

CITY OF PRINEVILLE

MINUTES

May 27, 2008

The meeting of the Prineville City Council was called to order on May 27, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall by Mayor Wendel. Present were Council Members Steve Uffelman, Betty Roppe, Steve Ilk, Dean Noyes, Jack Sealy, Gordon Gillespie and City Manager Robb Corbett.

Present representing the press media were Kevin Gaboury and Shelby Case of the Central Oregonian.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

City Manager, Robb Corbett stated the Budget message was omitted and have noticed a public meeting for the Budget Committee to receive the Budget message. Mr. Corbett asked the Council to insert that item into the agenda. Mr. Corbett asked that the Budget message be heard after the Consent Agenda. Lastly, Mr. Corbett stated Council Member Betty Roppe requested item C under Council business be discussed regarding use of city credit cards. Council Member Steve Uffelman requested to modify the sequence of the agenda and move Visitors, Appearances, and Request below Council business and move Council Business item to follow consent agenda item

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes of May 13, 2008, regular meeting.

Council Member Betty Roppe moved to approve consent agenda as amended.

Council Member Dean Noyes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET MESSAGE:

Mayor, Mike Wendel called the Budget Meeting to order. City Manager, Robb Corbett read the Budget Message. Mayor, Mike Wendel closed the budget meeting.

Council Member Steve Uffelman moved to terminate Robb Corbett based on a vote of no confidence. Mayor, Mike Wendel asked City Attorney, Carl Dutli if that was a proper motion. Carl Dutli responded by saying yes it was a proper motion.

Council Member Steve Elk seconded, and discussion began. Council Member Betty Roppe stated she would like to have an Executive Session scheduled to discuss the matter. She noted the Council would have to give 24 hour notice prior to the session. Gordon Gillespie and Jack Sealy agreed that they would like to discuss the issue further in an Executive session.

The Mayor asked if the Council understood the motion. Everyone agreed.

The vote was 4-3 with (4) four "aye" votes cast by, Steve Uffelman, Dean Noyes, Steve Elk, and Mayor Mike Wendel. The (3) three "naye" votes were cast by Betty Roppe, Jack Sealy, and Gordon Gillespie.

City Manager Robb Corbett responded by thanking the City Council for the opportunity for leading the City for the past 4-1/2 years. He stated he had all of the faith and confidence in the team and the team being left behind would do great things for the City in the future.

PROPOSED PLANNING FEE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION:

Community Development Director, Ricky Sites presented the proposed User Fee Schedule. Discussion began. Council Member Betty Roppe asked the mayor to confirm to the public that agenda item # six and seven were reversed on the agenda. It was noted Visitors, Appearances, and Requests would be the next agenda item after council business was heard. Community Development Director, Ricky Sites continued with discussion pertaining to the proposed fee schedule. After discussion, the Council agreed to a graduated increase over a three year period. The Council's decision was to take the proposed fee schedule to the Budget Committee for their review.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF PRINEVILLE MONTHLY UPDATE-JASON CARR

Mayor, Mike Wendel confirmed Jason Carr, Economic Development Director of Prineville would not be attending the meeting. The meeting for the monthly update was rescheduled for the meeting of June 10, 2008.

CREDIT CARD POLICY DISCUSSION

Discussion began. Carl Dulti, City Attorney passed out changes to the Council for their review. Council member Betty Roppe requested that the changes be reviewed and brought back to the City Council at the next scheduled meeting of June 10, 2008. Steve Elk requested to add to the policy, that all alcohol will not be paid for by the City.

Council Member Betty Roppe moved for the person in position of City Recorder is bondable.

VISITORS, APPEARANCES, REQUESTS:

Jim Mole, residing at 1070 NW 10th Street, Prineville OR. Mr. Mole thanked the Council for the termination of City Manager, Robb Corbett. Jim Mole stated he went on the internet and read information stating the railroad manager with benefits makes \$146,000 a year. The railroad consultant makes \$3,000 a month. The reload manager makes \$53,938 a year. He noted year-to-date the railroad has lost \$346,000 and the Freight Depot has lost \$52,863.00.

Liz Schuette, Finance Director stated "she wanted to celebrate Robb Corbett today for everything that he has done for the City and the way he did it, with honesty and integrity." "The City is fortunate to have him as a leader and we are all proud to be his staff."

Scott Edelman, residing at 1662 NW Ivy Ave. Redmond OR. He stated, "He was not part of this community, but it does not mean I do not love this community." "I have worked here a short time but this is the place that I love working and wish I could live in. "Current circumstances do not allow it." "I hope this will be a short term goal to live here as well. Until tonight this was a dream for me, this City, this Council, Planning Commission everything about this job." "My co-workers, my bosses."

"Tonight, you fired the best boss I have ever had." "I worked for four executive directors and three City Managers none of had the integrity or the personal relationship with staff that Robb Corbett has had." "I respect your position and I respect that you represent the community who I am honored to work for." He noted the City Council had received letters from multiple staff members expressing support. "Robb Corbett got a "vote of confidence from staff and from a large number of staff and I was one of those." "Firing him was a vote of no-confidence of staff. "I will speak for me and for the staff under me." "We will do our best to restore your confidence in us." I do feel you made a mistake that you fired Robb Corbett tonight."

