
CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting
July 7, 2020 6:00 PM

A. Called to Order

Having a quorum, the Regular Council meeting was called to order by **Mayor Virginia Carnes** at 6:00 PM. Council members present were **Raymond Doherty, Robbie Young, Paula Evoniuk (attended via phone conferencing), Andy Sells and Jackie Carey.** Department Heads present were **Steve Draper and Teri Bacus.** Citizens were **Mike Gregg, Tanner Doherty, Mary Lu Slabik and Wayne Platt.**

B. INVOCATION

Councilor Carey gave the invocation

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS.

E. PRESENTATIONS

Jadon Herron from Anderson Perry provided an update on the Lagoon project. The design of the siphon has been revised to account for the significant erosion that occurred during the flooding in May. The siphon has been lengthened by approximately 160 feet. This keeps the siphon out of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way and locates the siphon entrance and exit in more favorable locations for potential future bank erosion. Silver Creek Contracting, LLC (SCC) is completing the gravity sewer line installation and excavating rock with a rented hammer and excavator under a work change directive. More rock is being encountered than anticipated. SCC is currently working through the lumberyard between the UPRR bore and the Birch Creek crossing. Test pits have been conducted at both the UPRR bore and Birch Creek crossing locations. Bedrock was not encountered at the gravity sewer depths at either location. However, a ridge of bedrock was encountered during the gravity sewer installation. The UPRR bore is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 20. Interest accrued on payments due to SCC due to slow processing from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and it was agreed in January that the DEQ would pay. However, after further review, the DEQ determined that they would not pay and cited the Clean Water State Revolving Loan program's administrative rules. The construction administration and resident project representative budgets are estimated based on contract times. The original contract time was 390 days. There has been an additional 64 days beyond a 90-day winter shut down. This is more than a 16% increase. The original construction administration and resident project representative budget was at \$425,000. A 16% increase would be approximately \$70,000. An amendment to the engineering agreement will be pursued for this amount to cover the additional work that was outside the original scope of services and there is still \$100,000 remaining in contingency.

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F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 City Property Sale for Shooting Range – The City Recorder cited administrative rules from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission regarding conflict of interest and there was discussion to determine if Councilor Doherty can participate. There are two types: actual and potential. It was resolved that Councilor Doherty has a potential conflict of interest not an actual conflict. This is due to his relationship with Tanner Doherty which is his son and therefore he can speak on this issue. Councilor Carey does not agree and stated that he should not be a part of this debate. The sale of the property was discussed at the June 2, 2020 council meeting and a motion was passed to table pending a map depicting the shooting range and proposed buildings. City Recorder explained that it would benefit the City to keep the rock pit for usage in reinforcing Birch Creek in areas impacted by the flood and suggested that the acreage be modified reducing the amount. Staff recommendation is to delay the sale until the lagoon project is complete which is located nearby. Councilor Young would like to take more time and thought in the decision. Councilor Carey states that she would like to approve the Public Works Supervisors recommendation that the sale be delayed until the lagoon project is complete. Councilor Evoniuk states that if the sale is delayed, construction would probably not begin until the spring and it would impede a potentially viable business. Councilor Carey does not agree and is concerned that if we sell the property and then need it later for the lagoon project, it would not be available. Councilor Doherty states that there is plenty of property available if needed. Citizen Wayne Platt commented that the shooting range would be 300 feet from his house and is concerned about the noise. Tanner says that noise buffer fences to reverberate the noise back would be installed to reduce the noise and there will be defined hours. Mike Gregg from Reloading International provided a pamphlet containing his company projections. He would be leasing one of the buildings for his business. Tanner further explained that the placing of the range is purposely placed at a downward slope with the rock pit in between the range and the nearby home. Tanner asked when the last time the rock pit was used, and Public Works stated that it has never been used but will be this year. Tanner would like the rock pit for a safety buffer and the modified plan with 28 acres would not work due to the east side being so small that it would be unusable. Councilor Young would like guidelines and rules defined before deciding and is concerned about the noise. Councilor Carey would like the acreage reduced and Tanner says 50 acres would provide the needed safety. Councilor Sells agrees that guidelines need to be defined and Councilor Carey concurs. The project hooking up to the city water and sewer system was discussed. It was determined that it would not be a reasonable cost and therefore not required. Councilor Sells asked why the sale should be delayed until after the lagoon project and Public Works explained that there has already been changes and there is the possibility that something else could change. Councilor Doherty explains that there will still be approximately 800 feet outside of the lagoon. Councilor Young has concerns regarding noise and requests that research is needed to determine which guidelines are necessary. Tanner explains that the sound is equal to a motorcycle. **Councilor Carey made a motion to table pending guidelines and Councilor Young seconded. Councilor Doherty did not vote. Councilor Evoniuk and Councilor Sells voted yes, and the motion was passed to table pending guidelines.** Councilor Sells recommends that the Police Chief draft guidelines and provide recommendations.

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G-1 League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Legislative Agenda – The City Recorder provided a copy of the top topics for pro-active legislative agenda for the 2021 session from the LOC. City Council is requested to complete the ballot which reflects the top policies developed in each of the policy committees. The board of directors will then review the results of this survey of member cities, along with the recommendations of the policy committees and determine the LOC's 2021 legislative agenda.

Department Head Report –

City Hall:

1. Processed disbursement for Lagoon
2. Aided senior citizens at their home in completing Census online
3. Processed GEODC payment for Housing Rehabilitation program
4. Completed final paperwork required for receipt of 100K on paving project
5. Completed application for 2021 funding for paving
6. Posted Police Officer position on Worksource.gov and City website
7. Submitted budget documents to the tax assessor's office and recorder's office
8. Completed all budget data entry into the system & created new budget
9. Picked up 500 KN95 masks from Umatilla County and began distributing to employees & public
10. Scheduled claims adjuster for inspection of damages due to flood
11. Published public notice for 2020 elections
12. Received extension approval to March 2021 for Community Development Block Grant
13. Reviewed, signed and sent engagement letter and contract for upcoming audit

Police Department:

1. Chief attended a Fire Board meeting.
2. Officer arrested and lodged a female for Driving While Suspended.
3. Officer arrested a female for Disorderly Conduct and lodged her in jail.
4. Assisted DHS with a child neglect case.
5. Officer arrested an individual for breaking into a business and the subject was lodged in jail.
6. Officer located a runaway juvenile and he was turned over to his mother.
7. Pendleton PD provided taser training for our department.
8. A mental health patient was taken to St. Anthony Hospital for an evaluation.
9. Assisted Pendleton PD with a large fight involving several intoxicated females. Four of the combatants were taken to jail and lodged on numerous charges.
10. Officer located a subject who was threatening suicide and turned him over to family members.
11. Officer arrested a person on a warrant out of Union County and lodged him.
12. Officer assisted Pendleton PD with a local resident who made threatening remarks regarding the protests happening in Pendleton.
13. Ofc. arrested a local resident on a felony post supervision warrant and lodged him.
14. Quelled a disturbance between two males who were fighting in the middle of SW Birch St.
15. Officer trespassed a local resident from a business after she became belligerent with employees.
16. Officer investigated a domestic violence call for OSP and UCSO since they were both out of the area and were unable to respond.

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17. Assisted Pendleton PD with looking for felony assault suspects that were possibly traveling through Pilot Rock.

Public Works

1. Continued park clean-up
2. Repaired sprinkler system in park coming in town
3. Moving right of way
4. Serviced backhoe, dump truck and gator
5. Cleared a dead deer off the road

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Bills \$375,779.56

On a motion by Councilor Doherty and seconded by Councilor Carey, the consent calendar was approved. All present voted yes, and the motion was passed.

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION -NONE

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Carey made motion to adjourn and Councilor Doherty seconded. All present voted yes, and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

APPROVED _____
Virginia Carnes, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Teri Bacus, City Recorder