

Council: Mayor Andrea Rogers, Steve McKibben, Arlene Burns, Emily Reed, Peny Wallace, Mary Lou Perry

Staff: Barbara Irving, Administrator; Kathy Fitzpatrick, City Clerk

Absent: None

Audience: Dan Rasmussen, Charles Schultz

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrea Rogers at 7:05 p.m. and roll call was taken.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

Addition to the agenda of the Vicki Roberts letter.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mark Berry, former Mosier Mayor and member of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee presented an update of the restoration process of the Highway from Troutdale to The Dalles. There is a small stretch still to be completed from Wyeth to exit 62 around Mitchell Point. The goal is complete restoration and reconnection by 2016, the Highway's anniversary. There is an economic study on bicycling in the gorge that shows that bicycling brings in millions of dollars a year for Gorge communities. Mayor Rogers said that the Council would like to know when the Historic Highway Advisory Committee could use City of Mosier support for the projects.

Brian Grant mentioned that the speed limit on Highway 30 through town is way too fast for the Downtown area with pedestrians and bikes.

Arlene said that the guard rail on State Road has bolts that stick out and are a hazard to pedestrians. Kathy will call Marty at the County to find out if those bolts can be covered.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes, July 17, 2013
- 2) Review/Approve Bills and Payroll

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

BUSINESS

1. Friends of the Columbia Gorge Kate McBride and Renee Tkach presented an update and PowerPoint of the recently completed Mosier Plateau Trail. The Friends have been working for two years with grants and donations, trail groups, Mosier Community School, and the NW Youth Corps to complete this Towns to Trails trail. Mosier citizens David and Lavonne Povey have given a temporary easement for a necessary corner of the trail that will become permanent in a year. Representative Huffman worked on the trail personally and has been very supportive. The grand opening and community celebration will be September 27th at the Senior Center. Kate and Renee also gave an overview of the Hood River to The Dalles proposed trail and properties that are currently in negotiations for acquisition for the trail. The Hood River to The Dalles trail is just a part of the vision of creating a trail that would wrap around the gorge. The biggest acquisitions and completed trails are from Washougal to Stevenson and Hood River to The Dalles. Private and public landowners are providing easements or sales. This year Friends are

purchasing Mt. Ulka, 122 acres west of the The Dalles. Kate and Renee asked the Mosier City Council to officially support the Towns to Trails project. Kate also mentioned that Oregon State Parks is seeking comments for their Comprehensive Plan update and also seeking participants for the Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Councilor Burns to sign the statement of support and to write a letter of support on City letterhead that emphasizes how important the trail is to the community. Councilor Perry seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Erik Fernandez from Oregon Wild presented an opportunity for the Forest Service land around Tom McCall Point to be given Wilderness Designation. This would limit off road vehicle access which would decrease fire danger in the summer. Fire fighting activities are the same in Wilderness designated areas. Erik mentioned the Mosier clearcut above the Twin Tunnels Trail and said Wilderness Designation would protect the Tom McCall Forest Service land so that no one could rewrite the rules as occurred during the Clearcut. Mayor Rogers wanted to take the mention of the clearcut out of the letter of support.

Motion made by Councilor Burns that Mosier City Council would support this great project on behalf of their community and that the Mosier City Council would send a letter of support for the wilderness area designation and forward it to state and regional representatives and Oregon Wild. Councilor Reed seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Rogers called a three minute recess.

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order again at 8:05 pm.

BUSINESS (cont.)

2. Centennial Celebration Trust Fund Discussion

Councilor Reed talked about how important and exciting this moment is: 30 years of community surveys and every survey show that Mosier citizens' top priority is Mosier Beautification. Administrator/Finance Director Barbara Irving researched the administration costs (time and material) for double the amount of donations expected to go through the city office: 100 checks written and 200 checks received is the high estimate. Administrator Irving reported that she had talked with the State about how to properly receive the donations. The City does not have to do a supplemental budget. The money would be recorded and spent in a separate fund created by a resolution. Administrator/Finance Director Irving felt that the City could scale things down to be as inexpensive as possible while still following correct process. She estimated about \$1500.00 for: 100 checks, envelopes, stamps and labor, 200 deposit slips. All the information would go on a spreadsheet. Councilor Reed said to send phone calls to her. How expenses would be approved would need clarification. Emily said there is a leader for each project. She can create a form to help with recording. Emily will be the person making all the final decisions. Because the office staff is on salary, the extra administration costs would be mitigated. Mayor Rogers wanted to make sure that the donations were not going towards the administrative costs and that the city cover those costs. Administrator Irving mentioned that the City could pull funds from contingency.

3. Resolution 2013-11: Councilor Reed made a motion to pass Resolution 2013-11 Establishing the Community Celebration Trust Fund. Councilor Burns seconded.

Discussion: There was consensus that Council doesn't want a supplemental budge or a separate checking account. Barbara will need figures for the next budget in order to spend the donation funds by September. Barbara said that Dan Kearnes said that the resolution looks fine for establishing a new fund.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Trash receptacle update

Barbara mentioned how expensive trash receptacles are: \$ 4-500.00 and then \$400.00 for shipping. Brian Grant, Community Corrections worker, has been working on the porta potty design and also a trash receptacle design that Administrator Irving sketched out that would be creative and inexpensive. Brian said he was really excited to be working on the Totem area, porta potty and other Beautification projects for Mosier. He said he would like to donate some of his own personal time for the Totem plaza. He advised that if the Totem area was to be a picnic area, the City will need a trash can there: Small trash lid with locking top. Also, he said that community member Lorraine Johnson has a beautiful picnic table that the school built and tiled that she would like to donate. Councilor Reed will be the point person for the Totem Plaza. Emily suggested that the Mosier School Children shouldn't be used for every project. Brian suggested that a half moon for the porta potty would help people recognize what it is. Could also do reclaimed wood that something artistic like tile work could be attached to and a shed type roof. Brian will coordinate with Main Street Mosier with Councilor Reed's help.. Main Street Mosier meeting is on the 28th, then CC meeting on Sept. 4th to get approval and go forward with plans and implementation. City funds will be used to remodel the portapotty and for the trash receptacle.

4. Totem plaza update:

will get the bench structured and will need 2 yards of concrete. Perhaps do all the concrete at once, including the concrete steps down to the Igo Garden. Councilor McKibben said that he could give an estimate for those steps. The steps could be constructed as temporary to fit the terms of the UP lease. Councilor McKibben said that he might not need a truck—could just use quickcrete. Councilor Reed will follow up with coordination of the stair work.

5. Hazard Trees

ODOT mentioned two options: 1. Check with the small business in the area that buys trees and rootballs. City Clerk Fitzpatrick will call this business to see if they want our trees. 2. ODOT will supply contractor to fall the trees, and then ODOT will haul trees to Quarry. Youth Services director Jack Bisset could come with his crew to buck up the 15' sections. Clerk Fitzpatrick will check with Karen Bailey to identify Mosier families that need wood for winter heat through the annual Christmas List: 541-478-3467.

6. Advisory committee for State Parks: State Parks is hosting a Comp planning update process for the Gorge, January-June. Mayor Rogers said the City could indicate that some councilors might be interested. Councilor McKibben mentioned that he might be able to attend the meetings. Clerk Fitzpatrick will call Jaime from State Parks and find out more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery Committee: Clerk Fitzpatrick mentioned that there is a grant that may fund establishing a cemetery record keeping process. She and Sally Donovan can work on that grant in September. Councilor Peny Wallace is now the chair of the Cemetery Committee.

Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee will be working on establishing Benefits details (besides Health Insurance Coverage) for the employees and then will send the Employee Manual on to CIS and LGPI for review and then reformatting. Clerk Fitzpatrick can get an electronic copy of the draft manual to the Personnel Committee. The Committee discussed the next date to meet: August 20th 3:00 or 3:30. Mayor Rogers will contact Kathy with the exact time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Reed is volunteering with Peace Village at the Mosier Community School. The children have made a trellis that they will present to Mayor Rogers on Friday.

CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Barbara Irving informed Council that Dave Wilson with Wilson Trucking had his attorney write a letter demanding payment for work he did for Mosier Bluffs before the bankruptcy. Administrator Irving talked to John Grim, City Engineer, and Dan Kearnes, City Attorney, who were concerned that Wilson was trying to get money out of the city that the City does not owe. The City attorney’s suggestion was to make a file, put all information about this issue in it but Council was advised not to act on this. City Clerk Kathy reported ODOT’s willingness to share use of the quarry by storing fire wood for Mosier families and also as a place where the City could keep its brush piles during the summer months. Fire Chief Jim Appleton said to keep the piles at a certain size each and to keep them at a prescribed distance from each other. He could bring a truck out in the winter months so that the City could have water onsite when is was time to burn the piles.

Clerk Fitzpatrick reported that Seal Kote would be crack sealing the city streets on Tuesday, Aug 13th. Brock Nelson, the UPRR rep, will be stopping by the City office on Thursday, Aug. 8th, and will meet with Clerk Fitzpatrick and Dotty Devaney, City Planner.

Clerk Fitzpatrick distributed drafts of the Open Water Use permit application and overview for Council edit and comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of August, 2013

Attest:

Andrea Rogers, Mayor

Kathleen Fitzpatrick, City Clerk