Dick Brown, Planning Consultant, Far West Real Estate, located at 296 S Main Street, Prineville. Mr. Brown cautioned the Council on the new proposed fee schedule. He stated the City may not increase fee revenues but may decrease the fee revenues. Because the fees as they are proposed would increase the basic planning permit fees on a single subdivision from \$30,000 to \$127,000. Mr. Brown asked the Council to consider how much they increase the fees, because the housing market is really tight. Mr. Brown noted "when you do things to shut down the housing market you effect the construction trades, cut down additional residences that spend money at commercial stores." "It is a mushrooming effect." "Do not price us out of the market, because the market is really critical right now."

Don Wood, residing at 327 NE Elm Street, Prineville. Mr. Wood discussed two issues. He spoke in regards to the planning fees and the Prineville Disposal Franchise agreement and commercial waste hauling.

Scott Smith, 2601 NE Denton Lane, Prineville OR stated he hoped the Council has confidence and trust in the remaining staff. He further spoke in support of Robb Corbett.

Betty Roppe stated "we as a Council we have great respect for the people in this community and for the City Staff." She noted the Council received several letters from City staff. Letters were submitted by City staff members, Scott Edelman, Kay Thompson, Josh Smith, Cindy MacDonald, Wayne Van Matre, Liz Schuette, Jerry Brummer, and Ricky Sites.

Mary Pine, residing at 1070 NW 10th Street, Prineville OR. She asked the City Attorney, Carl Dutli to address the contract of the former City Manager and what does that mean to his severance package. Mr. Dutli responded by saying, he was not obligated to

discuss that issue and he advised the Council. He stated he did not have the contract in front of him. Mary Pine asked Carl Dutli if it is her legal responsibility as a citizen to be provided a copy of the contract. Carl Dutli responded by saying he would have to verify if it were public record. Mary Pine commented, if that was true she requested a copy of the document. She verified that she was the citizen requesting the copies of the credit card and mileage logs. She asked what the appropriate time would be to receive the information requested. Her ending statement was to the Council asking how the selection process will be in selecting the new City Manager.

Mayor, Mike Wendel stated a City Manager term normally range from 3-5 years. He would like for the community to work together in determining what we want for our City Manager. He is tired of what has occurred over the last few months and is ready to move on. "People have a choice to make, they can live in the past or they can look to the future."

City Council convened

City Council reconvened

City Council Member, Steve Uffelman moved to appoint Wayne Van Matre as the interim City Manager until the necessary steps are taken to work with the League of Oregon Cities to bring someone on board on a regular basis. Jack Sealey questioned the process.

Council Member Dean Noyes seconded the motion with (5) five "aye" votes cast by, Steve Uffelman, Dean Noyes, Steve Elk, Betty Roppe and Mayor Mike Wendel. The (2) two "naye" votes were cast by Gordon Gillespie and Jack Seely.

WORKSHOP - SALMON AND STEELHEAD REINTRODUCTION UPDATE- ERIC KLANN, ASST. CITY ENGINEER:

Eric Klann, City EIT, presented an update on Reintroduction of Salmon and Steelhead in the Crooked River. The update included detailed information regarding and action plan for the City of Prineville to take with regard to implementing various steps to shield the City's liability in the event of accidental take of the fish.

Council member Betty Roppe moved that the City participate with the irrigation districts on a Habitat Conservation Plan.

Council Member Jack Sealy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Liz Schuette, Finance Director presented the Quarterly Financial Report and outlined financial activity through March 31, 2008. Mrs. Schuette answered questions by the Council. The financial report was also sent to members of the budget committee.

SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE - ATTORNEY'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

City Attorney Carl Dutli addressed issues that were brought up by Brad Bartlett and Mr. Skeidgel at the Council meeting on May 13, 2008. Mr. Dutli clarified and interpreted industrial waste hauling when sub contractors are utilized to haul waste away from construction sites. Mr. Dutli stated if the Council wanted to amend the ordinance the Holliday's owner of Prineville Disposal need to be involved. The Council's decision was to refer the matter to the Public Works Committee for a recommendation. Council member Dean Noyes requested to step down from that Committee and trade with another Council Member for one of the committees that they were on. He declared a conflict of interest and noted he had talked to the Holliday's of Prineville Disposal.

WATER ORDINANCE NO. 1152

Jim Wilson noted that Ordinance # 1152 was previously assigned to Excavation Permits. The correct Ordinance # for the Water Ordinance No. is 1153. Council Member Betty Roppe moved to read Ordinance NO. 1153 by title only.

Ordinance No. 1153 was approved for the first reading. This ordinance repeals several other existing ordinances regarding water system operations

Council Member Jack Sealy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Steve Uffelman moved to approve Ordinance No. 1153 for the first reading.

Council Member Betty Rope seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

VISITORS, APPEARANCES AND REQUESTS

Don Wood, 327 NE Elm Street spoke regarding the Prineville Disposal franchise agreement and his interpretation.

Jerry Brummer, 820 NE Crest Drive, Prineville OR. Mr. Brummer stated in behalf of Robb Corbett his desire was to get ordinances in place so when we do have conflicts we could refer to a document or an ordinance. Mr. Brummer stated he believed management, the Council and everyone involved have become pro-active instead of being reactive. "To even say we had a team before would be an under statement." "I believe we do now." Mr. Brummer stated "I will always respect your decisions and may not always agree with the decisions."

The City Council Adjourned at 8:37 P.M.