

**City of Condon
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2015
7 p.m.**

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

Absent:
None

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilor Boyd Harris asked to add the “Moment of Silence” back to the agenda in light of the recent shooting in California.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Hassing asked for a moment of silence in regards to recent shooting in California.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Tom Fatland to approve the Regular minutes of the November 4, 2015 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Donald Jamieson and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Glen Kerns of Accuity, LLC. Presented the 2014-15 audit by teleconference. Kerns stated that the audit was issued with an “unmodified opinion” or a clean opinion. Significant change in the audit was due to GASB 68 which requires the financial statements to report PERS information. In the prior audit the city had a retirement liability of approximately negative \$220,000 and this year it was a positive \$94,000. He anticipates it will swing back to the negative status next year. This also required additional notes to the financial statements. Kerns went over the balance sheet and income statement that showed that the city was in good position. He also stated that the city has complied with all state law requirements of contracting and budgeting. The management letter stated that the internal controls showed a lack of segregation of duties due to the limited staff and that would not change unless more staff was hired to take over some of the financial responsibilities. Previous difficulties of the prior year were “cleaned up” and the auditors had no issues or difficulties in performing the audit.

The council was provided an outline of legal services relative to fiber/internet access services from Beery Elsner & Hammond LLP with Nancy Werner being the primary contact. **A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to hire special legal counsel of Beery Elsner & Hammond for fiber and telecommunications services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fatland and approved unanimously**

The council received the notes from the Fiber Committee meeting November 23. CA Greiner stated that Deedee Kluser of Oretelco had contacted her and stated that the engineering costs would be approximately \$30,000 and it would have to be determined who is going to pay these costs. CA Greiner was directed to contact Centurytel regarding the availability of purchasing fiber broadband internet and she had a response from Barbara Young that she was gathering the information and would contact her the first week in December. CA Greiner will contact Nancy Werner to move forward with the engineering cost discussion in the next two days.

CA Greiner presented a resolution adding the budget committee and recycle depot volunteer per the insurance company’s request. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve Resolution 2016-05 – A Volunteer Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terri Carnine and approved unanimously.**

The council received a draft ordinance regarding the city’s ability to ban marijuana production and sales due to the fact that Gilliam County did not approve Measure 91 that legalized marijuana in November 2014. CA Greiner stated that this must be passed no later than December 24, 2015 or it could be referred to the voters at a later date. Councilor Harris stated that the ordinance did not reflect what was voted on in Measure 91. Chief Scobert noted that at the public hearing earlier in the day at Gilliam County court meeting heard testimony regarding allowing a testing facility and that most of the testimony stated that it would not allow economic opportunities in the marijuana business. CA Greiner distributed a handout regarding the law from the League of Oregon Cities and also the area that it was not allowed in Condon due to being within 1,000 feet of public school property. She also explained that if the city passed the ordinance none of the tax collected on marijuana sales would be received by the city. She did state that the amounts would be minimal. Councilor Jamieson said that he has not been approached by any resident that has an

opinion on the marijuana sales and production. Councilor Fatland asked if they were required to act on the Ordinance and noted that part of the ordinance he was not comfortable with voting on. Chief Scobert stated that there are few places currently that would allow a marijuana business due to the law, but if someone did come in without the ordinance ban in place and meet all the requirements, then you cannot enact laws to disallow after the fact. The Ordinance died for a lack of a motion.

STAFF REPORTS

PW Durfey reported that he is working on the cooperative pricing agreement on the generator discussed at the November meeting and will continue to follow up. The staff has completed installing the retaining blocks on the sidewalk project on Summit Street and by using the NORCOR crew has cleaned the wet well at City Farm. PW Durfey stated that they believe they have found the leak in the wet well and additional maintenance items that will need to be completed there next winter. He also said that the work to obtain easements between Frazer and Well streets is continuing.

Police Chief Scobert reported the police Trailblazer vehicle is going in for repairs and that all has been quiet

CA Greiner distributed the summary of the ODOT STIP 2018-21 grants that she just received and the number of submissions has gone down considerably giving them a much better opportunity of being funded. The grant would cover sidewalks on North Main Street, plus along Walnut and East streets. The match is \$100,000 and she explained that she took that from the council's priority of sidewalks of \$50,000 a year. She reported that the PERS rates are expected to see major increase over the next four years and asked for RSVPs to the Christmas party on December 17.

COUNCILOR INFORMATION

The council received preliminary census count from Portland State University and the Park and Recreation notes from their November 4 meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

_____ Date _____
Jim Hassing, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ Date _____
Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator