantry has a zoom meeting scheduled on May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The link to the zoom meeting can be

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requested by sending a message through the Boardman Food Pantry Facebook page. The BCDA funded the flowers at the SAGE center. Disc golf is progressing at the Boardman Marina Park. She also reminded members that the Boardman Chamber is there to help get information out to the community.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 8-2020 – CREZ II and Amazon Agreement

Councilor Kegler moved to approve Resolution 8-2020 – In The Matter of Approving an Agreement Between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and Amazon Data Services, Inc.

Councilor Hammond seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

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

Motion passed. 7-0-0 absent.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Police Report

Chief Stokoe asked if there were any questions. Councilor Jones asked what the officer initiated incident means on the report. Chief Stokoe explained that contact does not necessarily mean there is a crime being committed and the number has risen due to prescription deliveries to community members.

Councilor Kegler asked if the stay at home order has shown an increase in domestic violence situations. Chief Stokoe responded that there has been an increase.

Chief Stokoe communicated that officers have been wearing a different style of uniform to enable them to remove their uniforms quickly and place them directly into the washing machine at the end of their shift.

Committee Report

None

City Manager Report

City Manager Pettigrew communicated that the City of Boardman recently purchased a crane truck for \$17,500. There are many projects that can be completed with this piece of equipment. Public Works employees went back to work on May 4, 2020.

The utility bills went out on Monday and included a flyer for the General Obligation Bond and a Census 2020 postcard. Morrow County is currently number 30 on the list of 36 counties.

The Facebook live events have been helpful to help answer questions for the community. There have already been 40 ballots from Boardman submitted.

The budget committee meeting is scheduled next week on May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Toms asked if the City of Boardman had reached out to the budget committee members to ensure

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they have computer or mobile device access. May 26, 2020 is the next budget meeting. The budget committee will not be able to approve the city budget at the May 12, 2020 meeting due to needing to wait for the election results of the general obligation bond on May 19, 2020.

The City of Boardman will be sending an RFP for towing services out for bid soon.

Jackie McCauley gave a report on the permits sold. 75 permits have been sold. 27 were in Boardman. 1 was a manufactured home. 2 were new home construction. Morrow County had 33 permits sold. 3 were manufactured homes. 2 were new home construction. Irrigon had 1 permit sold. There were also 13 electrical permits sold. Each permit requires significant time to complete.

Mike Lees from Anderson Perry and City Manager Pettigrew discussed the chip sealing on Columbia Ave. She communicated that the pavement at the corner of Olson and Columbia was past the point where chip sealing would be effective. Mr. Lees will be taking core samples to determine what type of base is under the asphalt. She communicated that the City of Boardman had received a \$100,000 the small cities grant. She anticipated the cost being an additional \$200,000 to complete the construction projects on Columbia. She reminded the group of the walking path on the list of projects to be completed on Columbia Ave.

Music in the Parks has been cancelled for this year due to COVID-19.

City Manager Pettigrew reminded the group to log in and watch the live Facebook event on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Report

None

Mayor Report

Mayor Toms communicated the Governor's new executive order that would begin opening parts of the State beginning May 15. The criteria in order to begin reopening is to keep the COVID-19 cases down below 5. As of today's date, there are currently 10 cases. 8 in Boardman, 1 in Irrigon, and 1 in Heppner.

She communicated that she has a conference call with the League of Oregon Cities on Friday, May 8, 2020. Mayor Toms sent a question to the LOC and she is hoping to receive answers. She communicated that she will keep everyone updated as she receives new information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Sandy Toms – Mayor



Heather Baumgartner – Recorder