
CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting
October 6, 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 attended via phone conferencing and the following councilors called in: **Robbie Young, Raymond Doherty, Bob Deno, Paula Evoniuk, Andy Sells and Jackie Carey**. Department Heads present were **Steve Draper and Teri Bacus**. Citizens present were **Mary Lu Slabik**.

B. INVOCATION

Councilor Carey gave the invocation

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS.

E. PRESENTATIONS

F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 Tractor Purchase – Public Works Director Steve Draper explained that the City purchased a John Deere tractor in 1983 and recently the engine blew up. Public Works has already repaired the front end three months ago and had to make parts for the repair. This is due to parts being unavailable for the outdated tractor. It has at least 25,000 hours on it and he would like to upgrade. He has been obtaining prices for a similar size tractor to replace the old one and has three bids. He will use the tractors for test runs to see how well they function. The tractor is used for a variety of purposes such as spraying, mowing and snow removal. He requested \$23,000 and has narrowed it down to two bids. Councilor Young asked how many hours the new tractor has, and Steve replied, only 6 as it is brand new. One of the tractors tested had 1 hour and 5 hours are from the testing. He explains that by purchasing it brand new, he expects the tractor to last at least 30 years and there would be less repairs needed than if he purchased a used one. There was discussion on the differences of the brands which are Branson, John Deere and Kabota. Citizen Mary Lu Slabik asked about price differences between the brands and each bid is within \$500. She also asked if he consider used tractors and he explained that due to the high year-round usage, that a new one with a warranty would be better. Councilor Doherty explains that since the tractor is not very expensive and if a used one is purchased, there is a chance that the previous owner did not maintain it properly and it could cost more for the repairs. For example, if the motor needed to be replaced, it would cost \$8,000 - \$10,000. Steve also explained that buying new equipment does not happen very often but when it does, they ensure regular maintenance is completed which helps the equipment to last. **Councilor Carey made a motion to approve \$23,000 to purchase a new tractor and Councilor Deno seconded.** Councilor Doherty asked if the tractor was a 4-wheel drive and Steve replied yes. Tires and accessories were discussed, and Steve also mentions that the old one

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will be traded in and there will be a \$1,500 - \$1,700 credit. **Councilor Doherty, Councilor Evoniuk, Councilor Young and Councilor Sells all voted yes and the purchase was approved.**

G-1 Department Head Report – City Recorder gave an update on the Census. The city is currently at a 46.6% response rate according to their interactive map. She also informed Council on the Eastern Oregon Business Source. The contract for grant money to sell the industrial land has been extended and the project will begin January 2021.

City Hall:

1. Attended two webinars for online bill pay research
2. Completed annual audit
3. Attended design and build meeting for new website
4. Submitted request for final Coronavirus Relief Fund payment for total of \$5,000
5. Processed draw #8 for the GEODC Housing Rehabilitation project
6. Processed disbursement # 17 for Lagoon project
7. Completed CIS workers compensation audit
8. Ordered flooring for Senior Center. Installation will be scheduled within the next two weeks
9. Received contact from Eastern Oregon Business Source with updated plan to begin Jan 2021

Police Department: September 15

1. Assisted school staff by delivering documents to a child.
2. Assisted the school with a parade at the high school.
3. A vehicle reported stolen two weeks ago from Pilot Rock was recovered in Albany, Oregon and a juvenile suspect was arrested.
4. A stolen firearm taken from an unlocked vehicle in Pilot Rock was located in Redding, California and will be returned to its owner.
5. Assisted OSP on a traffic stop where one of the occupants was arrested on a warrant.
6. Investigated a domestic violence where a mother slapped her 17-year old daughter, no arrests were made.
7. A total of two candidates were interviewed for the open police officer position. The candidate who came out on top will go through a detailed background check by the Chief.
8. Assisted OSP in registering a sex offender.
9. A death investigation was conducted.
10. Working with Adult and Protective Services for a female who is in need of basic necessities.
11. Handled a family disturbance over the ownership of a vehicle.
12. Assisted with the inventory of the department's equipment.

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1. Responded to Woodgrain on an electrical fire.
2. Mediated the transfer of a parakeet between two parties that were not getting along.
3. The 2020 LEDS Audit was done on the police department and we were found to be in 100% compliance. The next audit won't happen for another three years.
4. Several more abandoned cars have been tagged for removal.
5. Investigated a physical assault between a father and his juvenile son.

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6. A gun was stolen from an unlocked vehicle with the keys in it.
7. The background packet was received from the police officer candidate. Chief can now start his background.
8. Two background checks were completed for CTUIR.
9. Investigated a 911 call where screaming could be heard in the background.
10. Received a report on a suicidal male who went missing. He was located unharmed

Public Works

1. Attended construction meeting for Lagoon project
2. Continued mowing and weed eating
3. Meter readings were completed
4. Quarterly sewer samples were taken
5. Replaced radiator in the one-ton truck
6. Minor equipment repairs were completed
7. Gearing up for concrete work on damaged areas from flooding
8. Attended annual water & sewer training
9. Completed Douglas, 4, and Elm Streets paving project

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

Bills \$212,177.34

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

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Carey requested that the tattered flag in Veterans Park be replaced. She also asked when the Sue Gibson memorial would be completed, and Steve answered that it is being worked on. Councilor Doherty asked about the gravel lot next to the staircase. Steve explained that the owner of the building would like to purchase the lot but only if the easement that extends out to the street is included and it would not be feasible to sell easement as it would greatly narrow the road. Councilor Deno asked about bridge repairs in the alleyway behind Veterans Park. Steve explained that it is currently being worked on, but Cascade Gas will have to move a gas line before further work can be done. Councilor Doherty wanted to know how the Douglas paving project and Steve responded that the work has been completed and the project looks great. He has scheduled Oregon Department of Transportation to inspect to receive the Small City Allotment of \$100,000. Councilor Young explained that there is a commercial building with a resident but no business and City Recorder will investigate on the status of the business.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

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L. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

APPROVED _____
Virginia Carnes, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Teri Bacus, City Recorder