

**City of Condon  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2014  
7 p.m.**

Present:	Staff Present:
Mayor N. Dale Thompson Councilor Tom Fatland Councilor Donald Jamieson Councilor Terri Carnine Councilor Boyd Harris Councilor Jan Stinchfield Councilor Dallas Harsin	Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator Larry Durfey, Public Works Superintendent Wm. Gubser, Senior Officer

Absent:
Councilor Dallas Harsin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor N. Dale Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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**

Mayor Thompson added the resignation of Councilor Dallas Harsin to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The council received the minutes of the October 1, 2014 regular and executive session meeting minutes, plus the application for payment number 5 from M.L. Houck Construction Company in the amount of \$154,012.84. **A motion was made by Councilor Tom Fatland to approve the October 1, 2014 regular and executive session minutes, and the M.L. Houck construction**

**payment of \$154,012.84. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jan Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

Financials were for review only with Councilor Fatland inquiring about the payment to the Oregon Ethics Division. CA Greiner stated that it is the annual fee to pay for the ethics department. Councilor Boyd Harris asked if the city was still paying for the electric at the new library and if it was in budget. CA Greiner said that we do continue to pay the electric and it is within the current budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

CA Greiner stated that she just received the information on the electricity used at the pivot and would contact John Johnson in regards to the Finance Committee's recommendation. Councilor Stinchfield stated that the additional payment was due to the cost of no additional farming, rising utility costs and that the city is now filling in the tracks of the pivot wheels.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Condon School District Board chairman Tim Campbell and director Nichole Schott were present to discuss the district's facilities plan that the board has worked on for several months. Schott stated that the board and facility committee decided that moving into one campus was the best solution for utilizing staff and savings in utility costs. Campbell stated that the original thought was to move the grade school students into the high school building but determined that it would be too expensive to retrofit the building to current standards. Schott distributed plans for two options of the building plan and they had an estimated cost of \$4.5 million for the first addition which would be on the west end of the high school building. The cost would also include adding a kitchen area to the MPR where they would locate the cafeteria, upgrading science and locker rooms, bleachers, boilers and converting ag classroom to library. Schott thought that though the estimate has not been received for option 2 of putting grade school classrooms on the east end of the high school in the current parking lot it would be similar in cost. Schott then said that they were looking at options for the current grade school once they move to the new campus by working with the Port of Arlington to repurpose the building and adding that the possibility of keeping the playshed or demolishing the entire building. Costs in the outline included demolition of approximately \$700,000 or separating the playshed for continued use for a cost of \$15,345 annual energy costs. Schott stated that the current bond on building improvements will not expire until 2022 but it may be layered with a new bond with minimal increase payment to the taxpayer. Schott stated that they are scheduling a meeting in the near future to learn more about a bond then they will be able to communicate these issues to the taxpayers. Councilor Stinchfield stated that "there is nothing worse than an abandoned building" and urged the school board to keep it maintained even if they do not use it. Campbell said that the board "can't walk away and leave it [grade school] to ruin" and hoped that it could be repurposed. Newly elected mayor Jim Hassing asked if the school plans would accommodate an influx of students and was told that the new classrooms would hold up to 30 students. Schott outlined that the funding options for the \$4.5 million facility plan would include a bond, state support in possible legislature that would match bond amounts for facility upgrades (SB 540), corporate sponsorship, local government and grant opportunities. Schott and Campbell asked the city council for their support in SB 540, bond and other grant funding opportunities. Schott and Campbell stated that they were meeting with the Port of Arlington November 13 and were holding their first community meeting on the facility plan November 19.

The council received a copy of the e-cycle contract with Universal Recycling Technologies with some changes proposed by city attorney Will Carey. **A motion was made by Council Fatland to approve the e-cycle contract with Universal Recycling for the 2015 year. The motion was seconded by Councilor Donald Jamieson and approved unanimously.**

The council received a letter from Frontier Regional 911 manager April Stream that stated that Gilliam County Sheriff Gary Bettencourt had advised her that Gilliam County Sheriff Department would no longer respond to calls within the city limits of Condon if the Condon officer is not on duty, unless there is reason to believe that life or property is in eminent peril. CA Greiner distributed a draft of the emergency call information from Stream that will indicate what a “peril” call would be and if the city and sheriff departments are not available the Oregon State Police would respond. There has been confusion and 911 dispatchers have called the Mayor and councilors in the past week, and CA Greiner stated that Stream has assured her that calling council when an emergency situation arises will cease. She stated that they are working on a solution to assure the residents of Condon would be covered in emergency situations.

A letter of resignation was received from Councilor Dallas Harsin in regards to his work schedule change. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to accept Councilor Dallas Harsin’s resignation effective December 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris and approved unanimously.**

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

PW Durfey distributed a copy of the sewer and water lines that have been installed by the city’s public works crew since the spring of 2014, which also includes services and hydrants. The crew has installed 1,180 feet of sewer main line, 2,576 water main line, 25 sewer services, 15 water services, 3 hydrants and one blow off. Councilor Jamieson stated that “this is impressive” amount of work that has been completed. Councilor Jamieson also asked if fog seal was going to be completed on the recently paved roads with PW Durfey stating that they are chip sealing then may apply the fog seal on top of that material.

Officer Bill Gubser presented a written report, but stated that an agreement or policy of police coverage has always been in place when he is not available with the county sheriff department.

CA Greiner reported that the scrap metal request for proposals will go out in the next week or two and hopefully the December meeting will award the contract to an individual or company. She will also hope to have the farming contract completed and ready for agreement in December meeting. The Christmas party is set for Thursday, December 18.

#### **COUNCILOR INFORMATION**

Councilors received Finance Committee minutes, correspondence from 911Frontier Regional, Gilliam County tax summary and reminder that the Public Safety committee meeting was changed to Monday, November 17, noon.

#### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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N. Dale Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator