

City Council Minutes
July 27, 2015

Mayor Thayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Councilors Present: Councilors Paul Canter, Harry Myers, Ron Thexton, Lonnie Koroush, Cindy Canter, and Donna Dillard. Staff present included Public Works Superintendent Dave Claborn. Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tim E commented that things are looking very good. What is the status of repairing the flashing light at the school crossing on Orchard?

STAFF REPORTS:

P.W.S. Claborn discussed his monthly report as sent to the Council electronically and operational updates. He also noted it was necessary to lower the raw water pick-up by 6" to accommodate the lower level of the Long Tom and that the sprinklers for the ball field are now operational.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Thayer noted new bills had come in after the packets were delivered last week and new payable sheets were in front of them with the additions noted. Councilor Thexton moved to accept the consent agenda as amended and excluding the Monroe Telephone bills, which was seconded by Councilor Myers and approved 6-0. Councilor Koroush moved to approve the Monroe Telephone bills, which was seconded by Councilor Thexton and approved 5-0-1 (Dillard abstained).

NEW BUSINESS:

Renewal Oregon Public Works Cooperative Assistance Agreement

Question from Councilor Myers, Are there provisions for loaning out a piece of equipment and then realizing we also need to use it? Who pays for the rental of the 2nd piece of equipment? Mayor Thayer stated in his experience, the issue has never come up so there has not been a need to address it in the MOU. Councilor Koroush moved to accept the agreement, which was seconded by Councilor C Canter and approved 6-0.

Memorandum of Understanding with South Benton Nutrition Program on Legion Hall

Councilor Dillard moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding, which was seconded by Councilor C. Canter and approved 4-2. Councilors P. Canter and Myers, NO

Audio Recordings on Website

No action taken. Item tabled until clarified. Council believed this was rejected previously.

(NOTE: the minutes from last month reflect the vote was to NOT put this on the website since Harry questioned what the cost might be and I offered to look into it. I'll consider this matter behind us unless the Council decides to reconsider)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilor C. Canter noted the nature park behind the grade school may be dedicated to Chance Clark. She also encouraged her fellow councilors to stay engaged in our community and support the existing programs for children.

Councilor P. Canter noted the Army Corp of Engineers will be in Monroe at 10:00 am on 7-28-15 to look for potential placement sites of a pedestrian bridge across the river. What are

we doing to create a safe path from Oak St. to the school since the 4th St. path was closed?
See last month's discussion for detail.

{NOTE: Mr. Claborn and I reviewed this situation and have no concerns from a public works standpoint. The land was given to the adjacent land owners when the City vacated the street. There is no issue with them putting up this fence (or the no trespassing signs which look to be on the Conn's property and they can remove)}

Mayor Thayer has given the Eagle Scout the necessary materials to begin creating signs for the MonroeFest.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business Mayor Thayer adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Signed: 

Mayor Frank Thayer

Attest: 

Council President Paul Canter