

**City of Condon  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2015  
7 p.m.**

Present:	Staff Present:
Mayor Jim Hassing Councilor Donald Jamieson Councilor Michael Cronk Councilor Boyd Harris Councilor Terri Carnine Councilor Jan Stinchfield Councilor Tom Fatland	Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator Larry Durfey, Public Works Superintendent

Absent:
None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jim Hassing called the meeting to order at 7p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Added to the agenda to approve Special and Executive session minutes of April 6, 2015, and a street closure request of Amy Hatley.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilor Boyd Harris to approve the April 1, 2015 regular council minutes, April 6, 2015 Special and Executive Session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Donald Jamieson and approved unanimously.** Councilor Jamieson asked if the Home Telephone bill was higher and CA Greiner stated that it is slightly less than the TDS Telecom bill. Councilor Tom Fatland inquired of the cost of the Masonic Hall electric meter replacement with CA Greiner stating that there used to be two meters to City Hall and they were combined as the city uses the upstairs for meetings. The Masons contributed \$500 toward the

cost of the replacement and Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative waived the fee of John Irzyk during this replacement of a cost of over \$350.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No update at this time with the water extension to the airport.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Erwin Swetnam, District Manager of Waste Connections, Inc. was present to discuss the annual CPI rate increase request of garbage services for Condon customers are required by the franchise agreement. Swetnam stated that they were asking 2.4% due to increases in health and benefit packages for employees, starting wage increase and general truck maintenance costs. He stated that Waste Connections loses \$30 a ton on recyclable commodities. Councilor Harris questioned the recycling method of comingling items and the need for more containers at the depot. Swetnam stated that they had returned a container with a lid for the cardboard recycle bin and that the items by law must be recycled not taken to the landfill. If there were more sorting at the local recycle depot it would increase the cost of transportation and require more bins. **A motion was made by Councilor Tom Fatland to approve the 2.4% increase of Waste Connections fees charged from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jamieson and approved unanimously.**

A letter was given to the council from Lee Docken who is the listing agent for the city's property at 228/234 S. Main Street stating that there were two interested parties but no offers have been submitted. Councilor Harris stated that he had a potential conflict of interest with working with Docken. Mac Stinchfield a representative of one of the parties interested in the parties stated that his group is asking if the city would be interested in selling the back bare lots of the property separate from the building. He stated that his group is a for-profit group and the property would go back on the tax rolls and create jobs. Councilor Jamieson was concerned that it would cut off the back access to the building and devalue the property with the division. Sandy McKay representing another interested party stated that their interest is with the building being demolished and asked if the city had gotten a quote of cost of demolition. Councilor Terri Carnine stated that the council was not interested in spending any more money on that property. Councilors expressed interest in selling but directed CA Greiner to contact Docken and ask him to give an evaluation of the property if separated into two parcels.

CA Greiner stated that the Main Street Project contract with Bart Danielson expired March 31, 2015 and he has asked for an extension to September 30, 2015. **A motion was made by Councilor Harris to approve the Main Street Project contract deadline for Bart Danielson to September 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fatland and approved unanimously.**

The council received the Personnel Committee notes and tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

The city's fee schedule was presented with revisions to the white goods and unscheduled trips to the transfer station included along with equipment rental rates. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve Resolution 2015-07 – City of Condon General Fee Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jan Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

A request was made by Amy Hatley to close Gilliam Street between East and Washington for her wedding August 22, 2015. The council discussed if alcohol was going to be served it was approved by the council and OLCC regulations must be done, and to alert the police and fire departments of the closure. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to grant the request to close Gilliam Street between East and Washington streets contingent that if alcohol is served they provide the needed liability and other necessary city forms and approval of the fire and police departments. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Scobert is out on medical leave and no report was given.

PW Durfey reported that the city has received the new mini-excavator and have used on several projects that their other equipment was unable to do. He said that the current wastewater project has been completed and they will now move to their water project on Frazier Street that will extend from Main to A Street. He estimates there are 30 services on this project and will encompass five blocks. PW crew is also assisting the South Gilliam Rural Fire Protection District in their construction of their new fire hall on North Main Street by providing the work to get the new water and sewer service to their lot. PW Durfey said that the quarter arm of the pivot has been removed and the irrigation system has started. He anticipates a shorter irrigation system due to the improved wastewater collection system that has been installed. ML Houck Construction is nearing completion of the wastewater collection project with just the walk through and punch list to be completed.

CA Greiner reported that she is working with Home Telephone to accurately receive franchise fees and they are getting closer after a letter was drafted from Will Carey. She reminded the council that the Community Clean-up is Friday, May 15 and volunteers are welcome to participate from 9 a.m. – noon. She is also finalizing the facilities use forms and starting to review the employee handbook.

## **COUNCILOR INFORMATION**

Council received an EMS Celebration week flyer from North Gilliam County Health District and the letter to Condon School District regarding the music grant.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 7 p.m. The meeting will begin with the budget hearing on June 3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Jim Hassing, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator