

# CITY OF PILOT ROCK

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## COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2012

7:00 PM

### A. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Virginia Carnes at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Jim Hinkle, Kacie Moss, Ray Corwin, Misty Rowe, Michael Baleztena and Shawna Kirk. Also present were City Recorder Teri Porter and Chief Darren Richman. Citizens present were Mary Lue Slabik and James Williams.

### B. INVOCATION

Shawna Kirk gave the invocation.

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. APPEARANCE OF INTEREST ED CITIZENS

James Williams explained to Council that he has rented the former doctors office at the foot of the high school steps and plans to open a recreation center for our local youth. He said there would be games, pool table and computers. There would be set hours and adult supervision at all times. He is looking at opening in March of 2013. Council appreciated Mr. Williams for keeping them informed on his plans and directed him to City Hall and Chief Richman to ensure that he is aware of the process, fees and background check. Councilor Kirk asked if it would be a for profit business, he said it would be run as a service to the community not for profit and he may look into getting a 501c3.

### E. PRESENTATIONS

None

### ACTION ITEMS

#### F-1 Low Income Application

**On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to approve the low income application. All present voted yes.**

#### F-2 Vacation Request.

In Steve Drapers absence, Chief Richman addressed Council regarding the vacation requests for Steve Draper and Tim Britain. Chief explained that they have both accumulated a lot of vacation hours and it is necessary for them to use these hours to bring the hours down. Mayor Carnes asked if there was a time when both of them would be gone. Chief stated that there was a period that they both would be on

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vacation but one of them would be able to be reached. On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to approve the requested vacations for Steve Draper and Tim Britain. All present voted yes.

## **F-3 Appointment of Council Officers**

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to add F-3 action item the appointment of Council officers. All present voted yes.

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to appointed Councilor Rowe as Council president. All present voted yes.

On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Hinkle, Council agreed to appoint Councilor Kirk to review the financial statements. All present voted yes.

## **G-1 Department Head Reports**

Teri Porter emphasized that A&V is current on all payments. The breakdown for the down payment on the sale of the industrial property is in her report. The auditors spent only 3 ½ days doing field work in City Hall. A letter of demand was sent to Pilot Rock Sanitation because they were late paying their annual franchise fee.

Chief Richman stated that he had to pull a radar unit out of the Tahoe and sent for repair in Kansas, and hope that the cost would only be a couple hundred dollars. They are taking a Taser class on line, once all officers are complete they will do hands on training in the Council chambers and Officers Legore and Faber will have to be hit with the Taser for 5 seconds.

## **H. Consent Calendar**

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Moss, Council agreed to accept the consent calendar. All present voted yes.

## **I. City Council Comments**

Councilor Kirk reminded all that if Councilors are unable to make a council meeting we should let Teri or the Mayor know ahead of time.

Mayor Carnes reminded all that the Downtown Association will be having the big rummage sale at the Community Center on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has anything that you would like to donate please let her know, it can be stored in the old Masonite conference room. Anything that is left over will go to the Agape House.

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Councilor Rowe stated that she does not like having Chief Richman and Steve Draper sitting in the back and feels that they should be brought up to the tables. Mayor Carnes stated that they were moved to the back when we had City Manager Paul Koch who was at the table. Teri Porter stated that she was told it was because having all three staff members at the table was overwhelming and it appeared as though staff was too much of an influence on Council. Councilor Kirk stated that she felt the dynamic has changed quite a bit since then. On a motion by Councilor Rowe and seconded by Councilor Kirk Council agreed to bring all three staff members back to the tables. Councilors Moss, Corwin, Hinkle, Rowe and Kirk voted yes. Councilor Baleztana voted no. Councilor Kirk asked citizen Mary Lue Slabik what she thought, if having staff at the tables made it look like they were running the City or Council. Mrs. Slabik stated that she did not care where they sit, it was never overwhelming. Councilor Baleztana was just cautious that it would bring up old issues. Councilor Rowe stated that they do answer a lot of questions and they are the team that give us the information. The motion stood.

Councilor Rowe suggested that we put more minutes information in the newsletter. It is a good way to give the public more information. There was discussion about how much to put in, that the entire minutes are available at City Hall or on the web site. Councilor Moss feels that if citizens want the information they can put in the additional effort to go on line or stop by City Hall which is stated in the newsletter. Mayor Carnes asked Chief Richman about the police officers delivering the newsletters to the businesses. Chief Richman stated that it is difficult to commit his officers to the task as they may be called out and then the newsletters get tossed aside and left. Teri stated that she will deliver the newsletter to the businesses on Friday. (later the Chief said he felt he could deliver the newsletter to the schools on Monday). There was discussion that the newsletter is a great way to get information out to the community. Mary Lue Slabik stated that the more minutes you can get in the better. Mayor Carnes stated that we may want to look at increasing the money for the newsletter during the next budget process.

Councilor Corwin stated that he may need to transfer in 6 months or so.

## J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

## K. ADJOURNMENT

**On a motion by Councilor Baleztana and seconded by Councilor Kirk, Council agreed to adjourn at 7:32. All present voted yes.**

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**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_

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