

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 April 11, 2007
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6 Attended: Stan Horrell, Mayor
7 Frank Primozić, Councilor
8 Bill Harrington, Councilor
9 Pam Woodworth, Councilor
10 Roger McKinley, Councilor
11 Tom McAuslan, Councilor
12 Don Strong, Councilor
13 Jim Wood, Police Department
14 Bob Titus, Public Works
15 Brad Baird, Anderson Perry
16 Gary Burnett, DHS
17 Joe Boyer
18 Melanie DeJong
19 Adrian Albrich, CIS
20 Steve Close
21 Scott & MaryEllen Nunns
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23 Mayor Horrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was called, all members being
24 present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the March 28, 2007 meeting were
25 considered. It was noted that Tom McAuslan was absent at the meeting of the 28th. **MSP: To**
26 **approve the March 28 minutes as amended, Bill Harrington/Pam Woodworth.**
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28 The Council recognized Brad Baird of Anderson Perry and Associates who addressed them
29 regarding the wells and the water system improvements funding package. Baird gave the
30 Council handouts and summarized the original project and budget. The original project which
31 included sand filtration and at least one additional well was estimated at \$2.3 million. The City
32 has been approved for a SDWRLF loan in the amount of \$1.7 million and is required to
33 contribute \$596,000. He estimated the cost to continue to develop wells at \$824,000 and stated
34 that the figure may be low because he had not included costs for a bridge. He also noted a
35 typographic in the last sentence on the first page; should be \$232,000 instead of \$292,000
36 already spent for well exploration. When adding the \$232,000 and the \$824,000 he noted that
37 the City will be paying an estimated \$1,056,000 to develop the wells. With regard to the sand
38 filtration system, Baird said the City has expended approximately \$210,000 on design. If the
39 City were to proceed with sand filtration, the cost would be close to the same as for wells and the
40 City should decide which way to proceed.
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42 With regard to the extremely high iron and manganese levels, he stated that typical treatment
43 methods would not be sufficient. It was noted that the samples were not taken under pumping
44 conditions however, and that re-testing may produce lower levels. In the case of treatment, the
45 City would need to have year round access to the site and Baird expressed a concern that access

1 will be challenging to design. From what he had seen when visiting the area, he estimated a
2 huge amount of earthwork and rock will be needed and could cost upwards of \$100,000. He also
3 indicated there could be issues with disposal of backwash that is a product of the treatment
4 process. Regulatory agencies will be concerned with high iron concentrations seeping back into
5 groundwater if a pond system is used. He said the other alternative would be to send it through
6 the wastewater system.

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8 Baird said he wanted to make sure the Council is aware he is not promoting either one of the
9 options over the other (sand filtration or wells) but is just making sure they are aware of what has
10 been done so far and what the options and challenges are with each. Because the City is under
11 order to treat the gallery water, they will have to discontinue use of it if they choose to utilize the
12 wells alone. He stated that losing water rights has not been a problem for municipalities in the
13 past, however, things are changing and the City will have to develop a plan for use within five
14 years or lose the right.

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16 Baird said he had been in contact with the funding agency (OECDD) and that they have not
17 received any information from the City regarding the revised scope of the project; i.e, that the
18 City is pursuing wells instead of sand filtration. They have indicated that a revised scope and
19 budget plan must be submitted before they will provide any more funding. He did not think the
20 funding is in jeopardy, just that they do not know what the City is planning to do. Baird also
21 advised that an environmental report will have to be re-done as well and will take additional
22 time.

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24 Baird said the City must decide which way to go and was not offering and pros or cons, only cost
25 estimates to analyze the impacts. He did advise the City not do another thing on wells until the
26 landowner agreements are in writing and approved. He also stressed the importance of getting
27 the re-testing done immediately in order to determine the level of treatment needed.

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29 The Council recognized Gary Burnett of the DHS who said he had also talked with OECDD and
30 that a large amount of paperwork is going to be involved to get back on track. He said he had
31 received the City's request for another extension of time to complete the project and that it is still
32 an issue until approved. The violation is the longest standing case in the history of the EPA, and
33 although they have not yet interfered or imposed fines, the City must keep moving forward.

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35 **6:55** The Council recognized Joe Boyer who asked them to consider writing a letter of support
36 in his efforts to establish a Community Dispute Resolution Center in Grant County. He stated
37 that he and another individual, Christie Waldner, are applying for grant funding and need support
38 letters from the community to submit with the request. There was general discussion about the
39 services that would be offered and the benefits of having people solve their problems without
40 involving law enforcement or the courts. Bill Harrington was very supportive and cited that
41 agreed upon mediation is very effective because it is an agreement between the parties involved.

42 **MSP: To write a letter in support of the grant request, Bill Harrington/Frank Primozic.**
43 The City Recorder was asked to write the letter.

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45 **Planning:** no report
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1 **7:10 Public Safety:** Officer Wood recapped the Police, Fire and Ambulance logs. He said the
2 pump test tank had been installed at the industrial site. He also said he had talked with Dave
3 Malkin regarding the Best Practices Survey from CIS and that he should have a recommendation
4 by the 20th. He addressed Pam Woodworth regarding a question on one of his payables at the
5 last meeting (in which he was not in attendance.) She said she didn't question the spending, just
6 that she didn't know what it (Power Point) was. He asked the Council to please talk to him if
7 they have questions regarding his purchases as he does not clear them with the Recorder.

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9 Steve Close addressed the Council and commented that no one on the Council would or could do
10 Jim's job and that they should be grateful for his work. He said the Council should get involved
11 and try to understand what he wants and why before voting. He also said the City is ripe for
12 being ripped off and that we are not living in a protected cocoon. He said the lack of officers
13 leaves us open for problems and the Council should ask before denying the department any
14 purchases. Bill Harrington addressed Close and said the Council realizes there are issues
15 pertaining to the Police Department that need attention and that they are attempting to deal with
16 them.

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18 **Landfill:** Bob Titus said he had not been to the landfill in 2 ½ weeks because he had been on
19 vacation.

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21 **Public Works:** There was discussion of the water and sewer hookup the public works crew had
22 been installing. Titus said the next time that extensive of a dig is required the City should
23 consider using an excavator. It was noted that the City should make sure it is collecting enough
24 when estimating the cost for the hookups.

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26 Titus asked the Council if they want extra bentonite hauled in and stored for future repairs to the
27 wastewater lagoons. He said it can be stored underground in a pit and does not deteriorate,
28 however he did not know the cost of the product. The Recorder reminded the Council that the
29 project is already over budget and that there are no funds available for purchasing additional
30 amounts. She also said the City has not yet received a change order for the project as specified at
31 the time of awarding the bid. Titus said he would get the change order from the engineer. No
32 decision was made regarding the acquisition of additional bentonite.

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34 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To approve the payables, Tom McAuslan/Roger McKinley.**

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36 **Committee Reports:** none

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38 **Other Business:** The Council was asked to appoint Dawn Gray to the Budget Committee.

39 **MSP: To appoint Dawn Gray to the Budget Committee, Roger McKinley/Tom McAuslan.**

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41 **Abatement:** The Council recognized Scott Nunns who addressed them regarding a written
42 complaint he had submitted to the City. He recapped the issues he has had over noise and health
43 aspects of the neighbors' chickens getting into his yard. He said he has talked with the neighbor
44 but cannot get any cooperation. Nunns also noted that he had contacted the health department
45 and referred to a letter from them regarding the issues. Nunns asked the City to enforce their
46 nuisance ordinance which covers the listed complaints including trash on the property. Officer

1 Wood said he has given warnings and can write a ticket. The Council agreed that it would be
2 more expeditious to issue a citation than to go through the lengthy abatement process. **MSP: To**
3 **issue a citation and see if they comply, Tom McAuslan/Bill Harrington.** The Mayor
4 suggested forming an abatement committee, however no one was appointed at this time.

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6 8:10 p.m. The Mayor recognized Adrian Albrich who introduced himself as the City's Risk
7 Management Consultant from City County Insurance. It was explained that CIS has a Police
8 Services Liability Management section that has recommended that City utilize the services of a
9 retired Chief of Police to assist them in assessing and supervising their Police Department. A
10 former chief from Burns, Matt Fine, had submitted an agreement for the Council to consider.
11 The Council was also given a letter from Rod Brown of PSLM urging the City to take steps to
12 address critical areas of need with regard to maintaining a police department, i.e., the
13 establishment of contemporary policies and qualified law enforcement management oversight.
14 The letter advised the need to provide support and guidance for the City's officer by way of an
15 experienced and trained professional administrator. Albrich noted that Rod Brown was overall
16 impressed with the City's police department but said there are administrative gaps that need to be
17 addressed. He also said that it would be a great opportunity for Officer Wood to be mentored by
18 Matt Fine. The Council was asked to consider entering into a contract with Fine to provide these
19 services while they are contemplating the options for providing police services to the
20 community. It was decided that they would wait for the results of the Best Practices Survey
21 before making a decision.

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23 8:20 p.m. The Council was asked to consider three resolutions for approval.
24 **MSP: To adopt Resolution 2007-01 appropriated unexpected funds, Roger McKinley/Bill**
25 **Harrington.**
26 **MSP: To adopt Resolution 2007-01 authorizing a budget transfer, Bill Harrington/Frank**
27 **Primozic**
28 **MSP: To adopt Resolution 2007-03 authorizing a budget transfer, Bill Harrington/Frank**
29 **Primozic**

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31 The Council was reminded to attend the budget meeting on April 18, 2007.

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33 8:35 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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35 Respectfully submitted:

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38 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: _____

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41 Stan Horrell, Mayor