

Regular Council Meeting
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: April 7, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Peny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, David Princehouse, Tim Mortenson,
Staff: City Recorder Jean Hadley
Absent: None Excused: Rae Jackson

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: March 3, Goal Setting meeting March 13, and March 17, 2010
2. Bills review/approval

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Princehouse seconded. Discussion – None. Motion passed unanimously

BUSINESS

1. Accept resignation of Council Pres. Allan Rodrick and accept nominations for position of Council President. Appoint Council President.

Mayor Rogers mentioned the written resignation included in the packet. The Council accepted the resignation of Council President Allan Rodrick and Rogers asked for nominations or volunteers from the Council to fill the vacancy of Council President. Councilors Wallace and Princehouse nominated Tim Mortenson. Mortenson hesitated and wanted to know what the responsibilities; Hadley informed him.

Mortenson accepted the nomination and there was unanimous consensus to appoint Councilor Mortenson to the position of Council President.

2. Tanawashee Tank over-sizing

Mayor Rogers reminded Council that this item had been presented 2 months previous to this meeting and a decision/direction on how to proceed was not given to City Engineer John Grim. Councilor Mortenson spoke about his hesitations and concerns. After thorough discussion by all Councilors the questions about the options were: what if the property is divided into smaller parcels, thinking that Tanawashee could dissolve this subdivision; what if the property changes hands, how do we recoup our money?; option two has the money from the City and the value of the parcel where the existing reservoir is located which seems to be more \$\$\$ from the City (\$250,000 actual value??) and will this be the only cost to the City? Under option #2 solution 6. the word “or” should be replaced with “and” regarding the latecomers agreement with Tanawashee for reimbursement of expenses. The City should not be concerned with creating a situation which mostly benefits the developers with no recourse for recouping any additional expenses. The Council asked the City Engineer to attend the first meeting in May to report what is, and has been, discussed and then they could ask their questions. What guarantees does the City have to collect \$\$\$ from Tanawashee, or other property owners, for expenses incurred to make the system fit for development in the future? How does the City recoup expenses? Answer some what-ifs with regard to land sales and restrictions following the land.

3. Bat Boxes installation information

Councilor Fitzpatrick updated Council about the presentation given at the last meeting and ODOT participation of bat habitat installation at the Mosier Creek bridge overpass and Rock Creek bridge overpass. Fitzpatrick reported the involvement of the school in helping with the bat boxes (Rocket Boxes).

4. Appoint Tim Mortenson as Fire Dept. liaison

Mortenson accepted the nomination and with unanimous consensus Mortenson was appointed as Fire Dept. liaison. The duties are to act as City representative for information to and from City Council.

5. Local Dues Assessment MCCOG payment

Mayor Rogers requested Council consensus on payment to Mid-Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG) from the City. Rogers explained that MCCOG serves 5 counties and Mosier benefits through grant writing. They are a grant run organization. They are a Work-Source investment act partner, support the agency on aging, net link bus, and a valuable resource for Mosier citizens. The amount due from the City is \$410.

Through unanimous consensus the Council agreed to pay the dues to MCCOG since the County is no longer able to take care of this funding.

6. Appoint Budget Officer for fiscal year 2010-2011 & approve Budget timeline

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to appoint Finance Director Jeanne Reeves as budget officer and to accept the budget timeframe presented. Councilor Mortenson seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously

7. DRAFT – Driving/vehicle Policy – due to time constraints this item was tabled to the next meeting.

8. DRAFT – Collection of Solid Waste & Recyclables Franchise – due to time constraints this item was tabled to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – Councilor Fitzpatrick reported that boundary surveys for Pioneer Cemetery have been requested and should be available for review and consideration for inclusion into the budget.

2. Park Committee – Councilor Fitzpatrick spoke about the seasonal parking pass and asked opinion on a lesser fee for a second vehicle when a first season pass is purchased.

It was agreed to try this idea this year allowing a second season pass to be purchased for \$20 at the same time a \$35 season pass is purchased.

Fitzpatrick asked for opinion on formation of a Rock Creek Recreation Committee. The group would like to be a City sanctioned committee apart from the Park Committee and be able to advise the City.

It was agreed that the Rock Creek Recreation Committee could be a City sanctioned committee with the authority to report to the City.

Fitzpatrick mentioned the mooring out in the river which is still there. Last year a person moored a small sailboat for the season and the mooring is still intact and the sailboat is gone. Council decided it should not be allowed and the City Attorney should weigh in on what authority the City has regarding the legal jurisdiction over that portion of the river. Fitzpatrick volunteered to contact the City Attorney.

3. “Art in Mosier” committee – Councilor Wallace reported deadlines to send a letter of intent to Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) and asked for Council consensus to send a letter. Wallace said the letter says there is intent to apply for a grant with no City commitment.

Through unanimous consensus the Council agreed to allow a letter of intent with no promise of commitment, monetary or otherwise, from the City.

Mayor Rogers suggested having the concepts available for the citizens to have input regarding the design ideas. Rogers mentioned the upcoming “Art Fair” at 10-Speed Coffee Company in the near future. Wallace explained the process so far and felt there had been plenty of options for input, however, there should be a display board showing what is happening. Hadley suggested that the Citizens of Mosier see options and have the opportunity to provide opinion on what option they would prefer. Rogers suggested and Wallace agreed that the original concept with the fruit ladders, the concept of blossoms and pine boughs, and the collaboration of the combined art concept, be on display for public input. Rogers reiterated the “Art Fair” display idea; have the concepts available there for review.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Rogers asked Councilor Mortenson if he would write the nomination for a Silver Sparky Award for Jim Appleton through the State Fire Marshall. Mortenson agreed with input from Councilor Princehouse.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of April, 2010

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder