

Regular Council Meeting
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: March 3, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Council President Allan Rodrick, Kathy Fitzpatrick, David Princehouse, and Rae Jackson

Staff: City Recorder Jean Hadley

Absent: None

Excused: Peny Wallace(ill) and Tim Mortenson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:03 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Ron Carroll reported that the stop light on Huskey Rd. at the intersection to Ponderosa Place is so bright it is distracting and seems dangerous. Carroll asked if it is a temporary light, and if not, could the City notify someone. Councilor Fitzpatrick stated how it does not meet the street lighting requirements.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2010
2. Review/Approve Bills

A motion was made by Councilor Rodrick to approve the consent agenda as presented with no changes. Councilor Princehouse seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Oregon Dept of Energy rep. Ken Niles

(21 citizens in the audience) Councilor Fitzpatrick introduced Ken Niles Assistant Director for the Oregon Department of Energy (Oregon DOE). Niles gave a basic introduction of the Hanford Nuclear Plant including the history of the plant, clean-up efforts from the date it was closed to current, and expectations for the future of the clean-up including the existing contamination storage. Niles gave an approximately 40 minute presentation, using a power point program, to the Council members present and 21 citizens.

Niles asked Mosier City Council to consider signing a document that is being generated for signatures from cities and counties throughout the gorge and along the Columbia River to be presented to the United States Department of Energy (US DOE). The letter will address issues of contamination and the effect on the Columbia River and the surrounding communities which live on the Columbia River and are River dependant for recreation and other uses that provide livability along the Columbia River. The letter is being considered as a response to a document presented by the US DOE. Oregon DOE has alternative actions which were not mentioned in the document and disagrees with parts of the document. The letter is asking that the US DOE analyze the alternative proposed and submitted by Oregon DOE. The document being addressed is called, “Draft Tank Closure Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement”, a 6,000plus page document weighing over 40 pounds. The comment deadline is March 19, 2010.

Unanimous consensus of Council present was to have the letter before them on March 17, 2010 at the next regular Council meeting for consideration.

The meeting was recessed at 8:13pm and reconvened at 8:20pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Cemetery committee – Fitzpatrick said nothing new for Pioneer Cemetery.
- 2. Park Committee – Fitzpatrick reported that Kristin Stallman from ODOT working with the Historic Columbia River Highway Commission is moving forward with an application for a grant to install a water fountain on the triangle the City owns. Fitzpatrick reported that the school is working on planting Willow and Acorn seeds at Rock Creek Park. This action supports the requirement by DEQ to help the temperature of the creeks. The temperature measurement of the creek required some plantings to help Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).
Fitzpatrick mentioned that a group of windsurfers would like to form a committee. Hadley asked Council to consider how a “Recreational Committee” would get established and what they would be doing. Hadley said the committee would have to be approved by the City Council as a City approved Committee if they will be suggesting uses of money spent for the park.
- 3. “Art in Mosier” committee – no report.

Sheriff Eiesland reported an increase in vehicle break-ins at turn-outs, parking lots, trailheads, and parks along the Columbia Gorge. Eiesland reported that the shooting range will be closed soon.

Allan Rodrick mentioned a request from Peter Cornelison about responding in letter form to the BIA in opposition to the Casino in Cascade Locks. Rodrick passed out letters to Councilors that he drafted for their signatures. Rodrick mentioned he and Councilor Jackson and Councilor Fitzpatrick had already sent their letters.

Hadley mentioned that this item has not been included on the agenda and discussed by the Council as a whole and approved for action as a Council. Hadley mentioned that the letter sent in the past was addressing certain questions and responding to those questions and not necessarily stating opposition to a Casino in the Gorge. Fitzpatrick stated that the letter she sent referred and reiterated the items previously sent. Princehouse asked Rodrick to send him the letter via electronic email so he could personalize it.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley reported that Marc Berry agreed to represent the City at the Small Cities Network meeting in Maupin on Friday March 5th. Hadley told Council about the seminar she attended in Newberg about Safety Committees. Hadley shared a piece of information about including an entry called In Case of Emergency (ICE) on your cell phone for emergency responders.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of March, 2010

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder