

# CITY OF PILOT ROCK

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## Council Meeting

June 16, 2015, 2015

7:00 PM

### A. Called to Order

Having a quorum the Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Carnes at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Deacon Perkins, Raymond Doherty, Jim Hinkle, Kacie Moss, Ray Corwin and Bob Deno. Also present were Teri Porter, and Steve Draper. Citizens present were John Taylor and Pastor Jeffers.

### B. INVOCATION

Pastor Jeffers gave the invocation.

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### D. PRESENTATIONS

None

### E. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

### F. ACTION ITEMS

#### F-1 Adopt 2015-2017 Budget

Teri Porter provided an amended budget that accounts for additional revenue due to more revenue and less spending the last few months of the current year. An amended budget was provided and allocations were explained as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Beginning Balance	181,909	222,516	40,607
Office Dept.	64,475	66,309	1,834
Police Dept.	334,412	360,635	26,223
Street Dept.	78,042	90,092	12,050
Park Dept.	46,605	47,105	500
Total change			40,607
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>			
Beginning Balance	17,657	16,351	1,306
Capital Outlay	89,414	88,108	1,306
Total change			1,306

Resolution No. 578 was read. **On a motion by Councilor Perkins and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council adopted Resolution No. 578 Adopting the 2015-2016 Budget, by majority vote.** Councilor Moss asked if we need to consider action item #2 before considering the budget. Teri explained that the \$1512 to the sewer fund and the \$1761 to the water fund would not impact the budgeted amounts. Councilor Doherty asked if the \$40,607 changes were allowable. Teri explained

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that changes can be made up to 10% of the approved budget for each fund, changes could be made up to \$68,000. Councilor Perkins asked if it is common to have these types of changes. Teri and Steve Draper explained the budget process starts in March and we are estimating revenues and expenses for the remaining months, so it is common that when you get to the end of the year and you have actual figures, some adjustment need to be made. This year about \$25,000 of the additional funds are coming from less spending in the police department. We had anticipated spending more on a Chief or interim Chief but that did not happen so those funds will carry over to next year. **Councilors Deno, Doherty, Corwin, Moss and Perkins voted in favor. Councilor Hinkle voted against, stating that he felt that more could have been cut.**

### **F-2 Continuation of Special Sewer and Water Rate for Council and Staff**

Councilor Perkins made a motion to discontinue the special utility rate for Council, which died for lack of a second. Regarding Mr. Taylor's survey results, Councilor Corwin asked when it was taken, and how and where was it handed out. Mr. Taylor stated about a week ago and they were put in the newsletter boxes. He also asked folks in town if they would like to fill out a survey. Got about 52 responses. Councilor Perkins called for a point of order stating that we need to stay on topic and this is not the place to discuss the survey. **Councilor Perkins made a motion that the sewer rate increases of \$10, \$5 and \$5 over the next 3 years will be paid by staff and Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Doherty. Mayor Carnes asked for a show of hands. Councilors Moss, Doherty, Deno and Perkins raised their hands in favor. Councilor Hinkle was opposed and Councilor Corwin abstained as he was not privy to previous discussion.** Regarding the discounted base rate, Councilor Perkins made a motion that this policy be phased out over the next number of years. At the end of each Councilor's term the next Councilor not be given the benefit of paying the discounted rate. At the end of each term the benefit expires. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilor Doherty stated that he feels Council should be compensated for the time they put in, this is a small compensation and do not want to see it go away. Councilor Perkins stated that many communities do not pay their Council and believes that philosophically we should not be compensated for the position. Steve Draper stated that the motion was made in 1994 and would not need a motion to continue it. He feels that it is little compensation for what they do. Councilor Deno, stated that this year alone we have had a lot of meetings, next week they will meet to discuss the marijuana laws, then there are more meetings regarding the lagoon upgrade. Council agreed to do nothing and let the 1994 resolution stand. Council will continue to receive the discounted rate.

## **G INFORMATION ITEMS, REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **G-1 Department Head Report**

#### **CITY HALL:**

1. Have attended PDII training in Tacoma. This is a weeklong training held at the University of Puget Sound. It goes toward my CMS certification.
2. Started researching and gathering information for the Marijuana Law workshop.
3. Attended the 911/ Dispatch meeting in Hermiston on June 4th from 2:30 until 4:30 along with Mayor Carnes.
4. Received and responded to an email from the editor of the EO, which should conclude the debate regarding the accuracy of Phil Wright's reporting. I would like to use our local newsletter to get the actual facts out to the community, in hopes that it will become the trusted source for matter that affect our citizens. The next newsletter will be on the Lagoon Upgrade. *Council did not have an objection.*

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5. The interview board will meet to interview for the Chief position on Monday June 13, 2015.
6. Teri added that she and Mayor Carnes have met with Kathy Stelk, Steve Staniac and Kelly Bensel to discuss concerns regarding the swim bus program. We also met with all the bus drivers.

## **POLICE:**

1. We are still looking for someone to be our animal control employee.
2. Officers Diehl and Thompson went to a daylong training in Pendleton on June 3, 2015. This was a free course offered by Umatilla and Morrow County.
3. Officers are working on Ordinance violations.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

1. The crew has been working on finishing up patching pot holes throughout the City.
2. Exercising fire hydrants.
3. Burn ban season starts June 15th.
4. Control water at the #2 Well was down for 2 days, got it fixed today.
5. He will have a full report regarding the stair case for the next Council meeting.

## **H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

## **I COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Perkins expressed concern regarding coming to a resolution to hiring a Police Chief. Councilor Deno expressed concern that no flags were put out on flag day. Councilor Deno also asked where we are on the Lagoons. Steve stated that he will be talking with the landlords and be able to present it to Council. Councilor Perkins asked if we are committed to Anderson Perry beyond the feasibility study. Steve stated that we have no contract with them to design the system we can look elsewhere if we so choose.

Councilor Moss asked for more information about bonds. Teri stated that she will look into the bond option and present to Council. Steve suggested that we can ask Anderson Perry to address council with the bond option. Council agreed that they would like to hear more about it.

Mayor Carnes stated that on Thursday June 18th, at 6pm, with permission from Kinzua Resources, the fire department will burn the landfill, weather permitting. This is to burn off the grass before it becomes a fire hazard. Steve suggested that we ask Kinzua if we can automatically do the burn annually.

## **J. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council went into executive session under ORS 192.660 (2)(h) Legal Counsel at 7:45 pm. Present were Councilors Hinkle, Moss, Deno, Perkins, Corwin and Doherty. Mayor Carnes, Teri Porter and Steve Draper, and Phil Wright of the EO Under ORS 192.662 (2) (h) Legal Counsel. Councilor Moss read the motion to go into executive session directing media not report, which was seconded by Councilor Doherty. All present voted yes.

Council came out of executive session at 8:00 pm. Teri opened the doors and invited Mr. Taylor and Mary Lue Slabik back into regular session. Council continued to discuss Officer Diehl's resignation and his offer to stay on with an increase of \$7 an hour, at decreased hours to 30 hours a week, until we get another officer hired. Teri stated that the budget was increased incase Council chose to accept

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his offer. **On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Doherty, Council agreed to accept Officer Diehl's resignation. All present voted yes. On a motion by Councilor Perkins and seconded by Councilor Doherty, Council agreed to continue to work with officer Diehl in a temporary compactly until we bring on a new officer. All present voted yes.** During discussion, Councilor Deno asked how long it will take to hire a certified officer and or send a new recruit to the academy. Steve stated that it is difficult to find certified officers. There is an academy in September then perhaps the next is in January. The academy is a 16-18 week program. Since it could take nearly a year, Councilor Corwin suggested that he be on a contract. Steve agreed, and suggested that he be given the increase, continue to work the agreed upon rotating schedule at 30 hours a week (Gary's days off). We do not pay him benefits, PERS or medical. **On a motion by Councilor Perkins and seconded by Councilor Moss Council agreed to instruct staff to meet with Mr. Diehl and work out a written contract and bring it back for consideration. All present voted yes.** Teri asked if Councilor would like to meet briefly in regular session before next week's work session to consider the contract. Council agreed.

Jackie Carey addressed Council with a request from the Community Days board to close off Cherry St. on August 22 for lawn mower races during. **On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Hinkle, Council agreed to close off Cherry St. for the lawn mower races during community days. All present voted yes.** Jackie also informed Council that they will be holding Wiener Dog races in the park.

### K. ADJOURNMENT

Council agreed to adjourn at 8:12 PM.

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