

City Council Minutes
June 27, 2016

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

STAFF REPORTS:

C.O.O. Minard updated the Council on the “Tiny Homes” recreational vehicle park that was being considered for the old “Brick Mill” sight north of Mill Street. The application included language for a code amendment, conditional use, and variance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minard noted that one additional bill had come in since the packets were put together. Councilor Thexton moved to accept the consent agenda, as updated, which was seconded by Councilor P. Canter and approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Uses of State Revenue Sharing: Mayor Thayer opened the public hearing on this matter. Minard noted the purpose was to offset general fund expenses. There was no testimony and the Mayor closed the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2016-2017 Budget: Mayor Thayer opened the public hearing on this matter. Minard noted the totaled approximately \$1.5 million and incorporated input from the Budget Committee hearings. There was no testimony and the Mayor closed the hearing.

RESOLUTION 2016-06: A Resolution Declaring the City’s Election to Receive State Revenues: P. Canter noted a typographical error of a date in the resolution and moved to adopt this resolution as corrected. The motion was seconded by Myers and approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2016-05: Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing the Tax: It was suggested that the budget be added to the City’s website, which Minard would address. Myers moved to adopt this resolution, which was seconded by C. Canter and approved. 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2016-07: Supporting Artwork at Highway 99W and Territorial: C. Canter provided a background on the purpose of this resolution, which was to install the “MONROE” sign in the Highway right-of-way. She gave a brief description of the metal artwork and how attractive it would be. Myers moved to adopt this resolution, which was seconded by C. Canter an approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2016-08: Extending Workers’ Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of the City of Monroe (Annually): Minard noted this was resolution required each year by

our insurance company. P. Canter moved to adopt this resolution, which was seconded by Myers and approved 4-0.

Letters to Travel Oregon: Liz Doyle and bike enthusiast Mike Ripley offered some background on this matter of promoting bicycling opportunities in the tri-city areas. The group was hoping to finance a video reflecting local opportunities and highlights. The cost would be roughly \$50,000, with a 50% match. Ms. Doyle was asking the City to sign letters of support an interest in the project and contribute \$1000 to the project. C. Canter noted this would help put Monroe on the map for increased visitors and the \$1000 seemed a reasonable investment. Minard noted the money was available if acceptable to the Council. Myers moved to authorize sending the letters and appropriating \$1000 to the project. P. Canter seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

DEQ Principal Forgiveness Amendment: Minard noted the State DEQ was requesting certain funds be released related to the “grant’ portion of its loan to the City for the Wastewater Master Plan. He noted that the USDA may still require more work to be done, but felt the DEQ money would not likely be needed; he simply had not heard back from the consulting engineering firm. He was of the opinion that if the Council approved the motion he would send it to the DEQ, but hoped to wait until after he spoke to the engineers. Myers moved to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by P. Canter and approved 4-0.

Recreational Vehicle Parks in Monroe Generally (Minard – straw poll only): Minard advised the Council of the land use applications to look at installing a 220 unit recreational vehicle park. He advised the Council that he was only looking to determine if the Council was willing to consider having the conversation in general; this was not about a specific development or issues. It was the Council consensus that it made sense to at least go through the process to consider such developments.

Entry Sign: Minard advised the Council that the north entry sign had been destroyed by a motorist and he was trying to contact the insurance company about a replacement. He shared a drawing from Buckles Signs in Junction City for a wood sign very similar to what was destroyed. The sign cost was \$5800 and did not include installation or wiring charges. It noted the Beautification’s entry “Monroe” sign at Territorial Hwy. might be a good model as well. It was suggested the Beautification Committee look into these signs and report back. Minard would continue to work with the driver’s insurance company.

ADJOURN: There being no further business Mayor Thayer adjourned the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor Frank Thayer

Attest: _____
C.O.O. Jim Minard