

City Council Minutes
August 22, 2016

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Stan Salot, Reiling Lane, asked the Council to amend its posting of material on the web site to an earlier time. Council President Paul Canter noted that the Council packets were not available to the Council normally more than four days in advance, but felt there was no issue with posting the draft minutes that were normally distributed within the week of the meeting. Minard asked that the Council respond if correction were needed, and the minutes would be sent to our web administrator, who is pretty prompt in getting them posted to the web, immediately thereafter.

Roy Moore voiced concerns over the condition of N. 8t (north of Ash) and dust. Mayor Thayer stated the City would look into this, but the time frame for dust abatement, under the County's plan, had already passed

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Claborn presented his report. He noted he and T. Koroush had been addressing safety concerns at the Toddler Park and he hoped to have the park open by Thursday. Councilor Thexton asked about striping the City streets at the Hwy. 99W; Thayer noted these were the City's responsibility. Councilor Koroush asked about the entry sign that was demolished. Minard noted he had sent off a bill to the insurance company in the amount of \$9167 and is waiting on processing and determination on what sign would be installed. P. Canter noted the Beautification Committee was leaning towards a sign similar to the metal one going in at Territorial Hwy. and 99W. Claborn reported on his research on remote monitoring of the reservoir, which had some limitations.

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. It appeared that a hearing would be held likely before the Planning Commission in the latter part of September 2016. The City has received the contract to upgrade the street lights approved by the Council, but the wattage in the contract was wrong and he was waiting to hear from PP&L. He updated the Council on the residential development on the west of N. 8th Street and was trying to set up a meeting with our staff, City Engineer and the developer's engineer to discuss public improvements that were proposed. Elections were moving forward with three candidates for Mayor and seven persons for Council. The auditors had been down that day (Monday) and after about a combined eleven hours of their time – had completed their annual audit review, which normally took around four times that amount of time. Finance Officer Dave Williams was roundly applauded for his competence and professionalism.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minard noted that a few additional bills had come in since the packets were put together. P. Canter moved to accept the Consent Agenda as amended, which was seconded by Myers and approve 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Swap – Recycling and Transfer Station for Baily Branch Segment: Minard noted the continued efforts to acquire the Bailey Branch right-of-way inside the City limits. He informed the Council that the joint use agreement with the County for the Transfer Station was expiring in December and asked if the Council would like to approach the County Board of Commissioners about swapping in interest the City had in the five plus acres east of town for the Bailey Branch. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to direct that this be done.

Correct SDC Resolution fees for Wastewater: Minard noted one figure, wastewater, for our System Development Charges had not been updated in the last resolution. The amount should be \$6082.44; not \$5225.61. Myers moved to adopt resolution 2016-09, which was seconded by Canter and approved 3-0-1 (Korosh abstained).

Ad Hoc Park Committee (C. Canter): Mayor Thayer noted that Council C. Canter was interested in having an ad hoc Parks Committee to go through community park needs and update the Parks Master Plan. Myers moved to establish this Parks Committee with C. Canter, Tim Eastridge, and Lauri Reynolds as the initial members; additional members could be invited as deemed necessary by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Korosh and approved. 4-0. Thayer noted this Committee would operate under the purview of the City Council.

Planning Commission Vacancy: Minard informed the Council that Planning Commissioner Joanne McMackin had moved away; and, while he not received her resignation there was no indication she was able or willing to continue to serve. There were questions about residency requirements and Minard was asked to post this vacancy on the website and local television station and provide a copy of the Planning Commission ordinance to the Council. .

“As I See It” – Editorial on County Board’s refusal to Sell Bailey Branch Segment: Minard noted the continuing confusion over the Board of Commissioner’s decision to not sell the Bailey Branch right-of-way to the City. He had crafted an editorial and requesting Council approval prior to sending to the Corvallis Gazette-Times. The Council directed the County be approached about the land swap prior to the sending the editorial.

Recalculation of Finance Officer Compensation: Mr. Williams had requested a salary increase to \$21.15. It the unanimous consensus on the outstanding work he was doing for the City and Korosh moved to increase his salary to \$22.00, which was seconded by Myers and approved 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Myers noted he had been questioned why City meetings weren’t held at the new library. There was continued conversation over the on-going explosive fireworks being set off; and that the best response was call the Sherriff’s office via 911.

ADJOURN: There being no further business Mayor Thayer adjourned the meeting at 7:13.

Signed: _____
Mayor Frank Thayer

Attest: _____
C.O.O. Jim Minard