

**BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 29, 2020**

Mayor Sandy Toms called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Councilors Absent:** Brandon Hammond

**Staff:** Karen Pettigrew – City Manager, Marta Barajas – Finance Director, Kevin Kennedy – Public Works Director

**Audience:** Leah Harris

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

*Resolution 20-2020 – In the Matter of Approving an Agreement between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone II and Klean Industries Boardman LLC.*

City Manager Pettigrew explained that Klean Industries has taken over the business that previously used the name “Reclaim” which they hope to continue a similar business. Mayor Toms added by saying they are a tire recycling business. This Resolution approves for Klean Industries to get a tax abatement for fifteen years, as long as they employ a minimum amount of employees, and comply with the other items in the agreement. The agreement was just completed. Because the [Columbia River] Enterprise Zone II is ending tomorrow, we want to get this in. Councilor Pierson asked if this is going under the Enterprise Zone II? Mayor Toms verified Yes. Councilor Pierson then asked if they were getting a similar deal as other similar companies. Mayor Toms explained that the Enterprise Zone uses a template agreement with the companies and then small modifications are made such as legality wording or clarification. City Manager Pettigrew also verified this.

Councilor Kegler moved to approve Resolution 20-2020 – In the Matter of Approving an Agreement between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Zone II and Klean Industries Boardman LLC.

Councilor Norton seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

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

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

*Resolution 21-2020 – Second Addendum & First Amendments to the Agreements for Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Abatement.*

City Manager Pettigrew explained that when Amazon (previously VaData) wanted to change one agreement, so that they could take advantage of the land available, they decided all agreements would need to be addressed. They want to be able to build smaller buildings around the larger data centers, if land permits. They are talking about buildings approximately 15,000 sq. ft. They are requesting to pay \$5 per sq. ft. on these buildings. Mayor Toms added that the original amounts agreed upon, on the large data centers, is not changing. They are adding buildings to the agreement and the payment on those. City Manager Pettigrew explained that one of the

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agreements already had an addendum and so, that one is requesting a second addendum, while the other active agreements will have a first amendment.

Councilor Kegler moved to approve Resolution 21-2020 – Second Addendum & First Amendments to the Agreements for Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Abatement.

Councilor Norton seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

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

Motion passed. 6-0-1 absent.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Toms moved on to the discussion on Enterprise Zones. She asked if this was regarding the City's application. City Manager Pettigrew clarified that she wanted the City Council to read the agreement the Port of Morrow and Morrow County are working on and will most likely be approving by tomorrow. The maps of the current Enterprise Zone and the proposed Enterprise Zone are included. If the Port of Morrow and Morrow County come to an agreement, the City will not pursue its Enterprise Zone application. Under the Port/County Enterprise Zone, if the City is in the "Impact Zone", the City would be at the Enterprise Zone negotiation table, it'll likewise be similar for the other cities when it falls in their "Impact Zones." There has been a lot of work and meetings and negotiations due to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Mayor Toms addressed the City Council on the subject of the Splash Pad and Playgrounds. The community has been asking why Boardman's aren't open, when the surrounding cities' are opened. Councilor Pierson asked for current update on number of cases. Mayor Toms said Boardman has twenty-three cases, with total cases of forty-two. The official notices only give the number of cases by city and county, but not by employer. That information is not made available with the official COVID-19 cases updates. Mayor Toms, Councilor Kegler, and Councilor Norton feel the Splash Pad would be safer, than playgrounds, to open up. Mayor Toms mentioned our city water is chlorinated. Councilor Jones feels comfortable with opening the Splash Pad and playgrounds. Mayor Toms asked for the other Councilor's opinions. Councilor Pierson asked what surrounding communities are doing? Mayor Toms said she spoke with Hermiston, and they don't have issues with splash parks, but they are contemplating closing parks because those are posing a risk.

Council Kegler recommends for the first few days have supervision and monitoring just to see how it's doing. City Manager added that the users are ultimately responsible for themselves and their children. The City will open the Splash Pad but people will have to be responsible for themselves and use at their own discretion. Mayor Toms is concerned about sanitary issues with playgrounds. Those are too difficult to keep sanitized and are more worrisome. The City Council has agreed to have the Splash Pad opened but not the playgrounds. City Manager Pettigrew will have the City staff prepare the Splash Pad for opening and is confident to having it opened by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

City Manager Pettigrew wanted to give the most updated figures on COVID-19 cases and said that Morrow County Public Health has announced ten more cases, with five being from Boardman and five from Irrigon. This brings the county's total to fifty-nine.

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Next City Council Meeting is on July 7, 2020.

Councilor Drago commented on how much he appreciates the new Boardman signs. The new sign by the community garden is great. Many councilors agreed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

  
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Sandy Toms – Mayor

  
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Marta Barajas – Acting Recorder