

Regular Council Meeting  
Mosier Creek Terrace

DATE: April 21, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Peny Wallace, David Princehouse, and Tim Mortenson  
Staff: City Recorder Jean Hadley Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Appleton was in attendance.  
Absent: None Excused: Kathy Fitzpatrick

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:33 p.m.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS** – Add: Nominations and appointment for Council Vacancy

**BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes April 7, 2010
2. Review/Approve Bills

**A motion was made by Councilor Mortenson to approve the consent agenda with the caveat that the City Recorder listen to the digital recording to confirm the statement regarding the sale of a second season parking pass at Rock Creek for \$20 with the purchase of a season pass for \$35 and make the minutes reflect any changes necessary.**

**Councilor Wallace seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously**

(Note: The digital record stated: 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. The April 7, 2010 minutes were corrected.)

**BUSINESS**

The first order of business was to accept nominations for the Council position vacated by Allan Rodrick. **Councilor Mortenson nominated Steve McKibben who accepted the nomination. Councilor Wallace seconded the nomination. Discussion:** McKibben was asked if he had a statement about why he would like to be on the Council. McKibben said he is interested in how the City is run and would like to participate in that process and has the time to be involved. Mayor Rogers asked if he meets the qualifications as a registered voter and a resident of the City for the past 12 months. McKibben said he is both. **Motion passed with unanimous approval.**

**Councilor McKibben took a seat at the Council table.**

1. Fire Chief report: propane tanks, nuisance properties report, grant application  
Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Appleton asked Council to work with the school to get the ladder fuels on their tax lot 100 cleared. Appleton said the lot was identified as an outstanding priority and a significant nuisance under the vegetation/ladder fuel reduction ordinance. Appleton reported that he was working with Councilor Princehouse to identify and list all the other properties. The list will be presented to Council at a later date and then letters sent out to the property owners requesting corrective action. Appleton requested Council permission to pursue replacement of the propane tanks used to heat the building housing the fire equipment. Appleton stated the need to make sure the old tanks are replaced and that the City has the best deal in fuel available. Hadley mentioned the need to pursue quotes before entering into an agreement to change suppliers. Currently Cascade Propane is the provider. Appleton said he will call AmeriGas and Mid-Columbia Propane for quotes.

**The Council agreed to allow Appleton to pursue this.**

Appleton mentioned a FEMA Grant he would like to apply for which would require the City to be the applicant and administrator. The FEMA Grant is for the cost of 12 sets of full protective equipment, which is \$15,000 each, totaling \$180,000. Appleton asked for Council approval to pursue this grant.

**Unanimous consensus was to allow Appleton to pursue the FEMA Grant for protective equipment.**

## 2. DRAFT – Driving/vehicle policy

Hadley asked Council to consider adoption of this policy to satisfy the insurance carrier. This action was suggested by City County Insurance Services (CCIS) when our risk management assessment was done. The Safety Committee reviewed and helped to draft the policy. Hadley explained how this policy will apply to City vehicles used and private vehicles used for City business. This policy is included in the hiring process as a requirement and included in the job descriptions.

Councilor Princehouse asked for all City employees to provide a driving record, current and future employees. Councilor Wallace felt it would be adequate if a statement of disclosure was made on a signature page for current employees. McKibben felt that current employees sign a statement of voluntary disclosure of no violations which could affect employment and held in the strictest confidence.

**A motion was made by Councilor McKibben to adopt the driving/vehicle policy including voluntary disclosure of any violations. Councilor Wallace seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 3. DRAFT Ord. 150 – Granting an Exclusive Franchise to Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc. dba: The Dalles Disposal Service.

Hadley mentioned the statement about recycling every week, which is actually every other week, and the 7% franchise fee suggested in the DRAFT copy provided to each Councilor. Hadley explained that the fee is often passed on to the consumers in their bills. Hadley asked Council if they were interested in having the City Attorney start negotiations with The Dalles Disposal representative Erwin Swetnam. Hadley explained that the franchise fee money is used for street improvements, snow plowing, street sweeping, and any other general fund needs regarding the use of the City streets by the garbage/recycle haulers and allowing them to do business in the City.

**Unanimous consensus was to allow the City Attorney to pursue the idea of a franchise agreement with The Dalles Disposal using the 7% franchise fee as a starting place.**

## 4. Occupational Safety & Health Admin. (OSHA) report from consultation request

The OSHA report was presented to Council. Hadley reported that this report will exempt us from a violation for 60 days. Hadley explained the steps already taken to fix some of the issues and the steps to be taken.

## 5. GAS sign removal quotes

Hadley brought to the attention of the Council the one quote received for removal of the GAS sign if the City decides to remove it and charge the owners for that removal. Councilor Princehouse said he will now contact the property owners and discuss the options with them. Hadley reported that she called two companies; one local, and received the one quote before Council. Councilor McKibben volunteered to work with Princehouse in contacting the Holzinger's.

## 6. Accept Council resignation from Rae Jackson

All Council members agreed to regretfully accept the resignation of Rae Jackson. The City Recorder was asked to send a letter of thanks to Jackson for her service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Cemetery committee – Councilor Fitzpatrick included an agenda for the Pioneer Cemetery under information only in the Council packet.
- 2. Park Committee – No report.
- 3. “Art in Mosier” committee – Councilor Wallace reminded Council of the June deadline for a letter of intent to apply with ODOT for the Overpass art applications.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley reported an application for a bicycle/pedestrian grant. Hadley said she sent the application to the City Planner Dotty DeVaney for her review and input.

Mayor Rogers mentioned the buoy still submerged in the river which is a hazard for others. There was a response from our City Attorney about our ability to remove the buoy and charge the owner for the expense. Councilor Fitzpatrick wrote the City Attorney and stated she is in contact with the owner and will follow up on that.

Hadley asked Council if they would like to forego a second meeting in May. The Recorder will not be available during that time and the Finance Director would appreciate not having to attend. There are three meetings in April.

**Unanimous Council consensus was to forego a second meeting in May. No second meeting in May.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of May, 2010

Attest:

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Andrea Rogers, Mayor

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Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder