

CITY OF MOSIER

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MINUTES

MOSIER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2018

I	CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burns called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
II	<p>Council: All Council members in attendance except Acasia Berry Staff: City Manager, Colleen Coleman Mosier residents: Sigrid Scully, Lisa Ward, Witt and Myrna Anderson Public officials: Wasco County Commissioners Rod Runyon and Scott Hege</p>
III	<p>Business from the Audience—Mosier resident Sigrid Scully made an additional appeal to Council to get a bank of mailboxes at Mosier Creek Terrace. Council and Ms. Scully discussed at length the inaccessible site conditions for handicapped or impaired individuals to enter/exit the post office. City manager explained that she had spoken to David Ling from Columbia Cascade Housing and asked that the project be expedited as soon as possible. Mr. Ling said he was working on it. Colleen said she would regularly contact Mr. Ling and his associates at Columbia Cascade Housing until the project was completed.</p>
IV	<p>Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for 1/3/17. Council member Wallace noted that she was not the member who made spelling corrections to Council member Reed’s name. Council member Van Osdol said she had made them. Council member Wallace moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Council member Gries seconded. All approved.</p>
V	BUSINESS
1.	<p>“If I Were Mayor” Mosier Community School student essay contest. Council discussion focused on evaluating the essays based on the contest requirements of Creativity, Clarity/Sincerity, Grammar, Understanding Government and its Leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mayor Burns mentioned that the contest is a great exercise to get kids involved in our government and all student’s work was thoughtful and it would be difficult to choose a winner. After much Council discussion surrounding appreciation of student ideas (store, library, swimming pool, splash fountain, boat ramp, etc.) and their understanding of Mosier’s goals, it was suggested that Council select the top 3 contestants at the next meeting and from there, select a winner. - Council member Wallace volunteered her students to create a graphic winner’s certificate. - Council member Gries asked if we could choose a runner up and perhaps invite the top 3 candidates to our Council meeting. Council members agreed it was a good idea.
2.	<p>Council approval – USDA Water Resources Grant/Loan Application Requirement of a Cultural Resources Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City manager explained that the USDA Water Resources Grant/Loan application for Well #5, and the Eastside Pump Station approved by Council in prior meetings, required a Cultural Resources Assessment to be performed on affected properties throughout the City before the grant/loan could be approved. She said the study would cost the City \$5,000 and was already budgeted for under funds for preparation of the USDA application. - Council member Wallace asked for clarification of areas to be studied and mentioned that one of the sites designated was Mosier Mounds. Continued discussion surrounded the importance of the Mosier Mounds, its cultural significance and location in Phase I of the Tanawashee housing development. Council member Wallace explained to Council the lack of signage around Mosier Mounds due to State Historic Preservation (SHPPO) requirements and the importance of respecting the ancient site and other cultural resources throughout Mosier. Council member Van Osdol motioned to approve the Cultural Resources study and Council member Gries seconded. All approved.

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3.	<p>Energy Trust of Oregon – Net Zero Application. Mayor Burns announced that the City and volunteer energy expert Mark Cherniack had applied to Energy Trust of Oregon to receive financial incentives to engage in a Net Zero path for design of the Joint Use Facility, which was approved. Council discussion ensued around the definition of Net-Zero Energy Buildings: A classification system based on renewable energy supply options. Mayor Burns mentioned that this effort is in line with the City’s vision and strategy to support conservation and renewable energy long term, as well as meets the goals of the recent Chicago Climate Charter signed by Mayor Burns at the North American Climate Summit. Further discussion around the Joint Use Facility included the Team Mosier final committee meeting and plan for a community celebration this Spring; suggestions for the Joint Use Facility to house additional components such as a food bank pantry, emergency shelter and possibly the library.</p>
4.	<p>Draft Strategic Plan. Councilor Reed expressed to Council and the public that the Strategic Plan is still a draft and we’re looking for feedback. Her recommended next steps were to walk through Council’s questions, make suggested changes, then post to public for one more round of discussion. Council suggestions included the addition of a commitment to respecting Cultural Resources and Tribal Fishing Rights; respecting the value of an educated public; ADA accessible facilities; educational resources – including up to date library resources, broadband, etc. Discussion around library resources included Council member Van Osdol’s recall of the history of library services, saying when the County changed their system, the City voted not to be taxed through a Wasco County Library system and stopped receiving rotations. County Commissioners Rod Runyon and Scott Hege weighed in saying that the new library services director, Jeff Wavrunek may be open to ideas for sharing resources.</p>
5.	<p>Council approval to hold Joint Use Facility and UP settlement funds in separate savings account – City Manager, Colleen Coleman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Coleman asked Council to move \$549,000 (UPRR funds awarded to the City for the Joint Use facility and the City’s share of contingency) to a savings account, separate from the City’s checking account. - County Commissioners Rod Runyon and Scott Hege recommended using an LGIP account instead of a money market savings, to accrue a higher rate of interest - Council member Van Osdol moved to approve the movement of funds, Council member Gries seconded, all approved.
6.	<p>Announcements –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mayor Burns asked the County Commissioners to describe the new building permit management system given the disbanding of MCCOG. Commissioners said the State of Oregon Building Codes Division is contracting with Wasco County to administer permits. Contact information for Building Codes Services: 2705 East 2nd St., The Dalles, OR 97058, 541-506-2650, Fax 541-506-2651, ePermitting: BuildingPermits.Oregon.govbcd.oregon.gov
<p>Council meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.</p>	

Approved this 7th day of February, 2018:

Attest:

Mayor Arlene Burns

Colleen Coleman, City Manager