

City Council Minutes
May 26, 2014

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment

STAFF REPORTS:

Minard noted the lock to the front door of the Legion Hall had been removed and repairs ordered; he had posted the job advertisement for the part-time public works position; the city clean up with Allied Waste would be June 7; the trip to view the City's Belknap Springs property needed to be set up and a trip was set for June 5 at 5:00 PM; the Rural Utilities grants were being processed and should be forthcoming for Council review and action; ODOT staff had reviewed the school crossing site and had concerns about handicapped access to the adjacent sidewalks due to slope; he discussed the "No Parking" standards at intersections and a permit would be needed to work in the state right-of-way; the library facilities director was looking into the energy costs at the Monroe Library; a date needed to be set for the grand opening of the baseball field in City Park and June 8th at 2:00 PM or June 11 or 14 at 6:00 PM were agreed on; the Public Works Committee needs to look at the proposed paving program and make some recommendations on what to pave and how much to spend.

Minard noted an error in the baseball field expense calculations and that the \$3000 anticipated overage designated for the fenced dog park was only \$1000. He explained the City could return the fencing and pay a restocking fee if necessary, reduce the size of the fencing, or pay the overage from the City park funds. Myers moved to keep the dog park fencing and pay the overage from the City funds, and ask the State Parks if they would cover this overage. The motion was seconded by C. Canter and approved 3-1 (Koroush – No).

Thayer noted the need to trim the right-of-way on Commercial Street, west of 10th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Paul Canter moved to accept the consent agenda, which was seconded by Myers and unanimously approved. The electric bill summary was noted as missing and would be included in the next packet of bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations and Appointment to Budget Committee: P. Canter nominated Bruce Hayler to the Budget Committee, which was seconded by C. Canter and unanimously approved.

Employment Offer – Public Works Superintendent: C. Canter moved to offer the Public Works Superintendent position to David Claborn. The motion was seconded by Koroush and unanimously approved.

Hull Donation Grant Request – Authorize the Mayor to Sign: Mayor Thayer stated the City was requesting funds from the Hull Legion Hall bequest from the Oregon Community Foundation. We anticipate using \$1800 for the doors; \$15,800 for the parking lot for 18

spaces; \$5000 for interior painting/repairs/molding, and \$9000 for exterior painting and cleaning. Certain typographical errors were noted for correction. Koroush moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the application, which was seconded by Myers and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legion Hall Security and Improvements: C. Canter moved to continue to look into more quotes for replacing the existing doors and a card lock system. The motion was seconded by P. Canter and unanimously approved.

Paving Overlay Consideration: It was decided that the Public Works Committee would set up a meeting to look into the City streets and resurfacing program. Minard noted Benton County Public Works was planning to come to Monroe in June to repair, resurface and treat the gravel roads (Oak and 8th Street north of Ash).

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Koroush moved to prohibit garage sales or giveaways in the Legion Hall citing health concerns. The motion was seconded by P. Canter and unanimously approved.

Koroush moved to reopen City Hall to the public on Fridays, which was seconded by Myers and approved 3-1 (Myers – No).

ADJOURN:

There being no further business Mayor Thayer adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Signed: _____
Mayor Frank Thayer

Attest: _____
Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard