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Next City Council Meeting July 21, 2015

July 9, 2015

Mayor: Virginia Carnes
City Council:
Ray Corwin, Kacie Moss,
Raymond Doherty,
Bob Deno, Jim Hinkle and
Deacon Perkins

Little League Junior/Senior State Softball Tournament this weekend ... Here in Pilot Rock



City Of Pilot Rock

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS JULY 21, 2015, AT 7PM

The following topics were discussed at the last Council meeting.

- Tim Rynearson, of ODOT, addressed council with a proposal to install a rapid flashing beacon for the crosswalk at McGowan and Hwy 395. This comes after former Chief Richman's request that ODOT consider installing the beacon to improve the safety of our children in the crosswalk. Billie-Jo Deal, Safety Coordinator with ODOT was also present to discuss crosswalk education to be conducted along with our police officer at the schools. Council agreed to provide a letter of support for both programs.
- Council considered a proposed agreement between the City of Pilot Rock and Pendleton Police Department to provide oversight of our police department. They suggested that a scope of work be included in the agreement and asked staff to see if Pendleton would amend the agreement.
- Council tabled approving Ordinance No. 566 which would amend Ordinance No. 480. The change would mean that the water utility reserve charge (.50 a month) and the sewer utility reserve charge (.50 a month) would include undeveloped tax lots. Currently the fee is only assessed on developed lots. Council asked for more information.
- Council tabled approving an option for the stairs to the school and asked for more information.
- Council approved an agreement with Anderson Perry to conduct an Environmental Site Assessment on the city owned industrial property. The ESA is needed to complete an application to certify the property as shovel ready. The funding from the ESA comes as a grant \$3,552 from the Umatilla Board of Commissioners.

Detailed minutes are available on line at www.cityofpilotrock.com as well as at City Hall. Citizens are welcome to stop by City Hall ask questions and get all the facts.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

POLICE DEPARTMENT DOWN TO ONE, BUT HE IS NOT ALONE

Currently the Pilot Rock Police Department is without a Chief and down to one Police Officer. Yes these are challenging times. We are doing all that we can to get our police department back up to full force.

Chief Richman resigned January 30, 2015. We have been looking for a chief to fill his shoes, by posting an ad in the EO, the Employment Department, on LEDS, Strategic Government Resources website, OACP and City of Pilot Rock website. One of our bigger challenges is finding someone who is not only qualified to be a chief but is also willing to move to Pilot Rock. **See Police 1A**

MARIJUANA IN PILOT ROCK

Pilot Rock City Council met on June 23rd in a special work session to discuss the new marijuana laws and how they will affect our community. In attendance were Councilors Moss, Hinkle, Perkins, Doherty and Mayor Carnes. Also present were Public Works Director Steve Draper, City Recorder Teri Porter and Chief Roberts of the Pendleton Police Department. Council was supplied a binder **See Marijuana 1B**

STAIRS TO THE SCHOOL

In December of 2013, the stairs to the school were inspected by engineers and found to be unsafe and fenced off denying access. Since then the task of replacing them has been underway. Steve Draper has been in contact with the property **See Stairs 1B**

Mayors Minute or two

I hope everyone is surviving the heat? It makes you wonder what we did before air conditioning. Speaking of heat---did you attend the big 4th of July Parade in Pendleton? It truly is a wonderful parade, but it was "warm"! Special thanks to all from Pilot Rock who made our showing so special---First Citizens Heather Nelson and Daniel Christensen, Sheila Buckley for driving Miss Daisy, and the representatives from our awesome fire department and their families---Deputy Chief Mark Moore, Richard Hemphill, Jeff Hemphill, Jake Bodewig, Josh Hoeft and Zack Moss! You are truly wonderful for taking the time and making the effort to show our flag in Pendleton. We love and appreciate our department as I'm sure you do. It looks as if it will be a busy fire season. John Cook and the Pendleton VFD are also much appreciated as they help provide food and drinks for mutual aid calls such as we experienced last week out on Hoeft Road.

Things are moving right along for Community Days also. Some new ideas are being put on the schedule, so watch for more information as August 21-23 gets closer!

I also want to send out a note of appreciation to the staff and City Council for all of the time and effort they put in on the many project we have going---the marijuana issues, the lagoon issue, the high school steps, and numerous other projects. Receiving their basic water and sewer free of charge is small payment for the many hours that are put in on city business. We seem to have a high turnover rate due to the aggravations placed on council members and their personal family time. We have an excellent Council, but I will say to the detractors to please step up to the plate the next time we have an open position and share the heat. The Council spends a lot of time doing the city's business as best they know how and given the legal constraints they work under! It's easy to criticize until you walk in their shoes for a while.

Have a good couple of weeks, If we happen to have any fires break out close to you, please let your firemen know how much you appreciate them---and it wouldn't hurt to deliver some ice water, iced tea or cookies either ;-) (Just don't get in the way ;-)

Virginia Carnes, Mayor





PRPD



06/16/15

Animal Complaint
Harassment
Citizen Assist
Area Checks
Telephonic Fraud
Disturbance

NE Cherry
Birch St.

06/24/15

Area Checks
Animal Complaint
Disturbance
Disturbance
Warrant Arrest

2nd St.
Cherry St
SW Cedar
SW Cedar

06/17/15

Animal Complaint
Area Checks

06/25/15

Citizen Assist
Juvenile Complaint
Citizen contact
Area Checks
Citizen contact

SW Birch
Douglas St
SW Birch

06/18/15

Alarm Call
Area Checks

06/26/15

Agency Assist
Traffic Stop
Citizen Contact

N. Alder
Birch

06/19/15

Citizen assist
Code enforcement
Area Check

Birch St.

06/27/15

Agency assist
Area Checks
Suspicious Activity

06/20/15

Animal Complaint
Animal Complaint

SW 3rd
Alder

06/28/15

Animal Complaint
Harassment Call
Area Checks

SW Birch

06/21/15

Suspicious Activity
Traffic Stop
Area Checks

3rd St
SW 3rd

06/29/15

Civil Complaint
Area Checks
Code Enforcement

Main St
Main St

06/22/15

Stalking complaint
Area Checks

06/23/15

Follow up Investigation
Area checks
Welfare check

Emergency Dial 911

POLICE DEPT. - 541-443-1224

Leave a message or call

DISPATCH - 541-966-3651

To better serve you, The Pilot Rock Police Department would like you to call Dispatch for non-emergency police business, not City Hall.

Advance Directives, POLSTs, & End-of-Life Forum

Have questions about End-of-Life planning for you or your loved one?
Come get more information and have your questions answered!



July 11th, 9a.m.-12p.m.

St. Anthony Hospital

Conference Rooms 1 & 2 (by the cafeteria)

Enjoy our speakers, vendors, and refreshments!



For more information, please contact

Kodria Haddock: 541-429-5724 or haddock@ohsu.edu

Rod Harwood: 541-278-3239 or rodharwood@chiwest.com



ATTENTION !!

The water department is now reading water meters, please be sure not to have your vehicle parked on the meter the last week of the month. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU :o)

Little League Junior / Senior State Softball Tournament July 11-14th
Here in Pilot Rock!!

Dry Camping available in the Football field parking lot, behind the grade school.

Yard of the Month

Josephine & Eric Forster
126 SW 3rd
and

Trudi & Glen Engen
300 SE 5th



Henrik Bothe

Juggling, Magic and Comedy Show
Place: Pilot Rock Council Chambers
Date: Thursday July 16, 2015
Time: 2 pm



The program is free and open to all ages.
It is part of the Pilot Rock Public Library
Summer Reading Program

City of Pilot Rock 2014
 Drinking water Quality report
 Can be viewed on our website
www.cityofpilotrock.org

The Birch Creek Assessment meeting
 is scheduled for Monday the 13th from 6–8pm
 at the White Eagle grange Hall, Lower Level.

Police

Previously we had a requirement that the Chief and police officers must live within the city limits. Recently that requirement was expanded to the area of the school district. Both of our certified officers at the time had thrown their hat in the ring for consideration, but certification and residence concerns made them ineligible. We have had a handful of outside interested applicants. Finding the right chief who is a good fit for our small community is crucial and we do not want to make any rash decisions just to fill the position quickly. Chief Roberts of the Pendleton PD has been an invaluable resource, helping us screen applicants as well as serve on the interview board. We continue the search, this week two applications made their way to City Hall, their applications and resume will be reviewed by the screening committee and if they meet the qualifications an interview will be arranged.

In the meantime we have also put out feelers for an interim chief (usually a retired chief that is willing to work short term until we find the right chief for the job). We listed our request with OACP (Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police) which resulted in only one retired chief interested but could not start until September. We are currently in negotiations with the City of Pendleton regarding an agreement to have Pendleton PD do the administrative oversight of our Police Department until a new chief is hired. The terms being negotiated are 20 hours a week of oversight, review, taking calls, conduct training, and patrol. This would be a service offered at \$4,000 a month flat rate. The city of Pendleton will handle all payroll and benefits for its officers. Council was presented with a proposed agreement at the last council meeting on July 7th. After review Council has asked that the agreement list more specifics as to the duties of the officer providing the 20 hours of oversight. The amended agreement should be ready for Councils final approval at the next Council meeting on July 21st. Once Council approves the agreement it will have to go before Pendleton's Council for their approval.

Officer Glen Diehl resigned as of June 30, 2015. We tried to reach terms under which Officer Diehl would stay on until another officer was hired and ready for patrol, but we could not come to a mutual agreement. We were hoping to find a candidate that is already certified and willing to move within the Pilot Rock school district, but once again those guys and gals are pretty slim pickins. We have a strong candidate in the works at this time, if everything pans out, we hope to get him into the next available academy. Unfortunately the next open academy is January, but will get him on a waiting list for one of the fall academy's and try to get him in sooner.

In the meantime yes we are down to one officer. Officer Thompson started with us in January of 2015. He came to us as a nearly certified officer from the tribe. Since he has been with us he has completed his FTO and all medical requirements and is now a fully Certified Police Officer. Officer Thompson is working a varied schedule to ensure the most effective coverage for our community. He is spread pretty thin but has a good attitude and is just going with the flow until we are up to staff.

For the hours that Officer Thompson is off, we rely on neighboring agencies such as the Umatilla County Sherriff's Dept., Pendleton PD and the State Police to assist us with emergency calls within our community. So even during these scarce times when an emergency occurs you can call 911 and you will have someone from Law Enforcement there to help.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to Chief Roberts (and his staff) of the Pendleton PD, his dedication to helping us through these challenges is so very needed and appreciated. In addition Sherriff Rowan has stopped by to offer his support and Captain Lieuallen of Umatilla County Dispatch has also been very helpful. Even Jennifer Howland of DPSST has been right there to answer any questions I may have about certification or training. This is definitely a team effort and no words can adequately express our appreciation to everyone lending support and understanding.

Marijuana

regarding the new laws, sample ordinances, articles, and lawsuits. There is a concern to handle this properly, jumping too fast to any one decision or local law could result in a lawsuit, so Council is careful to review all options. Adversely there is concern that taking no action or too little action will result in an undesirable marijuana retail establishment within our city limits. The OLCC, the governing agency for recreational marijuana dispensaries, will not be issuing licenses until 2016, so there is still some time to sort out all of those details. In addition sale or delivery of marijuana within 1000 feet of a school is a felony. Given the location of our schools a 1,000 foot diameter would take in most of the City of Pilot Rock.

Council met again on July 6th in another work session to continue the marijuana discussion. Present were Councilor Moss, Hinkle, Corwin, Perkins, Doherty, Deno and Mayor Carnes. Also present were Public Works Director Steve Draper, City Recorder Teri Porter and Officer Thompson. Council discussed the Governors recent signing of House Bill 3400 which allow local governments in counties whose residents were strongly opposed to legal pot now have the right to ban retail operations without first seeking a referendum or putting it to a vote. Pilot Rock citizens voted 148 in favor of legalizing recreational marijuana and 249 opposed, that is 62.7% opposed and falls within the threshold which would allow Council to ban recreational marijuana retail operations within our city limits. This ban will only effect retail establishments, not the private use of marijuana. Council would like to hear from the community. Are you in favor of a ban on recreational marijuana retail establishments within our city limits? or Are you in favor of such establishments and the revenue it may bring into the city? Council is considering a public meeting to present the pros and cons and hear from Pilot Rock citizens. Notice of that meeting will be posted in the Post Office, City Hall and Council Chamber windows at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Citizens who plan to take advantage of the new legal marijuana status are encouraged to know the law. For instance, it is illegal to consume in public places or in public view. It is illegal to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school.

Stairs

owner of the old house at the bottom of the stairs to negotiate a reasonable price. There has been a lot of back and forth but are close to an agreement. Another obstacle has been the title ambiguities along the bluff and below. Due to inaccurate legal descriptions starting back in 1902, the properties have been conveyed inaccurately, leaving parts and pieces still owned by other parties. As we work on detangling these issues, Council is considering several options:

1. Replace the stairs in almost the same location. This would involve demolition of the existing stairs, replacement of stairs with an expanded metal steel stairway and hand rails. The bottom portion of the stairs will be aligned with the north sidewalk on Main St. This option would require the purchase of the property at the foot of the bluff north of the duplex (old Dr. Office), an old house that would need to be demolished and removed. The overall cost would be approximately \$103,000. John Fenton owner of the duplex is in need of parking spaces. If the City purchases the property at the bottom of the bluff, it would use about 10ft for the landing of the stairs and access to the street. The remainder of the property could be leased to Mr. Fenton for the off street parking he is needing.

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Stairs

2. Demolish and remove the existing stairs. Reroute a concrete pathway north along the bluff at a gentle slope that would come to a stairway to the bottom of the bluff just south of the power pole. The pathway and stairs will have handrails. There is already a well-worn path that the kids are taking now. This would cost approximately \$71,000.
3. Demolish and remove the old stairs. Do not replace them. The cost of the demolition would be approximately \$10,000.

Steve Draper has been looking into funding and has determined that \$25,000 can come from the Main St. grant. He will talk with the school to negotiate what their portion will be, at this point he is thinking about \$10,000. The rest will have to come out of the City budget unless additional funding is found.

Council is interested in hearing from the citizens... Do you want to replace the stairs? What option is most appealing to you?

It is my intention to include articles such as these in each newsletter to keep our citizens informed. I will make every effort to include all sides and present as much of the facts as possible. If you have questions please stop by City Hall and Steve Draper or I will be happy to answer them to the best of our ability. You are also invited to drop questions in the payment box and if appropriate we will answer them in the newsletter.

Teri Porter, Pilot Rock City Recorder.

GREGORY DENTON AND TONY AGUILAR OUR PILOT ROCK HEROS

Both sprang to action to save the life 2 year old Kimber Phillips, on the 4th of July. As reported in an article in the EO on July 8th, the family of Kimber Phillips were picnicking at Camas Creek and enjoying playing in the water. As they headed back to the grill for dinner they noticed Kimber was missing, Kimber's mom, Gailen, and her 11 year old son Sean ran back to the water where Sean sighted Kimber's dress in the water. Gailen rushed in the water and picked up her daughter who was blue and cold and not breathing. After a few failed attempts to get her to start breathing, Gailen trudged through the water and Kimber was laid on the bank. Hearing yells Tony Aguilar ran to the scene, finding Kimber had no pulse, attempted to mimic CPR he had seen in the movies, but could not get her to breath. Gregory Denton also heard the screams and made his way through the crowd, having had CPR training, Greg unblocked her air ways of green moss and moved her tongue. Put her on her side, slapped her back, gave her one breath and kept working on her for more than a minute. He then gave her another pat and she let out a squeak and started breathing. Kimber and mom were taken to St. Anthony's. Mom says Kimber was back to her rambunctious self by the following day.

The City of Pilot Rock Better Than Average

CIS, the City's Insurance Company, does an annual review of "Best Practices". Best Practices is a series of programs, or policies that the City can employ which help to keep their claims to a minimum. This year once again I am proud to announce that we have passed with flying colors. Under General Liability the average correct action is 65% we are at 80%. Under Property the average is 72% we are at 100%.

Tips on Keeping Fido Cool

- Make sure you provide plenty of water. For an outside dog, an automatic dog waterer is the perfect way to provide clean fresh water.
- Never leave your dog in the car - even for a few minutes - in the heat. Just a few short minutes in these conditions can lead to irreversible organ damage or death.
- Keep your pet from the damaging rays of the sun. If you have a white, or lighter colored dog, areas of the body (tops of ears and nose) can sunburn. Applying a pet specific sunscreen may help prevent sunburn.
- Watch out for heatstroke. If you do vigorous exercise with your dog, make sure you exercise in the cooler hours of the morning or evening.
- Better yet, go swimming with your dog! Play fetch with the many water toys available, this way both of you can keep cool!
- If your pet is outside during the day, consider investing in a Cooling bed or a small swimming pool set in the shade.
- **Watch for signs of dehydration.**

Dogs can't sweat. They cool off by panting, so an overheated dog will drool excessively. It will become lethargic, its eyes will be bloodshot, and it may appear a little pale. If you lift its skin, it will take longer than usual for the skin to fall back into place.

