

# CITY OF PILOT ROCK

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## Council Meeting

May 20, 2014

7:00 PM

### A. Called to Order

Having a quorum the Regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Carnes at 7:00. Council members present were Kacie Moss, Ray Corwin, Raymond Doherty, Bob Deno and Jim Hinkle. Also present were City Recorder Teri Porter, Steve Draper and Chief Richman. Citizens present were Mary Lue Slabik, George Hall, Emily Bennett, Richard Carnes, Becky Carnes, Shawna Kirk, John Taylor, Glen Snively, Patrick Doherty and Pastor Harley Jeffers.

### A. INVOCATION

Pastor Harley gave the invocation.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### C. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

George Hall suggested that staff revisit the budget so that everyone has the opportunity to understand the budget and ask questions of the staff. Mayor asked Council to consider Mr. Halls request after the budget presentation.

Richard Carnes of Archie's Restaurant asked Council to consider allowing him to serve alcoholic beverages at the side walk tables. **On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Deno, Council agreed to defer the issue to staff and return with a staff report at the next Council meeting. All present voted yes.**

### D. PRESENTATIONS

None

### E. ACTION ITEMS

#### F-1 Second Reading of Ordinance No. 561 Annexing Property on NW Cedar

**On a motion by Councilor Hinkle and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council agreed to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 561. All present voted yes.**

#### F-2 Ordinance No. 562 Amending the M-2 Zoning Ordinance

**On a motion by councilor Deno and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council agreed to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 562. All present voted yes.**

#### F-3 Resolution No. 558, Transferring Funds from Contingency to Cover Cost of Software Upgrade.

**On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Deno, Council agreed to approve Resolution 558. All present voted yes.**

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## F-4 Budget Hearing

Mayor Carnes opened the Budget Hearing at 7:19 pm. The budget was explained using the Infocus machine on a big screen.

The following was explained during the presentation:

- How the public safety surcharge is used in the police dept. budget
- How staff was able to reduce the surcharge from \$5 to \$3
- An increase in wages
- The \$1.50 increase in the water surcharge rate
- The continued water project fee.

Citizens expressed their concerns such as:

- Although the cost of living is going up, salaries should not be increased
- The public safety surcharge is to be used only for the Police Dept
- Would like to see the City fund the police department without a surcharge
- Appreciation of the decision to pay off the LOCAP loan
- The budget process should take more than one meeting
- The "explained" budget is the preferred format

Council suggested:

- That rather than increase wages by a large percentage every 2 or 3 years, we should propose a small percentage each year.
- Since staff put together a budget that would reduce the Public Safety Surcharge by \$2, then it should be reduced.
- The budget should be presented at the first meeting, then motions and action taken at the second meeting after Council has had time to review and absorb it.

Council decided that another meeting is needed to go back over the budget. Due to conflicting schedules, Council chose to take a break and hold that meeting tonight and stay as late as necessary.

After break Council chose to take it issue by issue rather than line by line.

**1st Issue, Public Safety Surcharge.** The following was discussed:

- Staff was able to balance the budget with a \$2 reduction in the Public Safety surcharge.
- The fact that you give back the \$2 to the citizens does not mean you can't get it back if you need it again. Council as well as Mr. Taylor agreed that they would support increasing it in the future if needed.
- Any additional revenue received from franchise fees should be put directly towards security and infrastructure.

**On a motion by Councilor Deno and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council agreed to reduce the public safety surcharge by \$2. All present voted yes.**

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## **2nd Issue, 5% wage increase for City employees:**

- City employees received a 3% increase two years ago and none the three years prior.
- Council felt that the employees deserve a raise but can the City afford it? Staff pointed out that the budget before them is balanced with a 5% increase.
- A citizen stated that she feels staff has been very frugal and have demonstrated that they are fiscally responsible and deserve a raise.
- Council and citizens stated that they or their spouses have not received an increase in several years.
- Council suggested that the percent of increase goes up each year at the same rate the cost of living rate goes up.
- A citizen feels that since the City employees receive benefits they should not get an increase.
- Council suggested only 3% this year and maybe next year look at 2% more.
- The 5% increased was a proposed figure for budgeting purposes.

**On a motion by Councilor Deno and seconded by Councilor Moss, Council a 3% wage increase was approved by vote of four in favor and one against.**

**On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council agreed that the City Council and Staff work together on an annual basis to discuss wage increases and try to make it more consistent. All present voted yes.**

## **3rd Issue, Increase in Water Rates:**

- The cost of doing business has gone up.
- We are spending more in the Water dept. than we are taking in.
- Council and Staff has worked hard over the years to keep the rates low. What other cities rates are has nothing to do with us.
- The comparison in rates, gives insight in what other cities need to keep their systems running.
- The \$1.50 increase will be offset by the \$2 reduction in the public safety surcharge.
- It was suggested that the money saved from decreasing the wage increase from 5% to 3% should go toward reducing the \$1.50 increase. The difference would be \$1,500 for the year which would be a small amount when spread over the year.
- Equipment replacement allocation across all funds. Equipment replacement fund is not building in water.
- The \$1.50 will be reduced to a percentage across all water rates.

**On a motion by Councilor Doherty and seconded by Councilor Moss, Council agreed to approve the \$1.50 increase. All present voted yes.**

**On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Deno, Council agreed that Council's utility bill also be increased by the \$1.50. All present voted.**

**On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Deno, Council agreed approve the budget with changes. All present voted yes.**

Mayor Carnes closed the public hearing at 9:18 pm.

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## G INFORMATION ITEMS, REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### G-1 Department Head Report

#### CITY HALL:

1. Budget season. Just ironing out the details and answering questions.
2. Planning Commission meeting on May 12, 2014. We discussed the annexation and Corwin variance. T
3. Placed notices in the EO, around town and on the website, for the November elections. Packets are available at City Hall.
4. Mt. Judy will need to be partitioned out of the property being deeded to the Bike Pit. In addition we will need utility easements. Steve Haddock has agreed to do the work for us.
5. Revised the "Consent to Annex" for the Doherty annexation.
6. Have signed off on the proposal from Springbrook to do the upgrade.
7. Prepping for the swim program and community days.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. I have attended training for the new system all weekend and we will start using it on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Continuing to work on ordinances, along with being able to close ordinance violations as they have been cleaned up.
3. We are getting settled in the new office area.

Chief Richman added to his report stating that they will be going live with the new RIMs system and there may be some hiccups.

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Weed eating, mowing and spraying.
2. Ordering the parts needed for Packy's services.
3. Did repairs to the sewer lift station.

## H. CONSENT CALENDAR

**On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Hinkle, Council approved the consent calendar. All present voted yes.**

## I. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- There will be an Active Shooter Program in the Council Chambers on June 6, 2014, at 7pm.
- Discussion of the Swim Program and whether it should be a City function.

## J. EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2) (e)

Council went into executive session at 9:23 pm. Councilors present were Doherty, Deno, Hinkle, Moss, Corwin and Mayor Carnes. Staff present were Chief Richman, Teri Porter and Steve Draper.

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Council returned from executive session at 9:32 pm. **On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Doherty, Council agreed to direct staff to research an attorney that specializes in land use issues and bring that information the City Council. All present voted yes.**

## K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Deno and seconded by Councilor Moss , Council agreed to adjourn at 9:33 pm. All present voted yes.

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_

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