

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2  
3 April 2, 2003

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- 6 Attended: Lance Delgado, Mayor
- 7 Karen Jacobs, Councilor
- 8 Marvin Casebeer, Councilor Elect
- 9 Anna Bass, Councilor
- 10 Roger McKinley, Councilor
- 11 Diane Clingman, City Recorder
- 12 Dave Welch, Chief of Police
- 13 Sarolta Sperry
- 14 Marge Walton

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16 Mayor Delgado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, Jim  
17 Hamsher being absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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19 Mayor Delgado recognized Marge Walton of the Rural Fire Board who asked the Council  
20 to consider the revised agreement between the City and the PCRFD. The term of the  
21 agreement is for 1 year. **MSP: To sign the agreement, Marvin Casebeer/Roger  
22 McKinley.**

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24 In other business, Mrs. Walton said the rural board would like to see the fire department  
25 do some expansion to accommodate additional equipment. She said the alternative of  
26 locating a cargo van adjacent to the fire hall had been discussed and hoped it wouldn't  
27 come to that. It was noted that the subject of expansion of the fire hall is scheduled to be  
28 discussed during the upcoming budget session. Walton said the rural board is willing to  
29 participate in sharing the costs.

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31 Brian Whitman was not present. Mayor Delgado told the council that the proposed  
32 agreement from Whitman (to install a high speed internet access antenna on City  
33 property) had been faxed to the City attorney for review. He noted that there are a  
34 number of questions that need to be answered.

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36 Action List: No reports

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38 Planning: No Report

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40 Public Safety: Dave Welch reported on the vandalism of the covered wagon and said  
41 there are no suspects at this time. He also reported on the progress of the school burglary  
42 investigation and said it appears to have been a former resident who was back in the area  
43 at the time. The matter is now in the hands of the District Attorney.

1 Landfill Inspection Report: Bob Titus was not present to give a report. The Operations  
2 Contract matter was discussed and it was reported that the contractor that was awarded  
3 the bid was not able to obtain the required insurance and accept the contract. The option  
4 of the City operating the landfill was considered since the Public Works Director is a  
5 certified landfill operator. The Mayor noted that the City could save approximately  
6 \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year by operating it themselves and would not have to continue  
7 subsidizing the landfill fund with money from the general fund. Roger McKinley said he  
8 would like to look into the purchase of equipment for the job. It was noted that there is  
9 \$40,000 in contingency money available in the capital improvements fund that could be  
10 used. The cost of the equipment was estimated around \$20,000. Mayor Delgado said  
11 that McKinley should include Bob Titus in the process. It was also noted that the City  
12 Recorder should verify that the City's insurance covers the operation of the landfill.

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14 In other landfill business, Karen Jacobs asked if anyone knew whether or not the seeding  
15 of the landfill had been successful but no one knew.

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17 The assignment of the solid waste franchise was discussed and it was determined that  
18 there are a lot of inconsistencies in the information being given by the potential assignee  
19 according to the City attorney. Because of a clause in the franchise regarding the City's  
20 responsibility to reply in writing within 120 days, the Recorder suggested a letter be sent  
21 to him (copy to Goslin) stating that the City has not made a decision to grant the  
22 assignment. Roger McKinley said the letter should also include a requirement that he  
23 respond by April 23 (next council meeting.)

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25 Public Works: No report

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27 Office: The council was asked to consider information about water rights pertaining to  
28 Water Cress Springs. The Recorder explained that in 1995 the council voted to deed  
29 back (to Orrin Forrest) the water rights to the springs per an agreement made in 1964.  
30 Two problems exist regarding the matter; 1) the conveyance was never completed (no  
31 quit claim deed recorded) and 2) the council did not include deeding back the access  
32 rights. When Forrest sold the property last fall the issue showed up in the title report and  
33 the new owners (Confederated Tribes) have asked to have the process completed. The  
34 council considered the deeds, agreement with Forrest, and minutes from the 1995  
35 meeting and agreed that the intent was to deed back all right and title to the springs but  
36 that it just didn't get done properly. The council also determined that there is no need to  
37 retain the access rights. **MSP: To convey all right, title and interest in and to Water  
38 Cress Springs including the existing pipeline to the Confederated Tribes of the  
39 Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Anna Bass/Marvin Casebeer.**

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41 Accounts Payable: The council was presented with a new payables listing format.  
42 **MSP: To pay the bills, Roger McKinley/Anna Bass.**

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44 Resolutions: Mayor Delgado asked the council to consider the approval of Resolution  
45 2003-39 in support of American troops in Iraq. He explained that it was not meant as a  
46 political statement, but one of community support. **MSP: To approve Resolution**

1 **2003-39 to support American forces fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Marvin**  
2 **Casebeer/Roger McKinley.** Mayor Delgado said a banner and yellow ribbon would be  
3 displayed on City Hall until the troops return home.

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5 Brian Whitman arrived during the meeting and Mayor Delgado recognized him. He  
6 explained to Whitman that the City has a lot of questions about the proposed agreement  
7 and said it had been turned over to the attorney for review. It was explained that  
8 Whitman would like to install an antenna near the old water reservoir and that he would  
9 need access to the site as well as electricity. At one point Whitman said he would be  
10 installing a pole, and then later he said he would be installing the equipment on a sled on  
11 the ground. There was discussion of the exchange of services and that it would be  
12 unethical for the City to provide or receive such services free of charge. There were also  
13 questions regarding interference with the City's telemetry system as well as other  
14 considerations. The question of the City incurring costs to have its attorney work out the  
15 details was raised and Whitman said he would be willing to split the costs. Mayor  
16 Delgado said they would continue to look into the matter and get back to him.

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18 The Council was asked to consider a request by the Grant County Juvenile Department to  
19 waive the City's portion of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program.  
20 It was noted that the City had waived their portion in the previous year. **MSP: To waive**  
21 **the City's share of the block grant program, Roger McKinley/Karen Jacobs.**

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23 7:15 p.m. Mayor Delgado adjourned the meeting.

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26 Respectfully submitted:

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29 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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32 Lance M. Delgado, Mayor