

Regular Council Meeting  
Mosier Creek Terrace

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

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Peny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, David Princehouse, and Steve McKibben

Staff: City Recorder Jean Hadley, Water Operator Matthew Koerner

Absent: None                      Excused: Tim Mortenson

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:01 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – A set of bills not included in Council packet and a payroll item under business for discussion of health insurance stipend for Finance Director Reeves and 3% increase for employees.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Matthew Koerner told Council that Mosier House B&B will be applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for events to be held at the Mosier House. Koerner mentioned how the B&B had applied for a CUP a few years ago and was turned down. Koerner said the Good River Restaurant and Thirst Woman Pub are doing the activities; alcohol consumption, noise, and parking, which affected the approval of the past CUP application of the B&B.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

**A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to approve the consent agenda including the list of bills submitted at that meeting. Councilor Princehouse seconded. There was no discussion.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

#### BUSINESS

1. Audit Engagement letters

Mayor Rogers reminded Council of the past approval of this item and explained the paperwork in the packet as the letter and contract to hire Auditor Jessica Berty for the review discussed in past meetings.

**A motion was made by Councilor McKibben to agree with the terms of the engagement letter and the contract from Jessica Berty CPA, P.C. and approve the Mayor's signature.**

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

2. Well #2 transfer discussion, who will take the lead?

Water Operator Matthew Koerner referred to the 2007 email document from City Engineer John Grim which the Council received copies in their packet. Koerner reported that Wasco Co. Public Health strongly encouraged severing that Well from the system and that has been done so #5 and #8 in the MEMO are not relevant. Koerner said Well #2 does pose a problem when it is turned on due to leaks which could cause erosion of the street. Mayor Rogers said it is an aging water Well which might need repairs and the City is no longer interested in being responsible for repairs to a Well and pump we do not need. The School is currently, and has been, using the water for irrigation of the grounds. Councilor Princehouse mentioned the responsibility of the school to fix the pump or any other problematic situations which could reasonably occur. Hadley said that the school is not aware of this because the ball was dropped when this started in 2007. Rogers said we need to have a conversation with the school and the most affordable person to pursue this is the Water Operator. Koerner asked for Council permission to contact the school on behalf of the City. The question was; who had jurisdiction over procurements with

regard to the Mosier Community School. The Facility Plant Manager for Wasco County School District #21 is Dennis Whitehouse. Carole Schmidt is the Principal and there is a School board who might be contacted for more information.

**Unanimous consensus of Council present was to direct Water Operator Koerner to negotiate transfer of responsibility of Well #2. Koerner said he will email City Attorney Kearns so he knows the issue is going to be pursued.**

Koerner opened up a conversation with Council about the water in the system with regards to a few contacts he has had with citizens who have a rotten egg smell in their water which has occurred after the hydrant flushing. Koerner explained what he was doing to remedy the situation.

3. Payroll – Insurance stipend amount for Finance Director Reeves and 3% payroll increase City Recorder Hadley reminded Council of the stipend paid Finance Director Reeves. Hadley reported the amount paid which turned out to not be sufficient for covering the actual expenses incurred by Reeves. Hadley presented a written chart of what actual payments have been, what actual payments are for Reeves, and the current increase being imposed on Reeves. Hadley asked for Council consideration of a raise in the stipend Reeves is currently receiving for covering her insurance expense. Councilor Princehouse felt a raise in the stipend for Reeves would be the fair and right thing to do in this economy.

**There was unanimous consensus to increase the stipend received by Reeves to cover the insurance costs for Finance Director Reeves to \$471.86.**

Hadley also presented a written chart of increases for City employees at a 3% rate. Hadley wanted Council to be aware of these increases which were approved in the budget.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – Fitzpatrick reported her conversation with the surveyor who suggested doing the in-depth deed search and the updated boundary survey. The cost is the amount quoted. With this level done it will help us to know what we need for a Master Plan.

2. Park Committee – Fitzpatrick said there has been some fluctuation of fees paid which reflects the placement of envelopes on cars who are not displaying a parking pass. Wallace suggested a sign asking people using the park if they have paid their parking fee today. “Have you paid your parking fee?” would be short and sweet. Council discussed the cost of envelopes and decided the envelopes made a formal statement to help people stay honest. Wallace updated Council on a conversation she had with the boat mooring people (Hill) and their understanding that the City of Mosier has no authority over the water. The Hill’s situation is setting a precedent for further activity of this sort. Fitzpatrick volunteered to contact all authorities possible to see what can be done to remove the boat and mooring and find out who has the authority to ticket the Hill’s. Hadley asked Council to consider updating the Municipal Code to clearly include an authority over the water within the City limits or state which authority is in charge of that portion of the river and what laws apply. Council agreed to allow some time from the City Planner and Attorney to consider public safety in a waterway used by others.

3. “Art in Mosier” committee – Wallace said there has not been a response from ODOT regarding the letter of intent.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley reminded Council of one meeting in August on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month. Council discussed the need for emergency phone numbers posted on City Hall, the phone message, and the web site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010

Attest:

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Andrea Rogers, Mayor

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Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder