

CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Regular Council Meeting JUNE 2, 2009

A. ROLL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Virginia Carnes at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Kacie Moss, Shawna Kirk, John Standley, Nancy Lankford, Michael Baleztena and Bob Montgomery. Also present were City Manager Paul Koch, City Recorder Jackie I. Carey, Chief Richman, Public Works Supervisor Steve Draper, Jim Carey, Mary Lue Slabik, Harley Jeffers, Chuck Bonando, Mike Brown, Laura Brown, Harley Jeffers, Mark Street, Mike Nelson, Roy Golden, Glen Snively, Debra Doyle, Dan Mitzimberg, Deb Mitzimberg, Marjorie Iburg, Jan Bensel, Don Bensel, Ron Neeley, Stacey Setters, Brian Barnes, Jeff Mills, Roy Lyle, Ryan Lyle and John Taylor.

B. INVOCATION

Harley Jeffers gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

There were no comments from the audience.

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1 ANIMAL SHELTER

Marjorie Iburg, from Pioneer Humane Society, addressed the Council regarding a proposed shelter in Pendleton that would serve both Umatilla and Morrow Counties. They have collected \$80,000 from prior fund campaigns. The location of the shelter would be in the old Gene Electric building off Main Street. They would like the City of Pilot Rock to partner with them by committing some funds to sustain the facility. They would like a response by the end of June. The Council will discuss this further at a later date.

E.2 WASHOUGAL MOTOCROSS TRACK

The mayor of Washougal, Stacey Sellers and a representative from the Washougal Motocross track, Brian Barnes addressed the Council regarding the pros and cons of having a motocross track in their community.

Washougal's track opened in 1971 and grew to a national event in 1980. When they have their national event, it brings in approximately 100,000 people into their community. Barnes stated the motorcycle communities are not a biker gang, they are family members, blue collar workers, etc. All minors have to be accompanied by a parent. The economic boost is huge for Washougal and Clark County. The track runs from March to October. Barnes stated he knows Mark Street, who is a board member of the OHV Association, and knows he will do things first class and do them right. They have a liability waiver that each rider must sign.

Barnes stated the Cities of Spokane, San Bernadino and Portland have motorcycle tracks that are owned by the City. Their national event will be July 24-25. They invited the Council to come to the event.

F. BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Carnes opened the budget hearing. City Recorder Jackie Carey went through the changes to the budget. See attached attachment.

The Council received a spread sheet showing the Kinzua money and where it is being spent. Councilor Lankford felt this information addresses her motion to separate the Kinzua money.

Glen Snively asked if the General Fund is in the hole by approximately \$150,000. Carey advised the Kinzua money is being transferred to the General Fund so it is in balance, so without the Kinzua money the General Fund would have to cut \$150,000.

City Manager Koch advised the staff would meet to work on a contingency plan if Kinzua doesn't renew their lease.

Councilor Lankford stated the City's number one priority is public safety.

Chuck Bonando has a problem knowing the General Fund has a short fall and the Council did not freeze the wages.

Don Benseal stated all the power lays with the Council as a whole. He read the City's mission statement. Benseal stated several years ago some nay sayers didn't

want the City to take the Masonite property because it was going to be a huge liability. Now that the property is an asset they want to sit on the money or tell the City how to spend the money.

Bensel challenged the Council to provide leadership and not take the free water and sewer that they receive. If they paid their water and sewer it would increase the revenue by \$2800 a year and in 10 years that would be \$28,000.

John Taylor stated we do not have an overall picture of the budget. Taylor asked Koch if the City has been notified by Kinzua that they are going to extend their lease. Koch advised there has been discussion but no written notification yet. Taylor stated the City needs to address the lagoon situation before the Bike Pit.

There was one change to the budget in the Sewer Fund Building Repairs adopted would be \$2,000.

On a motion by Kirk and seconded by Moss the Budget Hearing was closed. All members present voted yes.

G. ACTION ITEMS

G.1 RESIDENTIAL EXTENSIONS FOR OFFICERS

Chief Richman stated the Council approved the extension of living requirements from the police officers until June. Due to current situation homes are taking time to get sold and Greg Stallings hasn't sold his residence, which would allow him to move within the required response time and an extension is requested.

Chief Richman has sold his home and he should be moved to Pilot Rock by July 25, 2009. Chief Richman will be staying in his RV a few nights a week on Stallings' days off until he gets moved over here.

Councilor Standley understands their situation, but there needs to be drop dead date for moving over here. Chief Richman stated this would be the last extension request. It will be 18 months, by the end of this extension; he will need to move over here.

Councilor Lankford stated in 2 months the City will have pretty good coverage because Richman and LeGore will be living here.

On a motion by Standley and seconded by Baleztana the Council approve a 6-month extension for Sgt. Stallings and allow the Chief to stay at his residence until the final closing date of June 25, 2009. All members present voted yes.

G.2 DEPT. OF REVENUE SERVICE AGREEMENT

This is a renewal agreement with the Oregon Dept. of Revenue for the Municipal Court. This agreement enables the City to collect fine money from defendant's tax refund check. This gives the City another option for collecting delinquent fine moneys. On a motion by Kirk and seconded by Lankford the Council approved the Interagency State Agreement with Oregon Dept. of Revenue for collection of delinquent fines by attaching income tax refund checks. All members present voted yes.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS, REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

H.1 CITY MANGER'S REPORT

Manager Koch met with the city attorney regarding the estimated cost of the agreement with the OHV Board. Koch requested authorization to spend \$700 for the agreement. The \$700 would also include the cost of the 1st draft. Councilor Standley stated if they pay this amount, the City would be using taxpayer's money for the Bike Pit. There was discussion about whether the Bike Pit has ever been declared a City Park. On a motion by Kirk and seconded by Baleztena the Council declared the Bike Pit a city park. All members present voted yes.

Glen Snively questioned if the Council designated the Bike Pit as a City Park, then his tax money will be spend on the park. Councilor Standley stated when the Bike Pit was in the County it had a conditional use permit which designated it as a park. Now it is in the City, what has changed on it designation.

Councilor Standley declared a conflict because he has worked at the Bike Pit and donated money to the organization. He asked the Council if they had a problem with him voting. They all agreed they did not have a problem with him voting.

On a motion by Baleztena and seconded by Moss the Council approved supporting the OHV Park with public funds. Standley, Baleztena, Montgomery, Moss and Kirk voted yes. Lankford voted no.

Mary Lue Slabik has been provided with an expense spread sheet regarding the costs to apply for the ATV grant. Slabik wanted to know why the \$500 expense for applying for the grant was not paid by the OHV Board.

Councilor Lankford stated a couple of years ago, the City incurred attorney fees when some people wanted to have a horse arena. Lankford would like to see the fees split with the OHV Board.

Councilor Standley asked why not have the City in charge of the Bike Pit, since the City already has staff involved with it. Councilor Kirk suggested having a subcommittee work with the OHV Board.

Councilor Baleztena made a motion to approve spending \$700 for attorney fees to complete the OHV Agreement. The motion died lack of a second. On a motion by Kirk and seconded by Baleztena the Council approved splitting the cost 50/50 for the attorney fees for the OHV Agreement. Chuck Bonando asked if the Mayor could break a tie since she is a board member of the OHV Board. Standley, Baleztena, Montgomery, Moss and Kirk voted yes. Lankford voted no.

Mary Lue Slabik feels the public works director has a conflict of interest because he is getting paid by the City and makes the budget for the Bike Pit Park. City Recorder Carey stated the public works director does not receive any financial gain by working on the OHV Board, so she does not feel it is a conflict of interest.

H.2 CITY MANAGER OPTIONS

This was tabled.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Kirk and seconded by Montgomery the Council approved the Consent Calendar which approves the May 19, 2009, and the bills. All members present voted yes.

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

On a motion by Baleztena and seconded by Montgomery the Council would like to put the OHV Grant approval on the June 16th agenda. All members present voted yes.

Councilor Moss would like the Council to consider compacting some of their meetings on the same day as the Council meeting. She suggested coming early to work on sub-committee or work session meetings so there are not so many meetings. The Council has already committed to the council meeting days.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Baleztena and seconded by Montgomery the meeting was

adjourned at 9:40PM. All members present voted yes.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____