



CASCADE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

FIRST REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2016

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Terry called to order the first regular meeting of the Cascade City Council on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Cascade City Hall.

The following councilors were present: Debbie Haskins, Rachel Huckaby, Kathy Hull, and Judy Nissula.

Also present were the following city officials: Airport Manager Ray Arnold, Police Chief Randall Freeman, Public Works Superintendent Stephen Yamamoto, Library Valerie Stewart-Rice, and Clerk/Treasurer Shay Tyler.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made by Debbie Haskins to amend the agenda to add “the swearing in of the council members.” The reason for the addition is it was mistakenly not included; Kathy Hull seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Debbie Haskins, yes; Rachel Huckaby, yes; Kathy Hull, yes; Judy Nissula, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Debbie Haskins to approve the Cascade City Council minutes, second regular meeting dated Monday, December 28, 2015 with correction; Judy Nissula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Debbie Haskins, yes; Rachel Huckaby, yes; Kathy Hull, yes; Judy Nissula, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Kathy Hull brought up the question of why are we still using Kennedy Fuel when the bid was awarded to Howdy's? The reason given was that Kennedy was cheaper for diesel and Shell does not have dyed diesel available plus Kennedy is easier to pull the big equipment into. It was brought up that there is no difference between the two fuels other than the dye is put in show it is not subject to road tax. Shell does not charge us tax on the diesel. She then questioned why we go through a bid process if we don't honor the bid. A

discussion ensued but no decision came of it. It was suggested to put it on the next agenda.

A motion was made by Debbie Haskins to approve the payment of the bills on the unpaid invoice report dated January 8, 2016, in the amount of \$19,596.93; Rachel Huckaby seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Debbie Haskins, yes; Rachel Huckaby, yes; Kathy Hull, yes; Judy Nissula, yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Judy Nissula, Debbie Haskins, and Rachel Huckaby were sworn in as Council Members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Airport

Ray Arnold reported it has been a busy month but it has mostly been about snow removal. All the lights are working and the only issue was a repair to a snow blower. Everything is doing well.

Building

No report.

Fire Department

No report.

Library

Valerie Stewart reported that circulation has gone up 462 compared to last year, children's up 408; total circulation for the quarter was up 870 comparatively and the total patron visits were 339 visitors. There was a large donation of self-help books that she was able to sell on Amazon netting \$78.98 for the library. From the last storm, Valerie spent 4 hours shoveling the walks. She brought up the fact that all but one person is 50+ years old so it is a difficult chore. She asked if Steve could use the snow equipment to do the sidewalks if it was possible.

Police

Department report from Randall Freeman—worked with business owners this last month on sidewalk snow removal. They passed the audit through ILETs for the criminal history database. City officers participated with the Valley County officers to deliver presents from the Giving Tree. Randy shared that the Village of Cascade was incorporated in July 13, 1917 and felt we should start planning for a 100-year anniversary celebration.

Public Works

Steve stated they have been busy plowing snow off the streets. They did have a break in the weather that allowed them to go back through and widen the roads as well as spread sand.

Snow Removal on Sidewalks

Rob reported that Steve and Randy went around and talked to the business owners about their sidewalks. There was discussion regarding Valerie's request for sidewalk assistance for the library. Steve said they would help if they had time but the council felt it was ultimately the library's responsibility. Judy Nissula said she would help if someone would let her know.

Mosquito Abatement Presentation

Breanne Haskins, for a class assignment, created and shared a video presentation on Mosquito Abatement for Cascade. She stated that after additional research, learned that annexing with Donnelly's existing program would be more cost effective than what she originally concluded in the video presentation. She was asked to send a copy of the video to the city. Rob Terry shared that he has been in contact with County Commissioners and they authorized the county attorney to do some preliminary investigation (who has yet to come up with some final reports on Cascade joining Donnelly's Mosquito Abatement District. It looks possible and only needs some final follow up.)

Sports Park Master Plan Discussion

Through the collaboration effort a month ago between Pal Sartori and the City, a map was created of the Sports Park area outlining the different needs and locations of those needs and was on display for the Council. There was a discussion of the different areas and how to accommodate them. The school district was contemplating passing a bond to create a sports area for the school but it would require them to own the property. However, Rob would like to see various entities, grants, etc. come together to work cooperatively to make this happen. Pal felt it was good for the community to come together but also expressed concerns about how long will it take and if the funding and resources would be available. He shared that the potential of property acquisition at the white water park has not been solidified but there is a verbal agreement with the owners that the school district will be given an opportunity as long as it is used for a sports complex. More discussion ensued regarding the history of how the sports park came about, the desire of seeing it completed, how to achieve that goal, and funding options. Judy Nissula and Kathy Hull have volunteered to represent the sports park project to the school board as there are new members since the last presentation.

Discussion of the Partial Closure of Dam Road

There have been road blockades put in place on a small section of Dam Road due to safety concerns and to prevent people from driving through the area between the dam to the Reclamation office. It has not been plowed and people are getting stuck. Kathy Hull expressed concern as to why we are not plowing that part of the road since we always have in the past and how it looks bad on the city. There was a discussion about the road not being ours and whose responsibility it is to maintain it. The feeling was that for this season, it will be left unplowed.

Request for Qualifications for Airport Master Plan

The FAA rules stipulate that we must put out for bid an engineer for a planning study. An advertisement needs to be put in the paper. Part of the advertising process is to invite minority and women owned companies to participate. There needs to be a 3-person committee to select the engineer and Rob will check into who these people need to be so we don't run into a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Judy Nissula to move forward on the RFQ Airport Master Plan to go through the steps as indicated by Gary Gates with the FAA to publish the RFQ for professional services for the airport; Debbie Haskins seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Debbie Haskins, yes; Rachel Huckaby, yes; Kathy Hull, yes; Judy Nissula, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Report

Mayor Terry's report:

- The temporary assistant, Tashina, has quit as she decided to go back to school. There was a discussion of whether to put out an advertisement, or if some of the council members could spend a little time helping with sorting, etc.
- Flap Grants to the Lakeshore project is slowly moving along. There will be conference calls every Wednesday until goals are met. There some confusion on the maps for the project so there needs to be some communication.
- Dan Hand had a \$15,000 grant to do an analysis on the Geothermal Heating District and his study is complete.

Executive Sessions – 74-206(1) (b) –

A motion was made by Debbie Haskins to go into executive session under code 74-206(1) (b); Judy Nissula seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Debbie Haskins, yes; Rachel Huckaby, yes; Kathy Hull, yes; Judy Nissula, yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Debbie Haskins to come out of executive session; Judy Nissula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Judy Nissula, yes; Kathy Hull, yes; Debbie Haskins, yes; Rachel Huckaby, yes. Motion carried. No decisions made.

There being no further business, the first regular city council meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shay Tyler, Clerk / Treasurer

Approved:

Rob Terry, Mayor

Attested by,

Shay Tyler