

CITY OF PILOT ROCK

COUNCIL MEETING

June 18, 2013

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 Kacie Moss, Misty Rowe, Josie Forster, Jim Hinkle, Michael Baleztena and Ray Corwin. Also present were Administrative Assistant, Rindy Watson, and Police Chief Darren Richman. Citizens present were Mary Lue Slabik and Darreld and Sharon Fleenor.

B. INVOCATION

Councilor Hinkle gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTING CITIZENS

None.

E. PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 Resolution to Receive State Revenue

On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Rowe, Council agreed to approve Resolution #547 a resolution declaring the City's election to receive state revenues and declaring an emergency. All present voted yes.

F-2 Adopt 2014 Budget

On a motion by Councilor Baleztena and seconded by Councilor Moss, Council agreed to adopt Resolution #548 adopting the budget. Mary Lue Slabik asked if the sewer utility reserve fund can be used for emergencies. Chief Richman stated that those funds could be used for sewer emergencies. **All present voted yes.**

F-3 Council Meeting on July 2nd

On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Baleztena, Council agreed to cancel the July 2nd Council meeting. All present voted yes.

F-4 Chamber of Commerce Lease

Mayor Carnes asked Council to consider leasing one of the council chambers offices to the Chamber of Commerce for storage. Councilor Rowe asked if the office would be used to work in. Mayor Carnes said very rarely. The previous lease was \$60 a year. There was discussion that the space was to be used to move the Police Dept over but it was financially prohibitive this year. Council agreed that when the police department is

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ready to make the move then the Chamber of Commerce would have to relocate. **On a motion by Councilor Moss and seconded by Councilor Hinkle, Council agreed to lease storage space in the Council Chambers to the Chamber of Commerce for \$60 a year. All present voted yes.**

F-5 Update Computer Reporting System

Chief Richman explained that our share of the Rims system will be \$14,441, all department are ready to move forward and award the bid. We have no choice if County goes with the new system we all must go. Chief stated that he did budget for it in the new budget. **On a motion by Councilor Baleztena and seconded by Councilor Rowe Council agreed to allow the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Radio District for the purchase price of \$14,441 to update the computer system. All present voted yes.**

G-1 INFORMATION ITEMS, REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Department Head Report

CITY HALL:

1. After the Budget hearing Mary Lue asked me to write her a letter explaining why the "We the People" flyer was not correct. I invited Mary Lue to stop by my office so I can explain. The following day I had a nice meeting with Mary Lue and we went over many of the contributing factors that go into the budget for about an hour or so. She could see that currently the revenue received from the monthly surcharge does not cover actual expenses and has not for several years. I explained that in 2013 due to turn over in my office the expenses were much lower than expected, but next year we will not have those issues and the expenses will be back up. She felt that those issues should be public information. I explained that there are all sorts of factors that go into each and every budgeted line item and it is my job to know them and make projections so that the City operates efficiently. I went on to explain that next year we have to anticipate that PERS will increase, taxes, electric etc. All of this needs to be added in. I showed her that once you add all that in and then subtract the increase as suggested in the "We the People" flyer you are actually left with \$3,916. The \$3,916 includes the \$13,508 that was saved from previous years, if that had not been saved we would actually be -\$9,592 in the hole. I sent her home with the **attached** flyer with my scribbles to explain why the "We the People" flyer was in error. She seemed to be satisfied with my answer.
2. After reading the newsletter Mr. Taylor called to ask why I had stated that the "We the People" flyer had given "misinformation". I again went over the numbers with him and basically stated that his figures would work if 2014 was going to be identical to 2013, but we know that they won't be and went over the reasons as I stated above, to Mary Lue. He too, seemed to be satisfied with my answer.
3. Contacted US Bank regarding when would be the best time to pay the \$125,000 lump sum on the LOCAP loan. We must inform them 45 days prior and that it would have to be made on the January 1, 2014 payment. The interest amount would be \$1,997.50.
4. As directed by Council I contacted David and asked him to make the noted changes to the letter and send it off.
5. I received an e-mail from Mr. Taylor suggesting that Council consider a Debt Service fund for the water loan. My response was that may be something to consider for the 2015 budget cycle.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. I am working on two additional major cases.
2. We have been having minor battery issues with both police cars. Replaced battery in the Impala.
3. Continuing to work on ordinances.

Chief Richman added to his report, pending the results of the next doctors visit Chief asked Council for permission to take 80hrs of vacation if person is released, in order to get his vacation hours down. He would

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return for a week then take the remaining 20 hours to get it below the limit. **On a motion by Councilor Rowe and seconded by Councilor Baleztana, Council agreed that if all goes well with the doctor's appointment Chief Richman is allowed to take 80 hours vacation come back for a week and take an additional 20 or so to get it down. All present voted yes.**

Chief also added that the doctor's office has been purchased by John Fenton who is turning it into a duplex. There will be a dumpster out front for awhile and several vehicles as they work on the building. They were told to keep things off the street as best they can so that cars can get by.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. There are new contacts in the sewer lift station on the starters for the pumps.
2. The "green hornet" was brought in for repair. It is complete and they will pick it up.
3. Have completed the quarterly sewer sample. Will be doing lead and copper testing the week of June 17.
4. The CCR report will go out the end of this month. Please let City Hall know if Council would like to add anything to it as it goes out in each bill.
5. Wtechlink has contacted the City inquiring about a possible location to place their antenna.
6. To help answer a question that was asked at the Budget hearing regarding an increase in sewer rates 15 years ago. The rate had not been raised for quite awhile and we were very far behind. \$20,000-\$25,000 was spent to have the lagoon dredged. There was some discussion that sooner or later DEQ may require that we move the lagoon away from the creek. The City purchased property on top of the hill in case we need to move the lagoon. We are passing DEQ tests so no talk of moving yet.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

I. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Carnes asked Council Baleztana to read a thank you letter from Dave Lyda, who was assisted by Officer Faber and our Pilot Rock volunteer fire/ems teams. Mayor Carnes asked to have it put in Officer Faber's file. Mayor Carnes reminded everyone that the Beer and Winephest is this coming Saturday and the Irish Country will be performing.

Councilor Hinkle representing his employer Wtechlink, stated that they have approached the City in regards to putting an antenna on the water tower. They have offered to give City Hall and the Library free internet. Councilor Moss suggested that Wtechlink have someone other than Councilor Hinkle present an offer.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

K. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Baleztana and seconded by Councilor Corwin, Council agreed to adjourn at 7:40. All present voted yes.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____

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