

**City of Condon  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
July 2, 2014  
7 p.m.**

Present:	Staff Present:
Councilor Thomas Fatland Councilor Jan Stinchfield Councilor Dallas Harsin Councilor Donald Jamieson (arrived 7:06 p.m.) Councilor Boyd Harris (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)	Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator William Gubser, Senior Police Officer Larry Durfey, Public Works Superintendent

Absent:
Mayor N. Dale Thompson Councilor Terri Carnine

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Thomas Fatland called the council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was requested by Councilor Fatland.

**ROLL CALL**

City Administrator Kathryn Greiner took roll call and noted that a quorum was not present. Subsequently, Councilors Jamieson and Harris arrived to have a quorum.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Addition of Resolution 2015-02 – A resolution to declare surplus equipment was noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Gilliam County Judge Steve Shaffer was present and discussed that that Gilliam County was working on an economic plan that would save the windmill SIP funds after they expire in 2025. Gilliam County officials are working on a plan that would fund basic county services, economic services that have been funded in the past such as day cares, schools, and a third item of a savings or a “rainy day fund”. Judge Shaffer also stated that Gilliam County is included in the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) that is a federally designated economic development district and in the state’s regional solutions area that is east of Gilliam County. He noted that Gilliam County is a part of an Oregon Department of Transportation regional

committee that is focused with Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties, plus public health district and NORCOR and stated that most of our organizations are toward the west. Judge Shaffer stated that he is asking for support in a request to be designated from GEODC to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) in The Dalles. Councilor Jamieson stated that he felt that Condon and Gilliam County were more in line with the counties to the east and GEODC area that MCEDD. Judge Shaffer said that he had a draft letter of support for the switch and that it would be needed by August. Councilor Harsin asked for more time to review the information. Councilor Fatland tabled the discussion until the August meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to approve the June 4, 2014 Budget Hearing and regular council minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jamieson and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the wastewater construction bill of \$164,160.08 to M.L Houck Construction. The motion was seconded by councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

CA Greiner noted that the financials were for review only.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

CA Greiner presented a revised agreement between Maria Barrera Cortes and Gustavo Estrella Lopez for the street improvement for their development of their home on McKinley Street. She stated that there was a change of the interest rate of 2% and that it has been reviewed and approved by City Attorney Will Carey. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the Cortes/Lopez agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

CA Greiner also presented the council with the bargain sale deed for the land exchange and noted that this would be completed next week. It too has been reviewed and approved by Carey.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Crown Castle submitted a lease agreement for the addition land at the cell tower site and for an additional \$500 a month. CA Greiner explained that attorney Carey made some changes that were taken out and has approved the remainder of the contract. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the cell contract amendments with Crown Castle. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harsin and approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to approve Resolution 2014-01 – A Resolution Extending City of Condon’s Workers’ Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of City of Condon for Policy Year 2014-15. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

The council received a letter from Jay LaRue requesting that the Main Street Project funds that were held for the city’s program on the Memorial Hall to be available to complete his project at the same time as the adjoining building owned by Jim & Mary Doherty. Councilor Harsin stated

concerns that that the city’s Memorial Hall project would not be completed if it was put off another year. CA Greiner stated that she had put enough in the budget from the General Fund to fund the Memorial Hall project and did not have concerns with the timing to complete it. She will have a more accurate figure once Malcolm Randall has completed the bid specifications but felt confident and guaranteed that the project would be completed. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to release the \$50,000 MSP fund held for Memorial Hall for LaRue’s project. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve Resolution 2015-02 – A Resolution of the City of Condon Declaring Certain Fixed Assets as Surplus Property – Replaced Fire Hydrants. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boyd Harris and approved unanimously.** CA Greiner will investigate how to put these items for bid.

**STAFF REPORTS**

PW Durfey reported that the city crew has completed the water line and sewer connection on McKinley. They have also completed the prep work for the road by the Cortes/Lopez development and will begin paving in the city on July 14. The cost of the road was less as the wastewater contractor had “spoils” from their project that was used for the base road.

Officer Gubser provided a written report.

CA Greiner reported that Reser Building environmental clean-up has been completed and is awaiting final review from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. She said that the advertisement for the police position has gone through legal review and will work with Officer Gubser to get it out and advertised. Noted that the pool has received Gilliam County Special Project funds in the amount of \$9,650.82 out of the \$12,000 that was requested and the funds will be used to pay for the repairs that were completed this spring and a new solar cover.

**COUNCILOR INFORMATION**

Councilors received letter in response to Robyn Johnson letter received last month and the Gilliam County grant award letter.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
N. Dale Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator