

**City of Condon  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2014  
7 p.m.**

Present:	Staff Present:
Mayor N. Dale Thompson Councilor Thomas Fatland Councilor Jan Stinchfield Councilor Dallas Harsin Councilor Donald Jamieson Councilor Terri Carnine Councilor Boyd Harris (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)	Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator William Gubser, Senior Police Officer Larry Durfey, Public Works Superintendent

Absent:
None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor N. Dale Thompson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was requested by Mayor Thompson.

**ROLL CALL**

City Administrator Kathryn Greiner took roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilor Dallas Harsin to approve the July 2, 2014 regular council minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas Fatland and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the wastewater construction bill of \$191,290.11 to M.L Houck Construction contingent that Anderson**

**Perry & Associates receives the revised construction schedule prior to release of the check. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jan Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

CA Greiner noted that the financials were for review only.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

CA Greiner stated Councilor Jamieson asked to discuss the extending city water to the state-owned airport. City of Condon's planning consultant drafted a letter that was received by the councilors, stating that without expanding the city's Urban Growth Boundary and putting annexation agreements into place it would violate the city's comprehensive plan. CA Greiner reminded the council that a letter was sent to the Port of Arlington and they agreed to work toward getting this project completed. After a brief discussion, Councilor Jamieson directed CA Greiner to draft a letter asking the Port's director what the timeline was on this project and to start the process.

The council received a draft letter of support from Gilliam County Judge Steve Shaffer to move from Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEOCD) to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) and asked for council support. This was discussed at the July Council meeting. Councilor Stinchfield asked if Gilliam County has worked with GEODC to form a partnership prior to requesting this move. Judge Shaffer stated that he has found it easier to "sell" a project to the mid-Columbia region than one of the GEODC counties due to proximity and current ties with NORCOR, public health and transportation organizations, but he has not worked on a relationship with GEODC since he has been in office. Councilor Boyd Harris asked if this arrangement did not work could they return to GEODC with Judge Shaffer stating "yes" by going back through this same process. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to support Gilliam County in their move from GEODC to MCEDD. The motion was seconded by councilor Harris and approved unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

CA Greiner gave the council a spreadsheet of the Main Street Project from inception. She noted that the total projects for the 2014-15 year exceed the \$200,000 transfer allotted in the fiscal year, but the cash carryover from the previous year allows the city to contract up to approximately \$225,000.

The Main Street Project contract for LaRue Insurance Agency and CA Greiner stated that the Historical Review Committee review the amounts and recommended that the lower air conditioning cost be taken and not support the invoice for electrical work. Councilor Harsin asked if the MSP had funded air conditioning units and CA Greiner stated that Trim West was paid to have their unit removed from the window on Main Street. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve the Main Street Contract for Jay LaRue Insurance Agency for \$50,040.80. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield. Yes votes were from Councilors Harsin, Carnine, Stinchfield, Fatland and Harris. Councilor Jamieson abstained due to the AC bid was from Jamieson & Marshall and the motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to approve OLCC renewals for B&C Grocery, Condon Food Mart, Elks Lodge #1869 Condon, Murray's Condon Pharmacy, Nan's Kitchie, The Historic Hotel Condon, The Round-up Grill and Two Boys Meat & Groceries. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jamieson and approved unanimously.**

CA Greiner included the TDS Franchise agreement and the letter stating that they have sold this territory to North-State Telephone Company. She will work with City Attorney Will Carey to secure the franchise agreement rights with the new company.

CA Greiner stated that she was having issues with the scrap metal contractor John Torgeson in receiving payment and having him come in a timely manner to clean the bin he placed at the transfer station. Options included terminating the contract and go back out for bid or continue the current situation. Councilor Harsin said that if goes out to bid one stipulation is that weight tickets must be submitted with payments. **A motion was made to terminate the scrap metal contract with Nu-Life Metal and go out for bids. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fatland and approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approved Resolution 2015-03 – ODOT Special City Allotment Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terri Carnine and approved unanimously.**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

PW Durfey reported that the airport water extension would require replacing the water main from Highway 19 near Inland Chemical to the north gate of the Gilliam County fairgrounds from six to eight inch pipe in addition to extending it from the cemetery to the airport. He also reported that they had finished the water line on Fall Street from C Street to Jew Street back to the Condon RV park. ODOT is requiring the city to re-seed native grass on their right-of-way on Walnut/Highway 206 were the new line was installed. The crew is working on looping the water line in the Fall/Summit Street area with an easement from Coppocks, and will also replace the orange-burg sewer line in that area. PW Durfey said that the paving was done other than some radius work. He noted that the Anderson, Perry & Associates inspector on the wastewater project has offered to come to city council meetings to answer any questions. Councilor Harsin asked if the contractors are on schedule and PW Durfey responded that they are behind the contract schedule but close to Anderson, Perry & Associates schedule anticipating completion near October 1.

Officer Gubser provided a written report.

CA Greiner said that David Drinkwine has not completed the repairs agreed upon in September 2013 to his grain elevators and asked the council for guidance on the next step. She has called Drinkwine several times over the last month to get a new timeline, yet the repairs have still not been completed. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Mayor Thompson will contact Drinkwine to work on a solution. CA Greiner stated that no interest has been shown in the policeman advertisement and suggested that the Public Safety Committee meet later in August to determine the next step, or to begin negotiations with Gilliam County Sheriff's department. She said that the brownfield grant funds have been reimbursed to the city of approximately \$51,000 and she will contact GeoEngineers to close out the project. CA Greiner stated that the auditors will be here next week and that no one has filed for the council and mayor positions that are open. Deadline for election filing is August 21, 2014.

### **COUNCILOR INFORMATION**

Councilors received the transfer station review by DEQ and an invitation to City Hall Day in Pendleton October 6, 2014.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Thompson called an executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) – Legal Counsel regarding current litigation at 8:10 p.m. The council resumed regular session at 8:17 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator