

CITY OF PILOT ROCK

COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 2012

7:00 PM

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Virginia Carnes at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Michael Baleztena, Ray Corwin, Misty Rowe and Shawna Kirk. Also present were City Recorder Teri Porter and Public Works Director Steve Draper. Citizens present were John Taylor, Mary Lue Slabik, Ray Slabik, Mr. and Mrs. Ficenec.

B. INVOCATION

Michael Baleztena gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

John Taylor asked Council if they had any questions about his letter regarding the sale of the industrial property. Councilor Kirk stated that she had not had a chance to review it but would review it in the next couple of days and give him a call if she had any questions. Mr. Taylor asked for clarification regarding the \$90,000 paid in lieu of rent. On Councils direction Teri Porter explained that ~~the \$90,000 was to be held in escrow~~ *as security for the extension of the utilities, the City is entitled to receive all lease payments made by the bark plant pursuant to that lease dated January 1, 2010 and A&V is to pay into escrow the sum of \$54,000 payable in 3 quarterly payments.* Had A&V Investments not exercised their option to purchase, that \$90,000 would have been kept by the City as rent. As an incentive to purchase the property that \$90,000 paid in rent would go toward the purchase price if A&V Investments did exercise their option to purchase. Councilors Baleztena and Kirk confirmed that it was an incentive to purchase. Mr. Taylor made further comments with examples of ways the City could have earned more money with that property. One example was a sale to Packy Doherty. Mayor Carnes agreed that Packy had showed interest but never came back to Council with a proposal, money was never discussed. Councilor Rowe stated that although she was not part of Council during the whole process, she feels that all along the Council was trying to stand by their word and do the right thing for the Community. They were acting in good faith. She went on to say that the property was sold, period, and Mr. Taylors questioning is disrespectful toward the Councilors who gave up their time to attend the 47+ meetings and put in a lot of blood sweat and tears. She felt that a lot of what Mr. Taylor was bringing up was speculation. Mayor Carnes also stated that, had Mr. Taylor not quit the Council he would have been part of the ins and outs of the contract. Mr. Taylor went on to bring up his concerns regarding a credit report then thanked Council and was glad to get it on the record.

E. PRESENTATIONS

None

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ACTION ITEMS

Teri Porter asked to add another item to the agenda. On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to add F-2 Request for information. All present voted yes.

Since the new agenda item fell in line with what was being discussed F-2 was heard before F-1.

F-2 Request for Information

Teri Porter presented Council with a question that Mr. Taylor asked of her. (Attached). Teri felt she knew the answer but felt it would be wise to contact the City Attorney for advice on how to respond to the question. On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council directed Teri Porter to contact the City Attorney regarding Mr. Taylor's question, then bring it back to Council. All present voted yes.

F-1 Sound System

Teri Porter presented Council with 3 bids for the sound system. There are issues, such as the proximity of the microphones to the speakers causing feedback when trying to amplify the sound in such a small space. It may require special equipment that will handle those types of issues. The higher bid includes this type of equipment, the lower bid does not but such equipment but could be added later. Mary Lue Slabik has been asking for a sound system for several years because it is hard for her to hear what is being said. There was discussion whether to go with the lower bid which is all the budget could handle this year, or wait until next year to go with a higher bid that would handle the concerns that the small room presents. Councilor Corwin, had reservations about spending \$4,500 to \$7,0000, on a sound system for this room to accommodate a small audience and asked if the new table arrangement made it easier for Mary Lue hear. Mary Lue agreed that the new arrange was better, but still felt a sound system was needed this year and that more people would attend if we had a sound system. Councilor Rowe asked if there was any way we could pull more money into that account so that we can afford the better system? Steve Draper voiced his concern about pulling money out of the contingency fund so early in the year. Ray Slabik stated that he can hear Councilor Rowe just fine because she speaks up. There was question about the grant that paid for the murals, that perhaps that money could have been used for a sound system. It was explained that the grant was specifically for beautification purposes and not technology. **It was suggested to look for grants that would cover the sound system.** Mr. Taylor stated that we also have \$112,000 from the sale to A&V that we can bring into the budget by resolution. Teri Porter stated that, that money was not budgeted in this year's budget, using that money this year would require a supplemental budget. The money from the sale of the industrial property will be accounted for in next year's budget. Mr. Taylor asked if Uni Tech (the lower bid) would be willing to come in and do a demo to ensure that their system would work for us. **On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to direct staff to contact Uni-tech about doing a demo on the new sound system to see if it would**

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work, and make a decision then. All present voted yes. Mr. Slabik stated that he would like to be present when they do the demo. Mayor Carnes said it would be on the agenda.

G-1 Department Head Reports

Teri Porter added to her report stating that we will be accepting application for the appointed City Council seat to fill Annie Testers seat, until August 20th, 2012.

The Audit will start the first week in September.

Teri also stated that going forward when citizens submit a request for public records, the request must be filled out completely, including date and the purpose of the request.

Tom Callahan has submitted a request for a development permit. **Councilor Kirk asked if he still owes the City money?** There was discussion about getting the money he owes the City before allowing him to do anything. Councilor Kirk also asked if he had cleaned up his lot? Teri stated building his house and shop would help to get the lot cleaned up.

H. Consent Calendar

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztana Council agreed to accept the Consent Calendar. All present voted yes.

I. City Council Comments

Mayor Carnes presented the new City flag that was purchased by the Downtown Association and the Community Days committee.

Mayor Carnes also pointed out the mural that is underway on the wall from the Sampson burn, hope to have it complete by Community Days.

Councilor Kirk, announced that she is still taking applicants for the Community Days parade.

Councilor Kirk asked councils indulgence stating that since her stroke she goes to physical therapy 3 days a week and really has only one good hour to devote to council, and **asked if it was ok with Council that she come for 1 hour and then leave if the meeting goes longs. Council agreed.**

Councilor Corwin, expressed his concerns regarding the number of semi trucks that are missed directed to SW Cedar (a dead end), instead of NW Cedar, then have to back down the street to get out. In the last few weeks there have been 17 semi trucks taking this wrong turn. There was discussion that GPS is directing the trucks to the wrong

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Cedar St. and causing an issue which has recently resulted in damage to property. Steve Draper stated that a dead end sign was put up several weeks ago, which apparently has not helped. There was discussion about putting up a sign that reads "No Truck Turn Around". The issue is the incorrect info that GPS is putting out, not signage, because drivers don't pay attention to signs when they are following their GPS. Councilor Corwin stated that they have talked to the Bark Plant about letting their truckers now that the GPS is wrong, with no effect. **On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council directed staff to research the problem and come back with several options to consider at the next meeting. All present voted yes.**

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Kirk and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to adjourn at 7:45. All present voted yes.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____

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