

CITY OF PILOT ROCK

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2, 2010

7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Virginia Carnes at 7:00 PM. Council members present were John Standley, Nancy Lankford, Michael Baleztena, George Hall, Kacie Moss and Shawna Kirk. Also present were City Recorder Jackie Carey, Chief Darren Richman, Bill Liebe, Loraine Greene, Lynn Liebe, Pastor Harley Jeffers, Jim Carey, Mary Lue Slabik, John Taylor and Glen Snively.

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Harley Jeffers gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

E. PRESENTATIONS

None

F. ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by Hall and seconded by Baleztena the Council approved allowing Mr. Taylor to address the Council regarding his concerns about the LOCAP loan. All members present voted yes.

F-1. ANNUAL CLEANUP

Mayor Carnes reported that the Neighborhood Watch group has volunteered to help the Lions Club oversee the annual cleanup. They recommend only running the cleanup for one day from 8am to 6pm. They have met with Pilot Rock Sanitation and they are on board. They have scheduled May 15th for the annual cleanup and May 12th for the High School students to help the senior citizens cleanup their yards.

Councilor Standley asked if citizens have garbage service why does the City have to pay for the dumpsters each year.

Councilor Hall asked if the City should spend \$2000 when the City is broke. Glen Snively asked if the City has \$2000 and Hall replied no. Bill Liebe suggested eliminating the dumpsters. Councilor Kirk would like a limited number of dumpsters. Councilor Lankford doesn't want to spend the money. Councilor Kirk suggested contacting McKagues to see what they can do this year.

On a motion by Hall and seconded by Kirk the Council directed staff to contact McKagues and explain the situation. Councilor Moss was appointed as Council representative to work with staff on this situation. Lankford, Baleztana, Hall, Moss and Kirk voted yes. Standley voted no.

F-2 JOHN TAYLOR'S PRESENTATION

Councilor Hall stated Mr. Taylor contacted him regarding the LOCAP loan. Mr. Taylor asked him questions. Hall asked Taylor to ask the Council the same questions that he had asked him. Taylor refused to state the questions for the entire Council to hear. Hall stated some of the questions were if the City looked at paying the bank loan by selling bonds or raising taxes. Bill Liebe asked if they could come up with some other options.

Councilor Lankford stated the Council wanted to self fund the water project with the funds the City was given. They felt there was enough money to pay for the project and avoid raising the rates to the ratepayers or delay a rate increase. Lankford stated the Vision exercise the City went through named public safety as the number one priority. The Council did not want to use the Kinzua money, but needed the money to help fund the police department.

Taylor asked the Council to form a committee to come up with 3 options to pay the bank loan off.

Lankford would like to see any excess lease revenues to be targeted to pay the loan debt. Hall would like to prioritize where the City spends the money and still maintain services.

On a motion by Baleztana and seconded by Hall the Council appointed Councilor Kirk, Jackie Carey, Lynn Liebe and John Taylor to a committee to come back with three options for paying the \$250,000 loan payment. All members present voted yes.

F-3 LOCAP LOAN

On a motion by Baleztana and seconded by Hall the Council tabled the LOCAP loan until the next council meeting. All members voted yes.

F-3 ARCHERY LEASE

The Pilot Rock Archery Club would like to lease some property from the City for an archery range at a cost of \$250 per year. The property is located at the OHV Park. Councilor Baleztina declared a conflict of interest because he is the President of Archery Club. On a motion by Hall and seconded by Kirk the Council approved the proposed lease with the Archery Club. Standley, Lankford, Hall, Moss and Kirk voted yes. Baleztina abstained.

G-1 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Recorder Carey asked approval for her vacation in June. On a motion by Hall and seconded by Lankford the Council approved Carey's vacation request. All members present voted yes.

Chief Richman advised they are having some equipment problems with one of the police vehicles.

G-2 KIOSK

The Umatilla County Information Kiosk was tabled because Public Works Supervisor Draper was absent due to illness.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Kirk and seconded by Moss the Consent Calendar was approved. All members present voted yes.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Standley stated we need to change the language regarding a land exchange with Boise Cascade. He stated it will not be a land exchange, because we cannot partition the Kinzua Lumber (Boise Cascade) property, because it does not meet the minimum lot size.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Hall and seconded by Kirk the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. All members present voted yes.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____