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MINUTES

MOSIER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 07, 2018

I	CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burns called meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
II	Council: All Council members in attendance except Peny Wallace Staff: City Manager, Colleen Coleman, City Planner, Nick Kraemer Mosier residents: Mary Lou Perry, Joan Hudson, Myrna Anderson
III	Business from the Audience – Mary Lou Perry and Joan Hudson introduced themselves and said they were present to participate in the Library discussion on the agenda.
IV	Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for 2/7/18. Council member Berry corrected the inclusion of all members to remind Council she was absent. Council member Gries moved to approve minutes as corrected, Council member Anderson seconded, all approved.
V	BUSINESS
1.	<p>City Buildable Lands Inventory and TSP Update. City Planner, Nick Kraemer made a presentation to Council addressing the State of Oregon’s requirement for sufficient buildable land inventory over the next 20 years to accommodate projected population growth. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A description of acreage under public, private and mixed ownership within the Mosier urban growth boundary and city limits - Strategies for accommodating growth with options for implementation – 1) Increase the Efficiency of Land within the Urban Growth Boundary; 2) Regulate and manage secondary and short-term rentals; and 3) Develop affordable housing - Council member questions surrounded restrictions of scenic area rules, how to limit growth, and how to provide affordable housing over the long term. - Kraemer’s responses included continuing to apply for DLCDC funding to evaluate city zoning for more density or to establish public policies that encourage affordable housing for city residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Kraemer’s presentation is available on the City website at: https://cityofmosier.com/projects/tsp/documents/ - Kraemer also updated Council on the status of the Transportation System Plan (TSP), underway in the City of Mosier, sponsored by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical Memos 3&4 that document existing conditions, including the buildable lands inventory, are complete. - Technical Memos 4&5 will identify projects along Highway 30 and the City of Mosier downtown corridor to be built in accordance with the Mosier Streetscape Plan. https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0mUwMj8GUjxdEx3TnBtTE9GNU0/view
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library Options. - Council member Witt Anderson provided information about the Wasco County Library Service District, which was started 2006 / 2007 and said he had spoken to the District’s Director, Jeff Wavrunek about options for including Mosier’s Library in their services. Several options included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Become part of the District through a citizen’s vote to pay County library tax - Join through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that provides services to the City for a flat fee dependent on amount of service (circulation, book delivery to Mosier Library, Children’s Library program, donated high speed hot spots)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer Librarians, Mary Lou Perry and Joan Hudson attended the meeting to voice their concerns and provide insight as to how the library is currently operated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library is currently shared by the Legion - Small, rural town library – Perry and Hudson would like to maintain the character of the historic building and the ease of a volunteer run system. - Ms. Perry recommended that Council member Anderson head up an ad hoc committee to find out which options for book delivery or other services are available at minimal costs <p>The Mayor and Council members weighed in with their concerns about cost vs. benefits and wondered about possibly including the library in the new Mosier Joint Use Facility. Mayor Burns and Council member Reed agreed that the ad hoc committee should research the cost effective, synergistic benefits and get back to Council with their findings.</p>
3.	<p>Proposed Budget Committee and Schedule. City Manager Colleen Coleman presented a proposed schedule from March 1 thru September 30th for the City’s budgeting process. She said she received a proposal from Summer Sears, CPA to provide coaching for the City Manager/Budget Officer, Council and Budget Committee, including an orientation on Municipal Budget Law and the budgeting process. The Mayor and Council agreed to schedule an orientation session at a later date and approved the services of Summer Sears.</p>
4.	<p>Draft - Mosier Plastic Bag Ordinance. Council reviewed a draft of a proposed ordinance to ban retail businesses from issuing plastic bags. The first draft was developed using an example from the Hood River plastic bag ban implemented in 2017. Council discussed and specified that the ban include styrofoam containers. Ms. Coleman agreed to make the proposed changes and review the document for typos. Council also agreed to provide their comments red lined on the draft and return to the City Manager for completion, with the intent to read a final ordinance at City Council February 21, 2018.</p>
5.	<p>If I Were Mayor 2017/2018 – Essay Final Vote. Council voted on the essays according to the contest’s judging criteria. Winner and finalists are: 1st Place - Briza Baeza Lopez 2nd Place - Ava Piacente 3rd Place - Maddy Stansbury</p> <p>Council agreed to invite all contestants and classes to Council to award certificates (March 7). Council member Wallace would provide certificates made by her students.</p>
6.	<p>Draft Strategic Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council member Reed expressed that she appreciated the recent comments from Council and that she had incorporated them into the most recent draft. Council agreed that it was the final draft at this point and that it should be posted on the City’s website for public comment. Any public suggestions would be accepted at the next Council meeting and the document would be updated and adopted as final.
7.	<p>Announcements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mosier received another \$50,000 from Oregon Department of Transportation’s Small Cities Allotment for 2018 Street Improvement Projects - Steve Bachelder from Tanawashee Development would like to donate Mosier Mounds to the City or a land trust. City manager, Coleman recommended to Council that the City allow him to approach the Friends of the Gorge, as they have the expertise to take on conservation and preservation of cultural resources. Council agreed. - Position of City Recorder was in its last round of interviews and getting close to hiring a candidate.

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Council meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Approved this 7th day of February, 2018:

Attest:

Mayor Arlene Burns

Colleen Coleman, City Manager