

# City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

**AGENDA ITEM 1**      **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**CONVENED:**

Mayor Young called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Young delivered the invocation and led the flag salute.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Cheryl A. Young  
Councilor Shannon Fitzgibbons  
Councilor Josh Fromm  
Councilor Sally Ann Marson  
Councilor Casey Wheeler

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Michael McGlothlin, Chief of Police  
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Harold Olsen, City Attorney

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

**AGENDA ITEM 2**      **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 3**      **CITIZEN INPUT:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 4**      **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- 4.1      **Parks Committee:** No report.
- 4.2      **Water Source and Development Committee:** No report.
- 4.3      **Street Committee:** No report.
- 4.4      **Sewer Committee:** No report.

**4.5 Audit Committee:** Secretary Wheeler said the Audit Committee will meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. to review the fourth quarter.

**4.6 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group:** Team Leader Fromm said the group will meet in next Thursday at 5 p.m.

**4.7 Other Reports:** Councilor Marson said the remaining vacant lot on Eighth Street will not be built on as previously thought because a neighbor across the street purchased it to protect their view.

Councilors Fitzgibbons and Marson said they attended the Sheriff's recent summit meeting. Councilor Fitzgibbons said the summit meeting was informative, well attended and interesting. Councilor Marson said City officers responding to county issues in the absence of county patrols is a main concern, especially because city residents pay taxes for both city and county patrols. Chief McGlothlin said this topic has been discussed at length, and it's likely that city officers will respond to county issues when it's morally and ethically the correct thing to do, but not for minor incidents. Chief McGlothlin confirmed that the issues relating to the jail bed fees will not impact Columbia City because we don't typically prosecute crimes through our Municipal Court. Councilor Wheeler noted that Sheriff Dickerson was on the news this week suggesting residents arm themselves and install alarm systems because they Sheriff's Office will only have one patrol deputy on duty.

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 1, 2011.**

**5.2 Bills paid during the month of August 2011 with check numbers 16042 through 16115.**

**5.3 Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2011.**

**5.4 Written report from the City Administrator/Recorder.**

**5.5 Annual Accounting of System Development Charge Revenues and Expenditures for 2009-10 fiscal year.**

**5.6 Annual Accounting of System Development Charge Revenues and Expenditures for 2010-11 fiscal year.**

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.1 Council Bill No. 11-613; Resolution No. 11-1025-R: A Resolution authorizing Oregon Aero Inc. extended Enterprise Zone benefits for a fourth and fifth year in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone.**

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (FROMM) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 11-613.

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Police update:** Chief McGlothlin said the volunteer Police Reserves continue to do a fantastic job, working a total of 266 hours this last month. He said the Department saw a decrease in calls for service during the last month, but the Department has been extremely busy with investigations and arrests, which reduced their ability to complete as many self-initiated activities. He said they handled arrests this past month for assault, disorderly conduct, felony theft, felony criminal mischief, misdemeanor theft, criminal

trespass and several DUI's, they've conducted burglary investigations, investigated a child abuse, and dealt with a runaway juvenile that went to California and was recovered. He said the officers are doing an outstanding job and performing very high quality work. Chief McGlothlin said the local agencies are doing a good job of helping each other - during the past two weeks he provided assistance in Vernonia, and today he worked in St. Helens during the response to a shooting.

**Attorney report:** Harold reported that recently in Turnbridge Wells, England, the Borough Council has banned the phrase "brainstorming" and replaced it with "thought showers" because they feared the phrase may be offensive to epileptics or the mentally ill.

**GSI proposal:** Leahnette recommended the Council authorize signature to a letter of understanding prepared by Dennis Nelson and Eric Collins of GSI Water Solutions, Inc., for hydro geological services related to Source Water Assessment and the Development of Best Management Strategies for the Cities of Columbia City and St. Helens. Leahnette explained that the project involves an application for grant funding, and completion of the work if the grant application is successful. The total project cost for both cities is \$54,815, and the project would be fully grant funded. Leahnette said some staff time would be required from each City during the project.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE TO THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING.

**Weeding activities:** Councilor Fromm said he recently spotted Councilor Marson hanging off the bank and pulling weeds behind the new entrance sign.

**Comcast Newsmakers Program:** Leahnette noted that the Mayor or Council Members may be interested in appearing on the Comcast Newsmakers Program. She said they would have about 5 minutes to discuss a topic of their choice, such as the Local Option Levy.

**Fund raising event:** Mayor Young inquired about the possibility of the Stone River band performing a fund-raising event for Columbia City. She suggested it could be a patriotic affair around Veteran's Day. Leahnette said the City could not sponsor the event if it involved the sales of alcohol, but another group could serve as the event sponsor.

**Local Option Levy:** Councilor Fromm said he recently met three Columbia City residents that had never heard anything about the levy proposal. Councilor Marson suggested the next utility billing envelopes be clearly stamped with "important levy information enclosed."

**City Celebration:** Joe Turner of Columbia City said he and his wife thoroughly enjoyed the recent City Celebration.

**AGENDA ITEM 9**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Cheryl A. Young  
Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Leahnette Rivers  
City Administrator/Recorder