
CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting
June 2, 2020 7:00 PM

A. Called to Order

Having a quorum, the Regular Council meeting was called to order by **Mayor Virginia Carnes** at 7:00 PM. Council members present were **Raymond Doherty, Bob Deno, Paula Evoniuk, Robbie Young, Andy Sells and Jackie Carey.** Department Heads present were **Steve Draper, William Caldera and Teri Bacus.** **Jimmy Doherty phoned in and Mike Gregg from International Reloading also attended.**

B. INVOCATION

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS.

E. PRESENTATIONS

Tanner Doherty, the owner of Eastern Oregon Cerakote & Gunsmithing (EOC&G) provided a letter on purchasing 50 acres which he valued at \$1300 per acre based on tax assessments in 2016. He would like to build a shop and shooting range to further grow his business. The owner of Reloading International, Mike Gregg also attended the meeting. Tanner is planning to build an additional shop for their use. This property is located 1.5 miles north of Pilot Rock off Mill Road. All fees associated with the transaction would be paid for by the EOC&G. Councilor Carey requested that Public Works Director Steve Draper explain his recommendation and he explained that it would be better to wait until the Lagoon project is complete sometime this fall. He is concerned that although no changes are expected, there is still a possibility that something could change. He also said that we shouldn't sell that many acres because if the City develops the property by installing water and sewer availability, it would increase the value. Councilor Carey agreed that it was too many acres and it was originally intended for businesses that can provide viable employment. She explained that she spoke to Tanner and he relayed that he may have up to 4 or 5 employees. For 50 acres, she believes that it doesn't justify that price. Steve further explained that he would like the City to keep the area that has the rock pit for City use. He is planning to use it at this time to fill areas needed from the May 20, flooding and for future use. Councilor Sells asked what business Mike has and what is his plan for developing the property. Mike sells reloading components and supplies, and it has grown into a large export company. He primarily exports to hunters and competitive shooters around the world and everything he does, goes out of the country. His company has outgrown the current building and needs more space. The company continues to grow and reached 2.3 million last year. He works with Tanner on a regular basis and would like to have a building at least 5,000 square feet. He would be employing at least 5 personnel and may be able to add additional personnel as the business continues to grow. Steve asked, "why do you need 50 acres" and Tanner replied that he would like to build a shooting range and the 50 acres are for safety reasons. Steve restated that he would like to wait until the lagoon project is complete. Councilor Doherty explained that a report was given from Anderson Perry that they expected no more changes and they have found all the problems on the lagoon

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project. He further explained that the acreage is outside of the scope of the project. He would like to know where it is written that the number of acres is based on the number of employees. **Councilor Carey interjected that “Raymond, I don’t think you have the right to say anything due to conflict of interest”. Councilor Doherty replied that “I don’t have the right to vote but I will say what I want”. Councilor Carey states that “I don’t think so & I don’t agree”.** Councilor Sells asked what his intentions are for the shooting range and Tanner explained that he would be holding competitions. His vision is a 300-400 yard maximum range with 20-foot burbs, 4 feet of dirt and 11 degrees from point of shooting and 50 yard safety zone. Councilor Carey doesn’t want to sell 50 acres but would consider less. She also thinks that the City could make a lot more money than he is offering and does not want to decide tonight and would like to table the topic. There was further discussion about the city developing the property and Councilor Doherty suggested that the rock pit acreage could be left out. Councilor Sells states that this business will contribute to the local community. Councilor Carey makes a request for a map containing a sketch outlining the plan of the range and two structures. Councilor Evoniuk would like to know if the shooting is indoors and is it all year long? Tanner explains that the where the shooter stands will have a cover, but the remaining part of the range will be outdoors. Councilor Young would like to know how much space does the range need. He explains that it depends on the type of angle and type of gun. Councilor Evoniuk states that this will be valuable to the community. The cost of the City developing the land was discussed and Eastern Oregon Business Source marketing the land was also discussed. Councilor Carey would like to know if the City is getting the best price. Tanner explained that the ground he would like to purchase needs significant earth work and leveling to build. Councilor Young would like to see a map to scale with dimensions of buildings and the range. Tanner said that he would be able to provide a map. Councilor Young is also requesting an updated assessment of the value of the property. Councilor Carey expressed her concern that once the 50 acres is sold, the property can be resold or developed into something different. She is not against the project but is against selling a large amount of property. **Councilor Carey made a motion to table for Tanner to provide a map outlining the use of land. City Recorder will provide updated property values. Councilor Young seconded. Councilor Doherty abstained. Councilor Deno, Councilor Evoniuk, Councilor Sells voted yes, and the motion was passed to table.**

F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 Housing Rehabilitation Resolution – The City Recorder presented resolution #661 supporting assisted housing programs. All grant recipients are required to complete an additional fair housing activity for each grant prior to the final draw for grant funds per the Community Development Block Grant Management Handbook. **Councilor Carey made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilor Deno seconded. Councilor Young, Councilor Doherty, Councilor Sells and Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, and the motion was passed approving the resolution.**

F-2 Address Resolution – City Recorder presented resolution #662 assigning an address. The owner of a vacant on SE 4th Street requested an address to place a new manufactured home on the property. **Councilor Doherty made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilor Evoniuk seconded. Councilor Deno, Councilor Carey, Councilor Young and Councilor Sells voted yes, and the motion was passed to approve the address resolution.**

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G-1 Department Head Report –

Police Chief informed Council that Officer Flatau has left Pilot Rock and will be working for the Hermiston beginning June 16. He plans on advertising to fill the position sometime this month. He is currently working on code enforcement for tall grass and yard debris.

City Recorder informed Council that according to the latest rate response for the Census, Pilot Rock is only at 12.7% while the State of Oregon is at 63%.

City Hall:

1. Processed disbursements for Lagoon
2. Provided updated information on the COVID-19 guidelines and executive orders
3. Coordinated budget and council meetings via phone
4. Attended Census steering committee meeting via phone
5. Assisted senior citizens in completing Census questionnaire
6. Processed final pay for Officer Flatau
7. Coordinated with Red Cross and CAPECO to aid with flooding victims
8. Researched several website companies and their fees
9. Cancelled all training & conferences for 2020
10. Began process of submitting claim to insurance company due to flooding
11. Met with County officials for assessment on damage from the flood

Police Department:

1. Received a report of an intoxicated driver who commonly drives around with her child in the vehicle.
2. Report that someone stole a few pieces of wood from a large wood pile.
3. Officer arrested a subject on a Pendleton warrant and lodged him in jail.
4. Officer assisted the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Department on a sexual assault case.
5. Officer assisted Pendleton PD with a road hazard, which was blocking traffic.
6. The police department assisted with the flood.
7. A female was offered crisis services as she was appeared to be suffering from a mental health crisis. She refused any help from crisis.
8. Ofc. Flatau provided a resignation letter. His last day with the City will be May 30th, 2020.
9. An adult male tried setting a fire two nights in a row at a local business. He was taken to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.
10. Conducted a death investigation.
11. A female was taken into custody on a mental health hold and was transported to St. Anthony Hospital for an evaluation.
12. Two pit bulls became aggressive towards a female. The owner of the dogs was cited for dog at large. This was the second citation to the same dog owner in the past two weeks.

Public Works

1. Assessing damages to city property due to flooding
2. Rented equipment for clean-up after the flood
3. ODOT bridge inspector is scheduled to inspect all bridges
4. Awaiting city park to dry out before clean-up
5. One walk bridge was lost and damage to sidewalks in several places
6. A lot of bank erosion occurred throughout East and West Birch with significant erosion near city shop
7. Assessed pavement damages in several areas

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8. Researching grants from ODOT for bridge repair or replacement
9. Silver Creek Contracting resumed work on the lagoon project

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Bills \$70,645.60

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

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Sells confirmed that City Recorder received her email correcting the minutes from May 19, 2020. Minutes were corrected. Councilor Deno commended City employees for their hard work in assisting with flood clean-up. Mayor Carnes commended Officer Badal for his contributions during the flood.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION -NONE

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm

APPROVED _____
Virginia Carnes, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Teri Bacus, City Recorder