

City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

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 Josh Fromm
Council President Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Shannon Fitzgibbons
Councilor Casey Wheeler

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
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:** Chair Wheeler said the RV and Vehicle Storage and Parking Study Group held their fist meeting last night. He said three of the committee members attended the meeting, and Chief McGlothlin shared the Police Department perspective of the issues, and then Helen Johnson shared the Code Enforcement/Planning Department perspective of the issues. He said the group is looking at possibly developing a streamlined process to move the enforcement process along. He said they also want to

look into removing the regulations from the development code, which should focus on development, and keeping them in a separate ordinance.

4.4 **Sewer Committee:** No report.

4.5 **Audit Committee:** No report.

4.6 **Hazard Mitigation Planning Group:** No report.

4.7 **Other Reports:** Mayor Young said she attended the Oregon Mayors Association Conference in Florence, and it was a very good conference.

AGENDA ITEM 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 19, 2012.**

5.2 **Investment and Cash Balance Summary for the quarter ending June 30, 2012.**

5.3 **Bills paid with check numbers 16723 through 16778 during the month of July 2012.**

5.4 **Monthly written report from the Public Works Superintendent.**

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

5.6 **Appointment to the Charter Review Committee: Ed Fischer.**

Leahnette asked that the consent agenda be amended to include Ed Fischer as an appointment to the Charter Review Committee.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 7

NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 **Council Bill No. 12-650: Resolution No. 12-1060-R:** A Resolution assessing abatement costs, fees and accrued interest as a lien against property described as Tax Account No. 5121-CA-05900, located at 3325 Fifth Street, Columbia City, Oregon, currently under the ownership of Tye E. and Rebecca A. Holien.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (FROMM) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-650.

7.2 **Community Hall Rental change:** Ratify Community Hall Rental change as requested by Kevin Gortler.

The Council referred to a July 20, 2012 request to change the Community Hall reservation dates from August 23, 24 and 25 to October 11 12 and 13 due to personal conflicts.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL CHANGES AS REQUESTED.

7.3 **Purchase of Pickup Truck:** Ratify purchase of 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT 4x4 from MacKenzie Ford in the amount of \$14,500.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (FROMM) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF THE DODGE RAM FROM MACKENZIE FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,500.

7.4 **Draft City of Columbia City Water System Master Plan:** Review of draft City of Columbia City Water System Master Plan with Erik Hoovestol of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, City Engineer.

Erik delivered a general overview of the draft City of Columbia City Water System Master Plan dated July 27, 2012 to the Mayor, Council and staff. He said grant and loan funds were secured last fall, and development of the plan began in January. The purpose of the plan is to provide the City with a comprehensive plan for the future development of their water system, and the plan includes a description of the existing water system, the planning criteria, a water system analysis, and a capital improvement plan. He discussed various details contained in the plan at length, and asked the Mayor, Council and staff to please submit any comments they have about the draft by the end of the week. He said this is the first phase of the process. The City's comments will be incorporated into the plan and it will be submitted to the Department of Health, and their comments will also be incorporated. He said an updated SDC Study and a new User Rate Study will be developed as the next steps. He said after the other studies are completed, the Water Master Plan will be ready for adoption.

The Mayor, Council and staff thanked Erik for the comprehensive overview of the draft Water Master Plan and commended him for preparing an exceptionally informative document.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Police report: Chief McGlothlin said he spent the day before the Columbia County Grand Jury giving testimony in the Stephen Bahl case, along with Sergeant Harper, Officer Greisen, a DHS investigator, Kristie Jennings. He said late this afternoon the grand jury issued a true bill of indictment against Stephen Bahl for one count of criminally negligent homicide, three counts of criminal mistreatment I, one count of hindering prosecution, twenty counts of felony theft I with a bond of \$425,000. He said shortly after 5 p.m. they arrested him at his house and he is lodged in the Columbia County Jail. He said the investigation is still ongoing and they have still not located Mr. Bahl's missing elderly mother. He said the criminally negligent homicide and criminal mistreatment charges resulted from a previous investigation related to Mr. Bahl's father. The hindering prosecution and felony theft charges are related to the ongoing missing person investigation. He said all of the officers have done an awesome job during the course of this investigation. He said the case files currently consume eight three-inch three-ring binders. He said there are hundreds of man hours invested in this case, not only by members of our department, but also from the major crimes team which consists of representatives from many different agencies, and Oregon State Police and Columbia County. He said everyone has done an outstanding job, and Sergeant Harper has done an especially phenomenal job. Mayor Young and Leahnette congratulated Chief McGlothlin for a job very well done.

Street light replacement: Referring to a July 19, 2012 cost estimate from the Columbia River PUD for the replacement of a street light, Leahnette asked the Council to make a decision regarding the type of light pole to use with the new fixture. She said the replacement will cost either \$2,369 with an aluminum pole, or \$1,294 with a wood pole.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO SELECT THE ALUMINUM POLE FOR THE STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT.

AGENDA ITEM 9

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

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ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder