

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Peny Wallace, Kathy Fitzpatrick, and Steve McKibben.
Staff: City Recorder Jean Hadley
Absent: None Excused: Tim Mortenson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogers at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Steve Kramer of Dufur introduced himself. Kramer told Council he is a candidate for Wasco County commissioner. Kramer passed around a short bio and asked if there were any questions. Council asked why he is running and he said because rural county needs a voice. Commissioner Scott Hege updated the Council about the surplus property the County has and said if Mosier City is interested about what is available just call the Wasco County office. Hege also mentioned the county web site for information.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes August 15, 2012
2. Review/Approve Bills

A motion was made by Councilor Fitzpatrick to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Wallace seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. State St. Cemetery markers hazard?, City responsibility for repairs

Hadley explained the handouts before the Council which were not in the packet previously to the meeting. The information clarifies some understanding related to maintenance and the responsibility of the City. The suggestion by the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries was to: 1. Post notice of unsafe markers with a warning to people to use caution. 2. Conduct an inventory; this has been done by Bruce Howard. 3. Attempt to contact the next of kin and explain the situation and request they make arrangements for repairs. 4. Make the repairs.

Council agreed to make an effort to find the next of kin through the local historian and/or others who have done an inventory of burials. Council also agreed to keep this on the agenda for a couple months until we have a resolution to the issue.

2. Street repairs: Crack sealing program & estimate approved

Hadley reminded Council of the presentation done by City Engineer Grim and the document given to them in the packet explaining the street repair needs and suggestions by the City Engineer. Hadley spoke about the crack sealing estimate provided by Grim and the request for a motion to proceed.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to allow the City Engineer to proceed with the pavement survey needs recommendation for crack sealing to the amount of \$6400. Councilor McKibben seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Workman's Comp volunteer coverage information

Hadley explained the efforts of staff to find out if volunteers are covered under the City Workers Comp insurance. City County Insurance Services (CCIS) and the City insurance carrier suggested that there is

coverage at some level however there should be a clear distinction of what volunteers are doing, who is in charge and who the volunteers are, where they are working, when they are doing that work, and how long the work will occur. Hadley explained the lack of documenting who, what, where, when, and how and the suggestion that a sign in/out sheet for each event is mandatory. Councilor Fitzpatrick mentioned the need for a designated “leader” for the volunteer activities around City property. The handout from the insurance carrier made a strong suggestion of “Events” where volunteers are under the City coverage. Those “Events” need to be documented and the insurance carrier needs to be aware of the activities before they occur so they can assess the appropriate risk to those events. Hadley mentioned the lack of documentation at the office of the volunteer’s activities. Fitzpatrick said she spoke with the insurance provider and it was suggested that the City get job descriptions of what events and activities occur, and are sanctioned, by the City. Fitzpatrick volunteered to work on the job descriptions for volunteers.

4. Gorge Commission letter of concern

Fitzpatrick asked permission to make a statement, provide a letter, and attend as a Council member representing the City of Mosier at the Gorge Commission meeting being held on September 11, 2012. The MEMO provided to the Council explained the reasons for making sure the Commission knows how their decisions, good or bad, affect Mosier and the surrounding communities. Rogers asked Fitzpatrick to email the Council with the letter she is intending on submitting so the Council can weigh in on what is being presented to the Commission by the Mosier City Council. Hadley asked to be included at City hall in the emails coming and going between the Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallace to allow Councilor Fitzpatrick to attend the Gorge Commission meeting on September 11th and make a statement, provide a letter, and attend as a Council member letting the Commission know the concerns of the City and invite them to attend a Mosier Council meeting. Councilor McKibben seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cemetery committee – Fitzpatrick had no updated report.
2. Park committee – Fitzpatrick reported that the money box had not been hit and she had money for depositing.
3. Public Art committee – Wallace spoke about the recognition plaque and the scavenger hunt kiosk regarding the Totem carvings and all things Mosier.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hadley reported that she was invited by David and LaVonne Povey to inspect the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), the Pool House and the Barn Apartment, and verify that the ADU’s are vacated. Hadley reported what she saw; both ADU’s are vacated.

Hadley asked Council to sign two letters of appreciation to individuals who have helped the City; Jacob Rogers and Scott Semmes.

Hadley asked Council to take a moment and read the MEMO provided to them from the Mosier Fire District regarding the City Hall office power bill and the changes to how that bill is being handled. Hadley asked Council if they were interested in discussing this item at a future meeting or not. Council passed on having a discussion and said things were handled properly.

Hadley reported another discrepancy with a utility bill; this one is associated with the Mosier Creek Condo Association. The meter has been read but not showing any usage for over a year or two. Hadley and Finance Director Barbara Irving have drafted a letter reflecting the usage and the responsibility for payment and requesting payment or a conversation. Hadley reminded Council of the same situation earlier in the year with another utility billing and the outcome was equitable.

Councilor Wallace asked about a vendor in town and whether they have a permit to conduct business. Hadley said they did not have a permit and asked Council if they wanted the office to follow up on this. Council decided to allow it. Hadley provided the statement about a precedent being set by allowing it and opening up the opportunity for others to conduct business anywhere within the City without a license. Councilor McKibben mentioned an overnight camper at Rock Creek Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of September, 2012

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder