

**City of Condon
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2016
7 p.m.**

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

Absent:
Councilor Terri Carnine

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

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Tom Fatland to approve the regular minutes of the October 5, 2016 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Donald Jamieson and approved unanimously.

Councilor Fatland asked about

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Jan Stinchfield stated that the Fiber Committee realized through the RFP process that the biggest hurdle was the middle mile to Condon to reach the city's broadband goals. The committee recommended to put the RFPs on hold until the city solved the middle mile issue. She said that a letter was drafted to the Gilliam County court and distributed to councilors regarding a proposed partnership between city and county to build the middle mile. With this partnership it would retain ownership and decision making control of the middle mile based on the financial contributions of each entity. The committee felt that Frontier Telenet's ownership would allow partners outside of Gilliam County to make decisions on a county investment. The committee concluded it was in the best interest of the residents to maintain local ownership. Councilor Jamieson added that discussions with industry professionals at a recent telecommunication conference he attended in Hood River said that there is a possibility of future revenue for the owners of the middle mile. Councilor Fatland asked who would administer and maintain the line with Councilor Jamieson adding that this would be details worked out with telecommunication attorney. Councilor Jamieson added that the letter to the Gilliam County court opens the conversation of a partnership. There was a brief discussion if the middle mile could be run aerially, with Councilor Stinchfield stating that although the committee has been told by Frontier TeleNet that they must have buried fiber for security reasons to PSAP, the committee received an email that there are no state or federal laws that require buried fiber to call centers. CA Greiner read an email from David Soloos, of the State of Oregon that said that speaking with Mark Tennyson, State of Oregon 911 coordinator, there is no state or federal or other requirement to bury fiber optic cables, coaxial cables, or copper wires to PSAPS. In this email it was also noted that most cables and wires are aerial. CA Greiner added that this email was copied to April Stream of Frontier 911 and she affirmed that she was unaware of any requirements of buried fiber to PSAPs. CA Greiner noted that the Fiber Committee has been diligent in their research, and it look as if Frontier TeleNet would model Sherman County's fiber build in Gilliam County. This would exchange ownership for the cost of maintenance and broadband transport. It was the consensus of the council to have Mayor Hassing sign the letter and send to the Gilliam County Court the following day.

Councilors received the complete Request for Proposals for the City Hall remodel and acoustic improvement in Memorial Hall from Pillar Consulting Group, Inc. and LRS Architects. CA Greiner reminded them that due to the short turn around they were not required to make a decision at this time. She did include a spreadsheet of the proposed costs and tasks of each company. Councilor Jamieson said that it was hard to make a decision when the proposals were not easy to compare. After a brief discussion the RFPs were tabled until the council provided some questions to each respondent and will be discussed and awarded at the December 7 council meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Scobert said that he received a report of gun shots fired on Halloween night but was unable to locate any such activity. He said that the Main Street trick-or-treat was a success and there were not many kids out after that event ended. Chief Scobert participated in the recent Safety Fair at the new fire hall on North Main Street that was well attended. He ticketed a resident that had been causing issues with riding a dirt bike in northwest Condon and had attended the telecommunication conference in Hood River.

PW Superintendent Larry Durfey reported that public works crew continues to work on water line on Highway 19 from Main to Washington Street and prepares to tie into the 10-inch line. ODOT
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assisted with the project when on the highway and patched it as it has proven difficult to get paving companies to come to Condon. He stated that the fence has been erected at the recycle depot site. It was a conversation of the council that the hours published in The Times-Journal by a press release from CA Greiner were not discussed and suggested that they remain the same as current transfer station hours. They also requested that the recycle depot be manned by city staff

or volunteers. CA Greiner stated that he misunderstood that the council wanted it open at all times but put the hours during business hours so city staff could lock or unlock the gates. After further discussion CA Greiner will correct the hours to coincide with transfer station hours and contact recycle volunteer to see if would continue her work at the in-town location. Also discussed was proper signage. PW Durfey said that the stop sign has not been put up at the intersection of Oregon and Frazier as requested last month by Guy Whatley, but this will be completed in the near future. He also stated that due to a power line issue, the new generator at City Farm has run and works well.

CA Greiner reported that the building at the transfer station for e-cycle is to be completed by this week, thanked the council for allowing the Condon-Wheeler cross country team to use the golf course on Oct. 21 for their first ever home meet, and would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting in the next two weeks to discuss golf shed rental and other fee schedule items. CA Greiner said that she recently attended a meeting to plan for a solar eclipse part August 21, 2017 at the golf course. She will bring back more details at the December council meeting. She did ask the council to consider finding funds to assist with this event in the next fiscal year.

COUNCILOR INFORMATION

Council received information on planning commission meeting to be held November 15, 2016, 6 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting set for Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

_____ Date _____
Jim Hassing, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Date _____
Kathryn Greiner City Administrator