

City Council Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2013

OPENING

Presiding: Mayor Frank Thayer. Council Present: Council President Paul Canter and Councilors Lonnie Koroush, Carol McGlasson and Brandy Rainey. Council Absent: Councilors David Ballard and Harry Myers. Others Present: City employees: Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard and Recorder Barb Johnston.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Frank Thayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council President Paul Canter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL TRAINING

Attorney Christy Monson, Speer Hoyt, LLC spoke to Council concerning protocol, liability, ethics and the responsibility of the Council as a whole and of individual Councilors. She noted that the scope of Council authority was policy making and if they stay within that scope they cannot be sued, but Councilors acting on their own can be sued. Abstaining during a vote should be discouraged unless there is an actual conflict. Any possible conflict should be declared and in the case of an actual conflict, the Councilor(s) should excuse themselves from any discussion as well as the actual vote. Four is a quorum for the City of Monroe with seven elected officials and any four elected officials would make a quorum. The Mayor would still vote only in the event of a tie (say a 2-2 split among the Councilors) and a decision would be made by a vote of a majority of those present and constituting a quorum. Quorums can be constituted and votes taken by electronic means. Council would like Ms. Monson to come back and continue the training session.

PUBLIC ITEMS and COMMENTS

Ms. Prowse, South Benton Nutrition Program, (SBNP), stated that they do not have the budget to hire a contractor to install new stoves. Mr. Prowse was told that the concrete project on the front landing was a go. The SBNP would like to put blinds in the Legion Hall and molding around the ceiling. Council would review and report back. The SBNP would like to know why they are paying rent as they are a non-profit. Council President Canter stated that he thought it had to do with the continual usage of the electricity.

STAFF REPORTS and UPDATES

CH2MHill/OMI: public works report in file.

Jim Minard, Chief Operating Officer reported that he'd be meeting with the Department of Environmental Equality on Thursday in regards to the Total Maximum Daily Loads and Monroe's pollution impact on the Long Tom.

The Hull Foundation monies available were \$60,000 to be distributed in \$20,000 allotments, but could be more or less. Estimates received by OMI indicated that the cost of new front doors at the Legion Hall would run between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Also under consideration would be one big door, which would have all the required safety and accessibility features, but would allow easy access for appliances, etc.

The Planning Commission has a meeting Monday to discuss Aquatic Resources (wetlands).

An additional park grant for the Reservoir Heights property is being sought from the Benton County Foundation, that would provide for the City's matching funds.

Sheriff Diana Simpson presented Mr. Minard with a proposed 2 year contract for Benton County Sheriff Services and stated that it had a 3% increase in cost.

Catie Mange' said that the Library did not have a meeting last month so no minutes. She reported that she had referred the offer from the LDS Church to do volunteer work at the new Library and the possibility of using the Eagle Scouts, but that no volunteer work could be done until the grant was closed. Also referred

information about Joyce Davidson's laser work to Bev Smith, the head of the Recognition Committee, but she is out of town, so no word yet. In response to the question as to whether the cupola on the Library was facing differently than originally designed, it was not. Roger Irwin was unsure why Pacific Power and Light was over by Councilor Myers house making big ruts, but he would check into it. Concrete has been done, sidewalk and streetlight installation completed. Mayor Thayer wondered if they would be fixing the ruts north of Ash.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Paul Canter made a motion to approve the bills and minutes as presented. Councilor Brandy Rainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Carol McGlasson made a motion to deny the request for a partial waiver of the Legion Hall fees for the setup time by the Nonprofit Asst. of Oregon. Council President Paul Canter seconded and the motion passed 3 to 1.

Councilor Carol McGlasson made a motion to remove the late charges and reduce the Gutierrez utility bill for the currently demolished house at 815 Orchard to \$293.37. Council President Paul Canter seconded and the motion passed 4 to 0.

Mayor Frank Thayer opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance # 13-273: An Ordinance Providing for the Disposal of City-Owned Surplus Real Property. He asked for questions or testimony and hearing none closed the hearing.

Councilor Carol McGlasson moved to read Ordinance # 13-273 by title only. Council President Paul Canter seconded and the motion passed 4 to 0. Councilor Carol McGlasson read Ordinance # 13-273 for the first time by title only.

Councilor Brandy Rainey made a motion to read Ordinance #13-273 for the second time by title only. Councilor Lonnie Koroush seconded and the motion passed 4 to 0. Councilor Brandy Rainey read the ordinance for the second time by title only.

Councilor Paul Canter made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 13-273: An Ordinance Providing for the Disposal of City-Owned Surplus Real Property. Councilor Carol McGlasson seconded and the motion passed, 4 to 0.

Council President Paul Canter made a motion to authorize Mike Morrell to keep the website updated for an amount of \$20 per hours and not to exceed \$60 per month without Council approval.

A motion to appoint Brenda Griffith to Planning Commission was made by Councilor Lonnie Koroush. Councilor Carol McGlasson seconded and the motion passed 4 to 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Comments and Committee Reports: Councilor Carol McGlasson reported that the High School hopes to combine Fiddlers Camp with the Monroe Fest. She noted that the High School enrollment was down.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Frank Thayer adjourned the meeting at 9:10.

Signed: _____ Attest: _____
Mayor: Frank Thayer Date Recorder: Barb Johnston Date