

City Council Minutes
November 25, 2013

Mayor Thayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present: Councilors Paul Canter, Donna Dillard and Lonnie Koroush; and Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard. Councilors Ron Thexton and Cindy Canter were excused. Councilor Myers was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

STAFF REPORTS and UPDATES

Mr. Minard informed the Council that:

- ✓ The City would be assuming insurance coverage for the library;
- ✓ He was looking into securing new quotes for propane gas for use at the library and City Hall;
- ✓ There were questions at ODOT about the vehicular height restrictions on Hwy. 99W and who installed them. ODOT would be investigating and get back to the city.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Canter moved to approve the consent agenda without the Monroe Telephone bills. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dillard and approved 2-1 (Koroush – NO). Councilor Koroush moved to pay the Monroe Telephone bills, which was seconded by Canter and approved 2-0-1 (Dillard abstained)

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05: Increasing Solid Waste Collection Rates: Thayer opened the discussion on the requested rate increase and called upon the Republic Services representatives to present its proposal. Julie Jackson, Municipal Representative for Republic Services, spoke to justify the proposed 2.4% rate increase, which averaged about forty-three cents per month for the standard can. She noted that this proposed increase was in-line with previous rate increases where they asked for larger increases on a less frequent basis.

Koroush asked about the transfer station east of town. Thayer noted it was cheaper to drive to Veneta than to take their garbage there and he was concerned about people just dumping trash. Thayer asked about holding the cost on the smallest 20 gallon container used by many seniors. Ms. Jackson noted that the company was willing to work with individual customers on service requirements.

Canter asked if they would be buying new trucks or retrofitting them for propane. Jerry Blake, General Manager for Republic, stated the trucks would be new and the older trucks would be scrapped out. He also mentioned his willingness to look into a hazardous waste removal day for Monroe.

Canter moved to accept the resolution with the new rates as requested, which was seconded by Councilor Dillard and approved 2-1 (Koroush – NO).

Library Crosswalk: Minard noted he had spoken with ODOT staff and the School Superintendent about the crosswalk alternatives. ODOT was looking for direction from the City as to what it preferred. Minard advised the Council on the two basic options of a

1 crosswalk at Ash Street or the mid-block school crossing, with lights and pedestrian refuge.
2 There were questions on what on-going expense the City might incur. Minard had learned
3 from the School District and ODOT that there would be no expenses for the lighted crossing,
4 though the City would be responsible for future maintenance of the crosswalk at Ash Street.
5 It was suggested to request the mid-block, lighted, crossing, with City paying for the
6 handicapped curb cuts and sidewalk, and accept the crosswalk at Ash in the interim.
7 Councilor Canter moved to accept this option, which was seconded by Koroush and passed
8 3-0.
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10 Extension of Red Hills Preliminary Plat: Minard noted it been five years since the original
11 approval for the Red Hills Preliminary Plat. Canter moved to grant a six-month extension to
12 July 1, 2014 for the Red Hills Subdivision Preliminary Plat, subject to the following conditions.
13 By May 15, 2014 the developer shall provide the City with complete engineered drawings for
14 all public and private infrastructure, to serve not less than 18 dwellings, for review and
15 approval by the City. The approved infrastructure shall be fully constructed by December 31,
16 2014. Phased development shall be allowed, per the original decision; however, the
17 applicant shall secure final plat approval on the entire tentative plat within six-years of the
18 date of this decision – December 31, 2019, or the remaining undeveloped portion of the
19 tentative plant shall become null and void. The motion was seconded by Koroush and
20 approved 3-0.
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22 Cascades West Council of Governments Board Member Replacement: This matter was
23 tabled to December.
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25 Update on the City Engineer Recruitment Process: Minard noted that the City received eight
26 proposals for the City Engineer of Record. He was looking for direction on how the Council
27 would like to proceed. Mayor Thayer appointed himself, Myers, Koroush and Minard to serve
28 as the review committee and return with its recommendation.
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30 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

31 Councilor Koroush reported on his review of the Legion Hall with the itemized list he had
32 prepared. Minard noted that he and the staff were addressing the operational matters (stuck
33 door, missing towel dispenser, and basic maintenance); he requested the Council provide
34 direction on the policy issues. The closet that was storing the 4H materials was to be
35 cleaned out and not used as personal storage for the group.
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37 It was determined that Koroush, Thayer, and Paul Canter would attend the next three school
38 board meetings, respectively.
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40 **ADJOURN:**

41 There being no further business Mayor Thayer adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.
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44 Signed: _____
45 Mayor Frank Thayer
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47 Attest: _____
48 Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard