

City of Condon
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2013
7 p.m.

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

Absent:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor N. Dale Thompson called the council 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 a quorum.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add Resolution 2014-03 – A Resolution to apply for the Special City Allotment ODOT grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Bixel of Condon commented that she was in favor the passage of the animal ordinance that included allowing chickens within city limits. She stated that chickens are a good organic pest control, eat food scraps and provide rich fertilizer for gardens. She noted that many cities allow chickens with certain restrictions and do not have any issues. Bixel stated that families that are struggling may be able to raise their own eggs and that she that chickens were more quiet next door than a dog.

Mary K Maley of Condon also spoke in favor of allowing chickens after researching the issue. She too stated that she would rather have chickens than cats or dogs next door. She did notice that one potential issue may be that people abandon chickens.

CONSENT AGENDA

The councilors reviewed the July 10, 2013 Regular Council Minutes, and the July 2013 financial information. Councilor Tom Fatland asked what the \$400 to Condon High School was for, and CA Greiner stated that it was a donation to the football team for laying the sod in the park. **A motion was made by councilor Donald Jamieson to approve the July 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 2013 financial statements subject to audit and verification. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boyd Harris and approved unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

The council discussed the animal ordinance as presented from the July Council meeting. Councilor Dallas Harsin asked if there was an animal ordinance already in place. CA Greiner stated that there was an ordinance that addressed dogs and hogs, but was not specific to other animals. She also stated that there was a vote of not allowing horses in the city limits in 1994 that was not approved. Councilor Jamieson clarified that the vote was asking to permit horses in city limits. Councilor Harsin also asked if chickens were allowed to reside in town if they have to be on a lot with a house, and asked if there was a fee with an application to have chickens. He stated that if a shop is not allowed on a vacant lot, neither should a chicken coop. Councilors Jan Stinchfield and Harris stated in response to Councilor Harsin that the chicken coops were limited in size and function on any buildable lot according to the draft ordinance. CA Greiner stated that the Community Development committee recommended that no fee be required with a chicken application. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-03 – Animals. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris. Yay votes of Councilors Fatland, Terri Carnine, Harris, Jamieson and Stinchfield; Nay vote by Councilor Harsin – first reading was approved.** A second reading will be done at the September council meeting and if approved will take into effect 30 days after approval.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to approved OLCC license renewals for B&C Grocery, Condon Food Mart, Elks Lodge #1869 Condon, Murray's Condon Pharmacy, The Historic Hotel Condon, The Round-Up Grill, and Two Boys Meat & Groceries. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously. Councilor Fatland asked Officer Gubser if any complaints had been received regarding any of the licensee requests and Officer Gubser stated that he had not received any.

The council was asked to sign an agreement with the Pioneer Community Development Corporation as a partner in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Mayor Thompson asked if this was an annual request, with CA Greiner stating that it was made when a new grant application was submitted. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve the Pioneer Community Development Corporation request to sign the intergovernmental agreement in support of a CDBG. The motion was seconded by Councilor Carnine and approved unanimously.**

A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve the engagement letter from Chris Mahr and Associates for the 2012-13 City of Condon audit. The motion was seconded by
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Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously. Councilor Jamieson asked if the city is just approving the 2013 audit. CA Greiner stated that there would be a draft Request for Proposals for audit services before the council in December of January.

A request was made at the July 10 Council meeting by Gilliam County Judge Steve Shaffer for City of Condon to continue to pay for the Gilliam County Library electricity costs at their new location. Judge Shaffer was present and stated that the current bill paid by the city would be switched back to Gilliam County on the old library if approved. **A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to pay the electric bill of the new Gilliam County Library taking effect at the end of the current billing cycle, and switch the old building back to Gilliam County. The motion was seconded by Councilor Carnine and approved unanimously.**

Councilor Harris reported at the recent South Park and Recreation committee meeting a discussion was held regarding the contracts with Gilliam County and Condon School District regarding the operation of the Condon Community Swimming Pool. The contract is to expire in mid-September. He stated that the committee was happy with the operations by the City of Condon and manager Molly Fatland. CA Greiner distributed the summary of operations to the council. A discussion was held regarding the review of funding annually, with Councilor Fatland stating that the SPAR committee recommends it stay the same. Councilor Fatland stated that Herschel Lantis has been doing maintenance and was doing this beyond his work as an employee at Condon School District. CA Greiner stated that she had a verbal agreement with former Condon School Superintendent Jan Zarate to use Lantis' time in exchange for the school district using the pool for PE in August and early September. Councilor Jamieson asked if Lantis was covered under the City's worker's compensation insurance and was reminded that a resolution covering volunteers was approved at the July meeting. It appears that the agreement was not communicated to Lantis, therefore the council directed CA Greiner to contact the new superintendent of Condon Schools to discuss the issue. Councilor Harris recommended that the contract be approved with Gilliam County for two years as written. The Council discussed Manager Molly Fatland's position and stated that it would be similar to other seasonal positions, but recommended her to continue her work at the swimming pool. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to continue the swimming pool contract for two more years as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Councilor Harris to approve the same contract with Condon School District for two more years. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jamieson and approved unanimously.**

The council briefly discussed the Gilliam County Cultural Coalition request to participate in their "Days of Culture" in October, and decided that CA Greiner will have a small presentation available on one of the days about the Main Street Project.

A resolution was presented to the council for a grant from ODOT to replace the sidewalk on the north side of Summit Street from Main to Oregon Street. **A motion was made by Councilor Harris to approve Resolution 2014-03 – Approving ODOT Special City Allotment Grant application. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS

PW Superintendent Durfey reported that his crew is continuing to work on the water connections on Oregon Street and preparing to pave the streets that have been disturbed by the public works

projects. He anticipates that they will pave approximately 2,200 feet within the next month, depending on Gilliam County road crew's schedule.

Officer Gubser provided a written report.

CA Greiner reported that the park renovation project totals are not completed due to waiting on the final invoices for the plantings to be paid. She also stated that she received a recommendation from the city's Park & Recreation committee to put a medallion in the center of the plaza with "Condon City Park – Est. 1932" and asked if she should proceed. There was some discussion regarding the date the park was established. **A motion was made by Councilor Stinchfield to approve the medallion with the wording of Condon City Park – Est. in 1932 or 1937 to be determined after further research. The motion was seconded by Councilor Carnine and approved unanimously.** CA Greiner also asked that a sign be placed on the restrooms regarding a welcome to the park and some park rules per a discussion with attendant Larry Moffit.

COUNCILOR INFORMATION

Councilors received Park & Recreation and Finance Committee meeting notes.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, September 4 2013, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

_____ Date _____
N. Dale Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ Date _____
Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator