

**City of Condon
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2016
7 p.m.**

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

Absent:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Hassing called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Hassing asked for a moment of silence.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Hassing replaced the Burning Barrel Open Golf Tournament request with a request from the Gilliam County Fairboard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Bold of the Condon Child Care reported that they are moving forward rather quickly on their new center just north of Condon High School. She asked for a letter of support for their grant applications with the goal of opening it in 2017. Bold stated that the majority of funding will be from foundations. Bold stated that she is willing to come back to the council for a full presentation in March and that they group anticipates going to the city's Planning Commission in April 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Tom Fatland to approve the Regular minutes of the January 6, 2016 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Donald Jamieson and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2016 retreat. The motion as seconded by Councilor Jan Stinchfield and approved unanimously.

Councilor Tom Fatland asked about the VISA charges of Northern Tool with PW Durfey stating that it was for shop equipment. Jim Hassing asked about a charge to New Egg and CA Greiner stated it was for a new computer for the utility billing.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Jamieson stated that he, Councilor Stinchfield and CA Greiner attended an USDA broadband conference in Bend, and although it did not show promise in funding options, it did provide good connections of companies and individuals in the broadband industry. He also noted that a written plan was a suggestion of several to provide guidance to the group. Councilor Stinchfield added that a portion of the plan would be to conduct a survey of Condon residents of their need and affordability issues of local broadband. She added that people there were responsive to Condon's need for high speed. CA Greiner noted that following up the issue of fiber from January's meeting, a letter to state legislatures on the east side of the Cascades was on the table and will be signed and mailed this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Wyatt Baum was introduced as the City of Condon new legal counsel. He is a partner is Baum Smith Attorneys at Law based in La Grande.

The revised contract with R.S. Davis Recycling was presented to the council to account for the fluctuating cost of metal. Baum prepared the contract that review prices at a minimum annually from the current \$20 a ton. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve the metal recycling contract with R.S. Davis Recycling. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boyd Harris and approved unanimously.**

Council reviewed the 2016 Goals & Priorities that were set at the council retreat in January. One change was made to the sidewalk priority on Walnut between Main and Oregon Streets that it has been completed. Therefore, there are only three priorities and they all moved up after the other sidewalk project was taken off. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve the 2016 Goals and Priorities. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Cronk and approved unanimously.** Councilor Jamieson asked PW Durfey if there was sufficient funds in the manhole line item for future repairs or additions. CA Greiner estimated \$30,000-\$40,000 in that line item which PW Durfey stated that was more than adequate.

A motion was made by Councilor Jamieson to approve the Gilliam County Fairboard's request for \$750 to assist with the funding for the midway events at the fair. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terri Carnine and approved unanimously.

Mike Avent's request for Main Street Program funds was re-presented with a construction cost of \$120,561.62 for three sides of the structure on North Main Street. Council concerns of the ability to occupy the building with the façade improvements was asked of Baum and he stated that a

clause could be put into the Main Street Project contract that prior to the project moving forward there needs to be some reassurance that it could house people or businesses. Councilor Jamieson asked if the west side of the building was eligible, with CA Greiner stating that it was approved by the Historical Review Committee but that did not tie the council to doing that side. Councilor Fatland stated that they did the west side for the building on the adjoining lot. **A motion was made by Councilor Fatland to approve the construction amount of \$120, 562 for Mike Avent contingent with the stipulation that the contract contain a clause to show proof that the building could be inhabited once the rehabilitation was completed. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stinchfield and approved unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS

PW Durfey reported that the crew had pulled the motor, made repairs and re-installed in the last couple of months at City Farm. He noted that the crew is currently working at City Farm to widen the road behind the pump house to alleviate rocks rolling down to the building and to prepare for the new generator. In December PW Durfey reviewed council minutes from 1906-1922 and learned that there is still a lot of pipe in the ground that was installed in that era. He also noted that the reservoirs were also aging as they were built in that era. Councilor Fatland inquired if the situation with Vince Hill on West Cottonwood Road has been resolved with PW Durfey stating that it appears the leak still exists and they are working with Baum to determine how to cut the water use at that location.

Police Chief Scobert reported he had a good month and that the recent leadership conference he went to was “excellent”. He added that he has been busy with local calls and participated in the school’s emergency training for students.

CA Greiner reported that in response to Councilor Jamieson’s request of the legalities of using the 1937 fire truck that the insurance company no longer had it on their inventory and if used it needs to be insured. Also reported was that the playground has been ordered for the City Park and \$30,000 of Gilliam County funds had been received for it; asked that Vernon Grey would like to hear councilors thoughts on the City Hall renovation in working hours; and that the issue of legalities if industrial hemp could be grown on the city pivot.

COUNCILOR INFORMATION

The council received letter to state legislatures in support of Frontier Regional 911 center and a letter of appreciation to former city attorney Will Carey.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

_____ Date _____
Jim Hassing, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ Date _____
Kathryn Greiner, City Administrator