

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 May 9, 2007

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- 5 Attended: Stan Horrell, Mayor
- 6 Frank Primozic, Councilor
- 7 Bill Harrington, Councilor
- 8 Pam Woodworth, Councilor
- 9 Roger McKinley, Councilor
- 10 Jim Wood, Police Dept.
- 11 Matt Fine, Police Consultant
- 12 Bob Titus, Public Works
- 13 Etta Lu Hendriksen
- 14 Kristine Shull
- 15 Mona Lindsey
- 16 Lyn McDonald
- 17 Diane Clingman

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19 *(The first portion of these minutes were taken and transcribed by Lyn McDonald in Diane*
20 *Clingman’s absence).*

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22 Mayor Horrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was called. Councilors Tom
23 McAuslan and Don Strong were not present at the meeting. The pledge of allegiance was
24 recited. The minutes of the April 25th, 2007 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the**
25 **minutes of April 25th, 2007 as written, Bill Harrington/Frank Primozic.**

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27 **Recognition of Visitors:**

28 Nathan Hughes, A+ Striping, was not on the agenda, but was recognized. He explained to the
29 Council that the State of Oregon is requiring a new style crosswalk on Front Street (Highway 26)
30 that is ten feet wide. There are four crosswalks on Front Street and the State maintains one of
31 them. Nathan was at the meeting to submit an estimate to paint the other three crosswalks and
32 the crosswalk in front of the school. The current contract price for the four crosswalks is \$186.
33 The new style crosswalk would be \$420 with a one-time layout fee of \$420, a difference of \$654
34 for this year and \$234 for future years. Nathan proposed to begin the painting of the crosswalks
35 the week of May 13th and complete the project by July 2nd. As Bob Titus was not yet present at
36 the meeting, the Council asked that Nathan discuss the matter with Bob.

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38 **Public Safety:**

39 Jim Wood gave the police, ambulance and fire log for the week. He reported that based on a
40 written complaint, he had served an abatement citation to Herb Smith at 417 N. McHaley. He
41 gave Smith until May 15th (one month) to cleanup the junk he hauled in and piled in his yard.
42 Smith told Officer Wood that it was his intent to haul the scrap metal to Portland and sell it. Jim
43 noted that he had photo documentation and to-date there had been no progress made in cleaning
44 up the mess. Cleo Larkin donated a cordless rechargeable spot light to the Police Dept. that she

1 had won in a drawing at NAPA. Camp Logan is May 19th-20th and Powder River Corrections is
2 helping in setting up for the event. The Council had no further questions for Jim.

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4 Matt Fine was asked if he had anything to report. He advised that he was continuing to work at
5 putting together information from which to draw conclusions and make good decisions.

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7 **Landfill:**

8 Bob Titus had joined the meeting and handed in a written landfill report. Mayor Horrell reported
9 that he had been up to the landfill and it looked good. He and Bob discussed the placement of
10 the new trench.

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12 **Public Works:**

13 Bob reported that Dice was about half finished with the rocking of Cell #2 at the lagoons. He
14 said they were using a heaving rock and should have the project finished by May 11th. Boyd
15 Britton had seven hours repair time on the pump hanger. Bob had not seen a bill on the repair,
16 but advised that purchasing a new hanger would have cost the City \$1200.00. Bob was asked
17 when he would be setting the pump and he replied that it was a Friday job and he had been busy
18 at the landfill on Fridays. He would need to coordinate the necessary equipment and the
19 electrician to get the job done.

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21 **Planning:**

22 Etta Lu Hendriksen, Planning Chairman, reported that Planning had received a letter from Roger
23 Lang, property owner of Tax Lot 6500 (ten lots) on the hillside west of Cozart Ave. He was
24 requesting that the City vacate that portion of Metschan Avenue that runs through the middle of
25 his property along with the 30' alley that borders his property at the base of the hillside. In
26 addition, he was asking that the City open 4th Street to Dixie Creek. Hendriksen advised that the
27 Commission had considered the matter of vacating the street and alley and for reasons of
28 potential future development and the negative economic impact of "giving away" City property,
29 the Commission was not in favor of vacating Metschan or the alley. As for opening 4th Street up
30 to Dixie Creek, she asked what criteria the City had in place to make decisions on requests to
31 open streets. Councilman Harrington asked Bob Titus if he was aware of what ordinances were
32 in place in respect to development charges and decisions involving infrastructure. Bob
33 responded that he was not familiar with a specific ordinance, but could see what he could find.
34 Hendriksen asked if someone from Council would want to attend the next Planning meeting.
35 Councilman Harrington responded that attending a Planning meeting could bias Council should
36 there be an appeal filed at a later on this matter.

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38 Commissioner Kristine Shull was recognized. She and Commissioner Mona Lindsey had
39 attended a Flood Map Modernization Training in Baker City on April 24th sponsored by Land
40 Conservation & Development as a FEMA initiative to digitize and update Floodplain Maps. She
41 wanted to make the Council aware that Grant County is one of eight counties that have fallen
42 behind in floodplain management and need to look at updating their resources. There is a two
43 year opportunity to apply for limited grant funds. Kristine had been in contact with Peggy Cary
44 in John Day and she was going to approach Shannon Springer at County Planning for her input.

1 Kristin commented that it would be a “better force” if the county went after the grant funds
2 rather than individual cities. She will keep the Council updated.

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4 6:50 p.m. Committee Reports: None (Diane Clingman joined the meeting.)

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6 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To approve the payables, Bill Harrington/Roger McKinley.**

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8 Mayor Horrell advised that he and Councilman Bill Harrington would not be available for the
9 next scheduled council meeting on May 23rd. He questioned whether the council might consider
10 postponing the regular meeting on May 23rd and combine it with the Budget Hearing on May
11 30th. Everyone was in favor of the change in meeting dates.

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13 **Resolutions:** Resolution 2007-04 Authorizing Capitalization of Loan Repayment was
14 considered. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2007-04, Frank Primozi/Bill Harrington.**
15 Resolution 2007-05 Authorizing a Budget Transfer was considered. **MSP: To approve**
16 **Resolution 2007-05, Bill Harrington/Frank Primozi.** Resolution 2007-06 Authorizing a
17 Budget Transfer was considered. **MSP: To approve Resolution 2007-06, Bill**
18 **Harrington/Roger McKinley.**

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20 **Other Business:** The Council was asked to set a minimum bid for the event tents. It was agreed
21 that the tents would be advertised for sale by bid with a minimum bid of \$75 each.

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23 Mayor Horrell said he had met with John Coombs and Russell Ricco and that both are in
24 agreement with the proposed terms for access to the well site. Roger McKinley said that if it
25 isn't in the flood plain, the City can put in a simple bridge. A concern was raised over the
26 limitation of 400 gpm and whether or not it could pose a problem in the future. It was suggested
27 that perhaps it should be addressed now instead of later. Roger McKinley disagreed. Concerns
28 were also raised as to whether or not Anderson Perry & Associates has been included in the
29 recent discussions concerning the latest choice for access and who would be surveying the
30 property. It was agreed that they should be kept informed. There was discussion about the
31 City's responsibility to adhere to the contract and it was noted that the decision had already been
32 made to honor it. McKinley expressed concerns over higher costs in dealing with Anderson
33 Perry. Bill Harrington stressed that the City should discuss and negotiate instead of just ignoring
34 them. It was agreed that the City needs to stay in contact with Anderson Perry to make sure the
35 project is in compliance with state and funding requirements. Mayor Horrell agreed to contact
36 Brad Baird with their concerns. He said he would also be in contact with OECD and Sisul
37 Engineering.

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39 Respectfully submitted:

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42 Lyn McDonald/Diane Clingman

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