

CITY OF PILOT ROCK
Council Workshop Meeting
NOVEMBER 12, 2009
7:00 PM

A. ROLL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Virginia Carnes at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Kacie Moss, Nancy Lankford, Michael Baleztena and Shawna Kirk. Also present were City Manager Paul Koch, City Recorder Jackie I. Carey, Chief Richman, Public Works Supervisor Steve Draper, Mary Lue Slabik, Lorene Whittaker, Jim Whittaker, John Taylor, Mary Taylor Samantha Bates, Scott Sager, Bill Safford, Lynn Liebe, Bill Liebe, Loraine Greene, Jed Crowther, Mike Nelson, Buster Gammond, Jerrie Gammond and Jim Carey.

B. INVOCATION

Mike Nelson gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CITY ORGANIZATION ALTERNATIVE

Steve Draper and Jackie Carey gave the committee an alternative for city organization. They suggested that the Council appoint one of the department heads to be the city administrator along with being a department head. The Council would appoint a department head in January of every year. The City would retain their experienced employees.

E. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Recorder Carey asked the Council for a consensus to pay the property taxes on the Masonite property before the deadline of November 15th. This will save the City approximately \$700. The total amount owed on the taxes is \$21,992. The Council gave their approval to pay the taxes before the deadline.

Recorder Jackie Carey gave a power point presentation showing the past, present and future financial status for the City.

Carey also distributed spreadsheet showing expenditures and revenues estimates for the remainder of the fiscal year. The spreadsheet will be attached to these minutes as an attachment.

City Manager Koch also distributed his suggestions for budget reductions and enhancement strategies. His suggestions will be attached to these minutes as an attachment.

There was some discussion about the cost of the water project. Councilor Lankford stated the Council voted on awarding the bid for \$500,000 and then they are advised the total cost will be \$712,000 after the engineer fees, permits and contingency. City Manager Koch advised at the August 18, 2009, Council meeting the cost for the water project was \$607,017 and that they would need to go find more money to complete the project.

The main reason the City is having some financial problems is the termination of the Kinzua lease and them not paying what they owe. They owe approximately \$144,000 plus maintenance on the facility.

There was some discussion on the budget reduction. John Taylor gave a list to Manager Koch showing the property that the City owns. Taylor stated the City needs to sale some property. Public Works Supervisor Steve Draper advised he only know of a couple of lots that the City owns that are not being used by the City. Most of those properties are lots that have city structures on them, such as City Hall, City shop, etc.

John Taylor stated he went through the budget and found the City could reduce their budget by \$221,000.

Scott Sager stated the Council should be the ones to reduce the budget. The immediate problem is the cash flow problem. Sager suggested the City go to the bank and get \$300,000 line of credit to address the immediate problem.

Councilor Lankford's recommendation was to have staff take the steps to get \$300,000 line of credit, at the best interest rate, to solve the problem of the cash flow problem.

F. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Baleztena and seconded by Kirk the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____