

CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting

September 22, 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 Raymond Doherty, Deacon Perkins, Jim Hinkle, and Kacie Moss. Also present were Teri Porter, and Steve Draper. Citizens present were John Taylor, Mary Lue Slabick and Jackie Carey, Jack and Eileen Wagner

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Jeffers gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRESENTATIONS

None

E. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Jackie Carey of the Bike Pit board, addressed Council regarding the mud bog that is coming up October 24-25. The Bike Pit Board is asking council to consider donating the water needed for the mud bog. The following was discussed:

1. They have been working on improving and redesigning the track over the past month and a half. All of the work was done by volunteers and donated equipment and dirt.
2. While doing the redesign they used approx. 210,000 gallons of water. Steve stated that the water bill should be over \$1,000, which they will pay when they receive the invoice.
3. They are scheduling another mud bog in November as well.
4. Jackie stated that with the amount of property we have out at the pit and the people on the board it could grow into a big event and help our economic development and the people of the community.
5. Most of the volunteers are from out of town.
6. Jackie has attended races in Washougal, which draws maybe 10,000 people to the city for their races.
7. Hermiston had a mud bog that drew approx. 500 attendants.
8. For every rig that is racing there are about 3-4 spectators.
9. Hermiston, Tri-Cities and La Grande have committed and each usually bring about 100-150 rigs. So we could have 700-1000 this first go around.
10. Jackie stated that it is a family activity. The whole family attends. It keeps kids out of trouble.
11. We need to have a vision for the future of Pilot Rock.
12. The new design is more challenging and will draw the pros.
13. Councilor Doherty asked how much water will be needed. Steve stated about 50,000 to 100,000 gallons of water would be needed.
14. The donation would not be an expense out of the budget. It would just mean that the City would not earn the revenue if it invoiced the bike pit for the water.
15. Councilor Doherty asked about the pro riders are they on a circuit do they camp? Steve stated that they were on a circuit and with the upgrades to our track we are hoping to get on that circuit.

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16. The riders come in the day or two before. They will camp. A lot of them have pretty fancy RV's.
17. Jackie stated that Washougal charges \$60 just to get in the gate. They have a lot more to offer now, but they started from scratch and now it is a huge draw.
18. Councilor Perkins asked if the board will be self sustainable? Steve stated that the board hopes to see the numbers grow and apply for funding with parks and rec, so that they can drill a well on the site, as proposed in the master plan. Which will provide the water they need.
19. Councilor Hinkle stated that mud bogs in Arizona, outside of Apache Junction, draw thousands of people. It could be an asset to our town.
20. Councilor Perkins having concerns about setting a precedence ask if we had ever done anything like this. No one could recall if the city had made such a donation to other organizations in the past.
21. Councilor Moss feels that Council should be a partner in the start up because it could be an asset.
22. Mr. Taylor stated that we raised the water rates twice in the last four years, for the citizens, and now we are considering giving away water to a private entity that has used public property for nine years and has not given anything to the city. Mr. Taylor stated that the mini mart does not get an increase of business during events. People in town are not benefiting but you are asking them to pay for it.
23. Mr. Taylor stated that we should remove the liability from the city, remove the public money from the bike pit, make a clear distinction. There is a conflict of interest with Steve Draper as the president and Mayor Carnes as the secretary of the bike pit. It does not benefit the citizens of Pilot Rock. Consider all the city rather than special interest groups.
24. Jackie responded, that it is not going to cost the citizens of Pilot Rock any money it is not coming out of the budget. She was the city recorder for 21 years and has seen people who are nay sayers who are against doing anything or making any changes. Mr. Taylor was against the city getting Masonite and it has brought in close to one million dollars to the city. If the city council at that time did not have foresight, we would have been out all that money and we would not have a lot of the things we have today. You have to have a balance between the old and the new, but it's time for the younger generation to have a say. The old folks will be gone sooner or later, it's time to do something for our community that is positive that doesn't cost a lot of money. With the City Council's backing it could grow into something big.
25. Mr. Taylor suggested to put it on the ballot. Cannot get it on the ballot by October 24th.
26. Councilor Doherty asked what the amount is. Steve stated it would be about \$500.
27. We are asking for the mud bog race only. Not that the water be donated indefinitely. It is a race by race basis.
28. Councilor Perkins asked if there is another source for the bike pit to get water. Steve stated that he contacted circle C and they would not donate.
29. Councilor Perkins suggested that we support it for this initial race and see how it goes. The economic development aspect is worth looking into and the opportunity to foster something positive.
30. Councilor Doherty pointed out that if it does well, the bike pit will make enough money to pay for their own water.

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31. Councilor Doherty asked Mary Lue if she had anything to say. She stated that she could not hear well so she did not want to say anything.

On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Hinkle, Council agreed to donate the water needed for the October 24-25 mud bog at the bike pit. All present voted yes.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 Hatley Sewer Hook-On Agreement

Teri stated that Jim Hatley could not be present tonight and would like to address this more as an information item until she is able to get more information. Teri wants to ensure that 10 years from now when a property owner wants to hook on to the sewer main extended by Hatley, that the recorder has the legal authority to access those fees. Do we need a special ordinance. Teri spoke with Bob Patterson of Pendleton who assured her they do these types of agreements. They do not have a special ordinance but that the agreement is between the city and Mr. Hatley that the city would collect the fees and then turn them over to Mr. Hatley. Typically you would take the cost of the extension and divide it by the amount of properties that would benefit. Steve and Teri feel that the \$4,000, Mr. Hatley is asking is very reasonable. Teri would like to run the proposed agreement past the attorney's before we sign off on it. Pendleton also puts a 10 year sundown clause on the agreement, which she did not feel was appropriate for our city as it is likely that those properties would not develop in ten years. Teri said she would bring it back to council after it is run by the attorneys.

G INFORMATION ITEMS, REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

G-1 Department Head Report

CITY HALL:

1. Researching the City's legal authority to collect Hatley hook on fees.
2. Easement to the water tower issue is still under review.
3. Newsletter articles: Council takes another look at the lagoon options.
4. Have reviewed the numbers submitted by Mr. Taylor at the last Council meeting, regarding Option #1 and Option #2. Found several omissions which tend to make his numbers incorrect and misleading.
5. I will be attending the OAMR Annual Conference from Sept. 15-18. *Teri added by saying that it was a very good meeting. Classes were on Ethics, Parliamentary procedures, Budget, Social Media and Violence in the work place.*

POLICE:

1. Daniel Badal is now at the Basic Training Academy.
2. The Chiefs job offer has been made and accepted. New Chief to start, October 19th.
3. Have placed an order for new armored vests as ours are out of date. We still have money in the account from the grant received last year that will cover the expense.
4. Working on ordinance violations. Encouraging residents to clean up their yards of weeds and debris.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Tim injured himself on his own time and will not be able to return to work until Monday September 21, 2015.
2. Have ordered new electronics for well #2.

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3. Continuing to jet the sewer lines.

Steve added that he has had to spend quite a bit of money on Well #2. Also that Tim is back to work.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Bills Total: \$16,756.85.

I COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Moss stated that it has been a good experience serving on Council. Teri and Steve expressed their appreciation.

Councilor Perkins submitted a series of questions for Anderson Perry Lagoon work session.

Mayor Carnes stated that the Pet Clinic will be October 2 at the city shop. Vaccines are administered by Riverside Vet Clinic.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Council agreed to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____