

**City of Condon
Budget Hearing & Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2014
7 p.m.**

Present:	Staff Present:
Mayor N. Dale Thompson Councilor Jan Stinchfield Councilor Dallas Harsin Councilor Donald Jamieson (arrived 7:02) Councilor Terri Carnine Councilor Boyd Harris	Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator William Gubser, Senior Police Officer Larry Durfey, Public Works Superintendent

Absent:
Councilor Thomas Fatland

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 for military personnel.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2014-15 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Thompson opened the 2014-15 Budget Hearing at 7:01. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Additions to the agenda included cell tower discussion and Condon-Wheeler Knights basketball camp funding request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Donald Jamieson to approve the April 14, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jan Stinchfield and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Councilor Dallas Harsin to approve the May 7, 2014 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.

CA Greiner noted that the financials were for review only, and that the VISA account was compromised and the city is awaiting new cards.

OLD BUSINESS

CA Greiner reported that the ad for the city police position would be completed this month and advertising would start in July.

NEW BUSINESS

Erwin Swetnam of Waste Connections, Inc. was present to discuss a request to raise the garbage rates by 1.9% starting July 1, 2014. He stated increases in employee health care costs and general truck and equipment costs, plus decrease in funds received for recycling commodities was a factor in the request. He said that insurance costs have gone up approximately 20% and their employees pay between \$350 and \$400 a month toward that costs for a family. The truck maintenance includes increases in fuel and tire costs. Swetnam said that Waste Connections does not receive any funds for recycled products but they still haul and process them for the city. In answers to council's questions, he stated that the number of customers in Condon has remained steady and they do not have different rates for customers that live in or out of Condon. **A motion was made by Councilor Terri Carnine to approve the 1.9% increase in fees requested by Waste Connections. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harsin and approved unanimously.**

A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approved Resolution 2014-07-A Resolution Adopting the 2014-15 Budget, Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing the Tax. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boyd Harris and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to approved Resolution 2014-08-A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jamieson and approved unanimously.

CA Greiner presented a real estate agreement for Mountain Valley Land Company Realtors with Lee Docken as principal broker for the city owned property at 228/234 S. Main Street. Councilor Harris declared a conflict of interest and recuses himself from the room. CA Greiner explained that city attorney Will Carey has reviewed the document and made several changes that included the contract time of six months. She asked the council what price they would like to put on the property. After a short discussion the council asked that the price be \$135,000 for the property. **A motion was made by Councilor Harsin to proceed with the real estate process with the signing of the agreement with Mountain Valley Land Company for the price of \$135,000. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jamieson and approved unanimously.** Councilor Harris returned to the room and table for the remainder of the meeting.

Jonna McKay presented a request of \$1,000 from the city's park & recreation funds for a summer arts program at her studio on Main Street. McKay said that she currently has 25 kids in an after school program and she intends to try and avoid conflicts with the library program and swimming pool hours. She said that if she gets the grant she will begin next week and hopes to have an art show on July 4 at her studio. CA Greiner stated that there is \$1000 left in the park & recreation fund, but there is also a request from the basketball team for \$400. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve \$1,000 to Jonna McKay for her summer arts program. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris and approved unanimously.**

CA Greiner presented the Barrera agreement and said that Will Carey had written it with a 6% interest rate on the cost of the street development. After a short discussion it was the consensus of the council to set the rate at 2% and for CA Greiner and bring it back with the "not to exceed" amount for the street development for council approval at the July meeting.

CA Greiner distributed to the council an email and map from Julie Schaffer of Crown Castle that purchased the lease from ATT for the cell tower land near the sewer plant, to expand the land amount with additional money. She stated that the original lease was more per square feet and suggested that the council ask for \$500 a month instead of the \$400 per month as suggested by Schaffer. The council directed CA Greiner to move forward with plans to lease property to Crown Castle at the cell tower site.

Teresa Humphrey emailed a letter to the council requesting \$400 for assistance with a basketball camp to be held June 12 at the Condon Grade School for kids grades 6th-12th. CA Greiner explained that there are funds available from the city's portion of the transient tax since there were no more funds from the park & recreation fund. **A motion was made by Councilor Harris to approve \$400 to the Condon School District for a basketball per Teresa Humphrey's request. The motion was seconded by Councilor Carnine and approved unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS

PW Durfey reported that the paving in the city will begin July 14 and is anticipated to last 2-3 days. Engineers suggested that the city loop the water line on Spring Street, so the crew will begin that process soon and go down McKinley near the road that the Barrera's will develop. He said that the notice to proceed for the wastewater project has been signed and the contractor is scheduled to begin laying pipe June 9. PW Durfey also stated that we are having issues with people leaving garbage at the recycle depot or in the bins at that location. He suggested that if this does not improve that the recycle bins will be moved out to the transfer station on Brown Lane and will only be the same hours as the transfer station.

Officer Gubser provided a written report. Heard that the planter at Murray's was damaged and due to not being on the salary schedule the insurance will not pay for repairs. CA Greiner stated that she is looking into getting it repaired.

CA Greiner reported that the community swimming pool is opening June 15 and the last lifeguard is being certified this coming weekend. She also stated that the Gilliam County Court approved approximately \$10,600 in South Gilliam County Special project funds for larger maintenance project and for a new solar cover. She distributed a letter from Robyn Johnson to the council regarding pool operations and they directed her to send to pool manager Molly Fatland to respond.

COUNCILOR INFORMATION

Councilors received letter sent to the Port of Arlington and an election calendar.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, July 2, 2014, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

_____ Date _____
N. Dale Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ Date _____
Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator