

CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting

March 15, 2016

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, Jim Hinkle, Raymond Doherty and Ray Corwin. Also present were Teri Porter, Steve Draper and Bill Caldera. Citizens present were ML Slabik, Don and Linda Hill, Keith Jones, and Pastor Jeffers.

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Jeffers gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Keith Jones addressed Council with a concern regarding the overgrown trees growing along the creek behind his house. There was discussion about taking the trees completely out or just topping them. Steve stated that he would look into getting the right equipment to do the job. Fall would be the ideal time to do it as it would be dryer. Keith said he would talk to the person who owns the equipment and let Steve know when it is available.

Linda Hill addressed Council with a concern regarding the Oregon State flag in Veterans park. It is hanging on by one cable and needs to be replaced. Steve stated that the Police Department has always taken care of the flags. Chief Caldera said he would talk to the VFW and see about getting a replacement. Steve said he would take the old flag down.

E. PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 Resolution # 586 Transferring funds to Police Services

Teri Porter stated that additional funds are needed to pay for Police Services provided by Cprl. Lehnert of Pendleton PD. **On a motion by Councilor Perkins and seconded by Councilor Doherty, Council approved Resolution #586 Transferring funds to Police Services. All present voted yes.**

F-2 Ordinances No. 571 and 572 Claussen Annexation and Rezone

Presented with the Planning Commissions "Findings of Facts" and their recommendation, Council was asked to give final approval regarding annexing property on RA Koch Rd. (NW Cedar) and rezoning. **On a motion by Councilor Hinkle and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 571 Annexing the Claussen property on RA Koch Rd. All present voted yes. On a motion by Councilor Doherty and seconded by Councilor Hinkle,**

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Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 572 Rezoning the Claussen property on RA Koch Rd.

F-3 Appointments to the Budget Committee

Council was presented with two applications to fill the 2 of the 3 vacant seats on the Budget Committee. **On a motion by Councilor Perkins and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council appointed Jackie Carey and Michelle Casady to the Budget Committee. All present voted yes.**

F-4 Approval to Transfer Pilot Rock Sanitation Franchise

Jimmy Doherty addressed Council stating that he is in the final stages of buying the assets Pilot Rock Sanitation. He has an LLC, Company is Eastern Oregon Waste Management. He is seeking approval from Council allowing Pilot Rock Sanitation to transfer the franchise agreement to Eastern Oregon Waste Management. An "Intent to Sell" letter signed by Randee Ziegler, owner of Pilot Rock Sanitation, was presented to Council. The current franchise agreement between the City and Pilot Rock Sanitation expires December of 2016. Jimmy explained that although he does not have experience in waste management, he does have the experience of the long time employees of Pilot Rock Sanitation that he intends to keep on, as well as Randal Ziegler who was present and has agreed to act as a consultant to help transition the company. Teri Porter stated that section 11 of the existing franchise agreement (provided in packet) states that the franchise will not be transferred without first getting written approval from Council. Councilor Doherty as father of Jimmy Doherty abstained. Placing Mayor Carnes in a voting position. In discussion Councilor Perkins asked if they anticipate any issues with the transfer of the franchise. Jimmy stated that all he needs is Councils approval to satisfy the terms of the Contract. Jimmy stated that he is not changing equipment or employees, there will be no change except for the name on the side of the truck. Councilor Perkins went on to commend Jimmy for stepping up. As a young man taking on the business, keeping it local and keeping the employees. As a Council we would be remiss in not helping to make this a seamless transition. Steve Draper stated that once the sale is final and the transfer is complete he would like to meet with Jimmy to renegotiate the franchise agreement. Councilor Hinkle stated that he is pleased that Jimmy will be keeping the old employees and keeping it local. Jimmy stated that he hopes to branch out into other things in the future and employ more people. Councilor Corwin asked if we are obligated to go out for bid. Teri stated that she has run this issue past David Blanc, we can transfer the franchise, then we can renegotiate and renew the contract before it expires. . **On a motion by Councilor Corwin and seconded by Councilor Hinkle, Council approved the transfer of the sanitation franchise to Jimmy Doherty of Eastern Oregon Waste Management. Councilors Perkins and Mayor Carnes voted in favor.** Teri said she will draw up a letter and have it to him by Thursday.

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G. INFORMATION ITEMS

G-1 Department Head Report

CITY HALL:

1. Working on facilitating the internet and phone needs for the police department.
2. Property for the Stairs. There are still outstanding property taxes owed. Since the property was sold to the City in November, we will pay the property taxes for the remainder of the year and the previous owner will pay the other. Once these taxes are paid the deed will be recorded and we can move forward with the project. Steve has been in contact with the previous owner.
3. Working hard on budget prep.
4. Submitted the ODOT agreement for the crosswalk and asked for further info regarding the maintenance costs. I have inquired about the possible costs for maintenance to the flashing beacon.

Hello Teri,

This is a tough one to call, because the situations for maintenance can be variable. So, the cost will depend. We can say that our recent experiences with a need for ongoing maintenance for these have been minimal. The equipment is getting to the point where it is dependable and we do not have examples where the costs have a reputation for being unreasonable.

Thanks

Timothy W. (Tim) Rynearson

Assistant District Manager

ODOT- District 12

5. Posted the PT park maintenance position with the employment office and in 3 key areas in town.
6. Requested the "One Stop" breakdown for the funding agencies for option 5 at \$5.2 million.
7. Mr. Taylor submitted a request for a cost breakdown of the options (Bike pit with primary lagoon above and the approved new option) presented at the last work session. I contacted Jadon Herron and he supplied me with the information. John also asked for breakdowns for option 1, I directed him to the WWFP book which I knew he had a copy.
8. County income questionnaire regarding City owned property zoned M-2 being used for pasture, completed.
9. Met Lt. Dieter of Boardman in Hermiston to discuss and retrieve Chief Caldera's background.
10. The Planning commission held a public hearing on March 7th to consider and annexation and rezone on NW. Cedar.
11. Attended the Planners networking meeting in Pendleton on March 2nd.
12. Attorney Jennifer Bragger sent letter to Koch attorney. Mailed check for \$600 to Mary to catch up for January and February. March pymt. is in this batch.
13. Newsletter articles: Ballot Box.
14. Attended the CIS Conference in Salem. Have received the "not to exceed" increases, for budget purposes.

POLICE:

1. Spent two (2) days with Ofc. Badal organizing the police department and getting rid of outdated equipment.
2. Met with Commissioner Elfering and Sheriff Rowan to negotiate a dispatch contract for the upcoming fiscal year.
3. Attended the Dispatch Advisory Meeting in Hermiston.
4. Worked on proposed 2016/2017 police department budget.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Going from winter mode to summer mode.
2. Spraying weeds.
3. Adam returned to work on Monday March 7.

Councilor Perkins asked for the information obtained from One-Stop as indicated in #6 of City Halls report. Teri said she will present it at the next meeting.

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Councilor Perkins also asked about #2 on the Police side. Chief Caldera stated that he negotiated with Sheriff Rowan and Commissioner Elfering and they agreed on \$9,000 for this coming year and then each subsequent year adding an additional \$3,000 until we are in line with the actual fee, which is currently \$20,000 a year. There could be additional costs relating to equipment upgrades. Councilor Perkins asked if Chief is aware of any grants that may be available, Chief does not. Pendleton pays \$309,000 annually, Stanfield \$33,00.

G-2 Financials

None issues.

G-3 Statement of Economic Interest

Teri reminded Council that they must fill out their annual "Statement of Economic Interest" on line.

G-4 Pilot Rock Sanitation

Teri had included a staff report informing Council of the upcoming need to renegotiate the Pilot Rock Sanitation franchise agreement and also that they were delinquent in their annual payment. But since the staff report was put together we have now learned the Jimmy Doherty will be purchasing the assets of Pilot Rock Sanitation and the issue of negotiation and renewing the contract was discussed earlier in the is meeting. In addition Teri stated that she has just received the annual payment from Pilot Rock Sanitation, so all is taken care of.

I CONSENT CALENDAR

Bills Total: \$20,292.05

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

J COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Carnes stated that the First Citizens Banquet is April 2nd.

The Downtown association has taken over the Easter Egg Hunt, since the Lions has disbanded.

Councilor Hinkle expressed concerns regarding the flashing beacon at the cross walk in Pendleton.

He stated that folks do not stop as they should. He asks that we need to post a sign when we get our beacon that explains you must stop until the children are out of the cross walk. Everyone agreed that we need to do some type of education for our local drivers.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 7:45 under ORS 192.660(2)(a) Employment of Public Officers.

Council returned to executive session at 8:00. **On a motion by Councilor Corwin and seconded by Councilor Hinkle, Council agreed to move forward with the signing of the employment contract between the City of Pilot Rock and Chief Caldera. All present voted yes.**

Chief Caldera officially starts on April 1, 2016. Has been working with ESD to get the equipment and wiring completed before he starts. Steve stated that they will be working on structure improvement next week and hope to have it done before the 1st.

Councilor Perkins stated that he believes we have made an outstanding hire, a man of integrity an individual that will do an excellent job for us. We look forward to working with him and assisting him in any way we can. We have a top flight person to be part of our team. Chief stated that he has been in the profession for 33 years and does not pretend to know everything but will do the best job possible and appreciate Councils support.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Council agreed to adjourn at 8:01 PM.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____

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