

CITY OF PILOT ROCK

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2011

7:00 PM

A. ROLL

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Virginia Carnes at 7:00PM. Council Members present were Kacie Moss, Annie Tester, Michael Baleztena, and Ray Corwin. Also present were City Recorder Teri Porter, Public Works Supervisor Steve Draper and Police Chief Darren Richman, Jim Rogers, John Taylor, Mary Lue Slabik, Pastor Harley Jeffers, Bob Summerfield, Glen Snively and Pastor Mike Nelson.

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Nelson gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Mary Lue Slabik addressed Council with a statement of fact, asking if the Council is aware that there are parts of 4 city properties on one tax lot that is owned by the Slabik's. She stated that they have made what they feel is a fair offer of \$1,200.00 plus expenses. We would accept an offer of this nature. Mrs. Slabik also stated that if it is necessary to obtain legal council this expense will also be added to the cost of the property.

John Taylor addressed Council stating that about 2 ½ years ago Council voted to convey 32 acres to the bike pit and that it was approve that the association also get a 501c3. Mr. Taylor stated that there have been lots and lots of delays and he offered to take over that project with Teri Porter's oversight. Mr. Taylor felt he could get it done by hopefully the end of the year. Mayor Carnes stated that the Bike pit is down about \$3,800 right now and Mark Dicky is still working on the 501c3. Mr. Taylor stated that he would not charge anything. Mr. Taylor asked what the status is? Mayor Carnes stated that he is still working towards it. It is a very difficult for an organization that was already functioning, Mark Dicky has to go back and build the history for the past 6 years. It is very spendy. Mr. Taylor asked if he is using the CD that is available for nothing. Mayor Carnes stated that he a certified public accountant and it is her assumption that he knows what he is doing.

E. PRESENTATION

F-1 Development Permit for the Baptist Church

Bob Summerfield addressed Council with the churches proposal to expand. They have had the opportunity to purchase one of the modular office structures of the tribe. Steve Haddock has surveyed the property and in order to get it on the property they are asking council to consider the following: 1. Does the structure and its intended use fall within the City's Ordinance? 2. Given the size of the lot, according to code 15.15.030 (8) of the City's Ordinances the maximum size of the structure is 2,073 sq. feet. The proposed structure is 4,000 sq. ft. Teri Porter pointed out that if tax lot 3901 and 3900 (both owned by the church) were combined the 4,000 ft. structure would meet code. 3. If the South side of the building is considered the front, the North and West side do not meet the 10 foot set back requirements. The Church is asking for variances. 4. Vacating 15' of the public right of way. Teri Porter had attached to the staff report City

Ordinances and State Ordinances that apply as well as the plot maps, building layouts and permit application. Councilor Corwin asked if the Church combined the two tax lots they would have enough land and would not need the variance? Teri agreed. Councilor Baleztena stated that because it is a Church he does not see a problem with it covering more area. Glen Snively asked about the process to make them one tax lot. Teri explained they would have to work with the County. Teri stated that because there were several issues involved with this application she wanted to bring it before Council for approval before moving forward with a Public Hearing in case there were other concerns to be discussed. Councilor Baleztena stated that he is a member of the Church but did not feel that there was a conflict of interest. On a motion by Councilor Corwin and seconded by Councilor Baleztena Council agreed to accept the application and allow the public hearing process for the variances. All present voted yes. Jim Rogers asked if there were any concerns with them tearing down the existing building. Councilor Baleztena said they can tear it down. Jim said that Hatley Construction will be hauling off the debris.

F-2 Development Permit for the DTA Pavilion

On April 5, 2011 Council gave permission to the Downtown Association to use the empty lot on Main Street to build a Pavilion for all to use. At that time Council asked the DTA to be sure that they had permission from the State. Teri Porter stated that the State has signed off on the project but the DTA still needs a permit from the City to move forward. On a motion by Councilor Tester and seconded by Councilor Moss Council agreed to approve the development permit for the Pavilion. All present voted yes.

G-1 Department Head Report

Teri stated that the City has received the SCI \$1,000 grant which will go toward her planning and zoning training and possibly maps.

Chief Richman stated that we have expanded the coverage for the police officer ad to La Grande and Baker, it is still on LEDS and in the EO and also on the League of Oregon Cities website. Councilor Corwin asked about the requirements. Chief Richman stated that they must be 21 with no domestic violence or bad traffic violations, a clean record is what he is after. We were hoping for a larger pool of qualified applications to pull from. The Chief stated that in the mean time he and officer LeGore are working a lot of hours and Mike is getting a lot of comp time. Chief stated that he is being cautious to hire the right officer that will fit in the community and not cause Council problems. They discussed the pros and cons of reserve officers but did not feel that would be effective.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

I. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Kirk stated that a concerned citizen asked her to bring it to the City's attention that the bridge just below the Community center heading toward the mill needs repair. Steve Draper said that would be a pretty costly repair so he does not see it getting done this year and will have to budget it in the future.

Councilor Kirk also asked for an update regarding combining the 3 personnel policies into 1. The Chief and Steve stated that that is what we just did, but there are still items in it that need review.

Councilor Hall asked what is the maximum amount staff can spend without bring it to Council. Steve replied..\$1000. Councilor Hall asked that if item purchased even under \$1000 but have the potential of causing more expense in the future that those items be brought before Council as well.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2) (e) Real Property

Council went into executive session at 7:24

Council came out of Executive session at 8:10

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Tester Council directed staff to continue talking with the attorney and CIS regarding their decision. Staff was also directed not to initiate contact with Mr. and Mrs. Slabik until after we have spoken with CIS and the Attorney and returned to Council with that information.

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and Seconded by Councilor Tester Council asked staff to come back to Council with options regarding the Mary Koch payments.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Tester Council adjourned at 8:12 all present voted yes.

APPROVED_____

ATTEST_____