

**City of Condon  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
September 4, 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 Dan Meader, Contract City Planner Will Carey, City Attorney

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**

Added an agreement reached with Dave Drinkwine for repairs to his grain elevators.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Catherine Lee stated that as a concerned citizen regarding the condition of the grain elevators (owned by Dave Drinkwine) and the dangerous condition of the tin falling off. She submitted pictures and a petition with nine signatures asking the city to use their ordinances to make the situation safe. She also requested that the city use the nuisance ordinance to make property owners make repairs due to safety concerns.

Marilyn Chase stated that she had concerns with the metal roof of one of her neighbors and that she had safety concerns of children riding their bikes on city sidewalks. Another complaint was of Kevin Fuller's property that she stated is littered with garbage and used lawnmowers.

Christina Bixel stated that she appreciated the council's time, and reiterated her support of allowing chickens within the City of Condon.

Sandra Myers asked if the council read the recent letter by Dave Jones in The Times-Journal and that she agreed with his statements within the letter. She also stated that she had no issue with allowing any animals in city limits and has had chicken that assisted with her limited income.

Dana Hohn stated supported allowing chickens in the city, but not the limitation that was stated in the proposed ordinance.

Jamie Aamodt asked for clarification of allowing chickens on buildable lots and if they must be on a lot with your home or another lot that did not have a building upon it.

Steve Shaffer asked if he could comment on the swimming pool contract with Gilliam County later in the meeting with the council agreeing to allowing his comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The councilors reviewed the August 7, 2013 Regular Council Minutes, and the August 2013 financial information. Councilor Donald Jamieson asked about Mighty Ripple Consulting, Mayor Thompson asked about supplies purchased at Two Boys Meat & Groceries for the shop, and Councilor Tom Fatland inquired of the \$200 check to Oregon DAS. CA Greiner stated that Elizabeth Farrar was Mighty Ripple Consulting and did work on the website; the Two Boys was for the bathroom at the shop; and DAS check was membership in Oregon's Cooperative Purchasing program. **A motion was made by councilor Dallas Harsin to approve the August 7, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 2013 financial statements subject to audit and verification. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fatland and approved unanimously.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was not Condon Chamber of Commerce report

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The council deliberated the animal ordinance as it has the first reading at the August meeting. Councilor Harsin stated that he was opposed to allowing chickens being raised on buildable lots and Councilor Jan Stinchfield agreed. Councilor Jamieson asked if some properties would be grandfathered in to allow chickens on lots that do not have residences with Attorney Will Carey stating that it would be considered a non-conforming use but the object would be to have the property to conform eventually. City Planner Dan Meader stated that it would be difficult to enumerate who would be on the list that would be grandfathered in. The council discussed the number of chickens and if they should be allowed on lots without residences, and asked for clarification on current ordinance. CA Greiner stated that the current ordinance only addressed dog issues and hogs and portions of the proposed ordinance would clarify the vote on allowing horses that was defeated in 1994. Discussion among councilors was also whether the sales of eggs would be allowed. The Mayor tabled the second reading of the ordinance and directed CA Greiner and Staff Planner Meader to come back to the August meeting with clarification on items relating to allowing the chickens within the city limits.

The council received an intergovernmental agreement from Gilliam County extending the funding of the Condon Community Swimming Pool until September 30, 2015. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Gilliam County for the swimming pool funding until September 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fatland and approved unanimously.**

The council also received an extension of the lease agreement for the Condon Swimming Pool facilities with the Condon School District. The changes to the original lease was to September 30, 2015 and allowing 25-30 hours of school district maintenance staff time in exchange for allowing the school to hold PE classes at the pool. **A motion was made by Councilor Boyd Harris to approve the extension of the lease agreement with Condon School District 25J. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

A State of Oregon Business Development Department Grant Contract was reviewed by the council for brownfield clean up at the city owned property on south Main Street. Councilor Jamieson asked if the cost is more than the grant if the city anticipated providing funds to complete the project. CA Greiner stated that in the original estimate of clean-up the cost was approximately \$40,000 and hiring an environmental engineer to oversee the project and the state coordinator added additional funds for a total grant of \$80,000. She stated that once the clean-up costs come in the council can evaluate if the cost exceeds the grant amounts. **A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to accept the State of Oregon Business Development Department Grant Contract. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fatland and approved unanimously.**

Mayor Thompson stated that an agreement had been reached with landowner Dave Drinkwine in regards to repair of the tin on his grain elevators in the north portion of the city. Councilor Jamieson asked City Attorney Carey if the city would be liable for a person hurt by the tin that has come off the elevator, with Carey stating that the landowner would be responsible.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

PW Superintendent Durfey reported that his crew is continuing to work on the sewer line improvement and that with a purchase of a pipe laser to determine grade that it has speeded up the process. He noted that approximately 900 feet of sewer line has been replaced.

Officer Gubser provided a written report.

CA Greiner stated that the city's auditor's will do their field work Sept. 16-18; that a worker's compensation audit was scheduled for the next day; that the Special City Allotment grant for the sidewalk on the north side of Summit Street from Main to Oregon Streets has been submitted; there will be a town hall by Senator Merkley Sept. 14 at the Gilliam County Library; and that everyone is invited to the grand opening of Cottonwood Canyon State Park Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. CA Greiner also stated that she attended an ODOT meeting Monday, August 26 regarding the STIP funds for our region and that included a sidewalk project in Condon connecting the clinic and north end of Condon to the Condon Grade School. She stated that we were recommended not to be included in the funding of our region unless a project in The Dalles received additional state funding but will not know if this is successful until later this month. Sherman County Judge Gary Thompson will represent our region at a Super ACT (Area Commission on Transportation) meeting in Bend at the end of September.

**COUNCILOR INFORMATION**

Councilors received the city administrator position description and an evaluation form.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 7 p.m.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51p.m.

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N. Dale Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator