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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2016, 7:00 pm at City Hall, 100 W Halsey St., Halsey, OR

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marjean Cline, City Council President Rella Johnson, Councilor Ken Lorensen, Councilor Eric Harless, Councilor Jerry Gillson, Councilor Jennifer Johnson, City Administrator Ronda Fischer.

Absent: Councilor Lee Skinner

Staff Present: Municipal Clerk Martha Chamberlain, Assistant City Recorder Hilary Norton, Librarian TJ Gillson

Guests: Sgt. Klein, Don Ware, Greg Chamberlain, Joan Mercier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Council Meeting, **Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

Minutes from Budget Hearing, State Shared Revenues Hearing, **Tuesday June 14, 2016**

There were no corrections.

Move to: approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting and the Budget Hearing, State Shared Revenue Hearing on Tuesday June 14, 2016

Motion by: Councilor Lorensen, seconded by Councilor Rella Johnson

Vote:

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL ENTRIES

Financial reports and journal entries were presented for June. There were no questions or comments.

Move to: approve the financial reports and the journal entries as submitted.

Motion by: Councilor Lorensen, seconded by Councilor Rella Johnson

Vote:

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion Carries

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

There were no agenda adjustments.

DELEGATIONS

Linn County Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Klein

Mayor Cline expressed appreciation for the work of the Sheriff's Office. She asked Sgt. Klein to convey her thanks on behalf of the City to the rest of the Sheriff's Office for their work and for the changes that have been made in the last few years.

In the month of June there were three citations, one traffic warning, and one crash with an adult arrested for a DUI and reckless driving. There were five hours of dedicated traffic patrol and a total of 82.25 hours spent in Halsey in June. There was a Hit and Run accident at the apartments. The Sheriff's Office has spoken with Oregon State Patrol about assistance patrolling the state highways in Halsey.

A concern was raised about drivers running the stop sign at the corner of W 3rd and W D Streets. Sgt. Klein will bring that issue to the traffic team.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items)

Don Ware invited the Council to a Child Abuse Prevention workshop on Thursday, June 14th at the Methodist Church in Halsey. It is sponsored by the Central Linn Lions Club and speakers will include Jim Lepin from the Linn County Sheriff's Office and a speaker from ABC House.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

City Administrator Ronda Fischer

The Crime Prevention Forum had 8-10 people attend. Attendees received some basic information about crime prevention and safety, and there was interest in starting a neighborhood watch, so Jim Lepin will be meeting with those folks to get one organized.

Chuck Knoll from Linn County has begun gathering information to start the design phase for the Hwy 99 project. It will involve an Inter-Governmental Agreement between Halsey, Linn County, and ODOT. Linn County will be the head of the project, but they will work closely with the city as the design is developed.

Alyrica has installed their cabinet and they have been around town doing surveys and have been meeting with Public Works. Because their installation uses a boring process, there is a possibility that Public Works may be able to do some line repair at the same time, saving the city some money.

Elections reminder: anyone who is interested in filing needs to get their paperwork done. There will be a Town Hall meeting with Representative Barnhart on Monday July 18th at 6:30 pm.

Public Works

Public Works staff found a leak in Blue Heron today and worked late repairing it. Alyrica projects about two years until their project is complete. We have an LBCC Intern, who is mowing and helping out with public works. He is free to the city. A new drinking fountain is being installed in the park.

Library – TJ Gillson

Librarian Gillson gave reports on two recent events:

- The Summer Reading Program Kick-off had about 55 people attend. 21 children were signed up for the Summer Reading Program that day.
- The Bike Rodeo had 28 children signed up to participate. 22 children got brand new, properly fitted helmets, and Deputy Leutke did minor repairs on a weird assortment of bicycles. Volunteers walked the course with participants. Prior to the Bike Rodeo, 36 children were signed up for the Summer Reading Program. By the end of the day, 46 children were signed up. TJ thanked the volunteers who helped to make both events successful.

Permits – Hilary Norton

Several permits are currently being processed by city staff, including a remodel, a foundation, and a new house. There are potentially a couple more house permits on the horizon, and possibly a variance request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Committee – Councilor Lorensen

All of the reports focused on safety. All approved projects have a safety aspect. As we move forward with the Highway 99 redesign, we need to consider how safety plays in, as that will affect our ability to apply for and receive grants. Hwy 20 is having closures at night now and the project is on schedule. The new highway should be open in October. In August, there will be some closures for bridge work east of Sweet Home. Hwy 34 has many crossovers and head on accidents each year. Recently they've added grooving on the stripes and they have restriped. They are researching barriers. They expect to begin installation of those in October.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

LOC – Council Top Four Legislative Priorities

The Council turned in their questionnaires about their legislative priorities. Mayor Cline, Councilor Lorensen and Administrator Fischer also have a meeting with representatives from Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments. OCWCOG wants to learn how they can better serve Halsey. If Councilors have questions or suggestions for COG, please let one of these three know.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Mayor Cline asked for and received permission to read all Resolutions and Ordinances by title only.

Resolution 2016-626 – A Resolution Calling an Election on November 8, 2016, to Refer to the Voters of the City of Halsey, Oregon, a Tax on Retail Sales of Recreational Marijuana in the City of Halsey and Adopting a Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement

In October 2014, the Council adopted Ordinance 2014-402, an Ordinance imposing a tax of 10% on the sales of marijuana. State legislation has changed, and a city tax cannot be higher than 3%. This is a resolution to refer the question of a 3% tax to the voters. Two measures will appear on the November ballot, one to ban marijuana and one to tax it. If the ban passes, no tax will be charged. If the ban fails but the tax passes, then marijuana can be sold within the City of Halsey, but it will be taxed.

Motion to: adopt Resolution 2016-626 – A Resolution Calling an Election on November 8, 2016, to Refer to the Voters of the City of Halsey, Oregon, a Tax on Retail Sales of Recreational Marijuana in the City of Halsey and Adopting a Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement

Motion by: Councilor Harless, seconded by Councilor R. Johnson

Vote:

Ayes: unanimous

Motion Carries

ORDINANCE 2016-415 – An Ordinance of the City of Halsey Declaring that Animals Other than Service Animals are Not Permitted in the Halsey City Public Facilities or Workspaces

At the last meeting, a question was raised about what other cities are doing. City staff put a query out through OAMR and also called nearby cities to find out what they allow. There was some discussion. It was noted that the Ordinance is for buildings and does not include the parks or other outside spaces.

Motion to: adopt ORD 2016-415 – An Ordinance of the City of Halsey Declaring that Animals Other than Service Animals are Not Permitted in the Halsey City Public Facilities or Workspaces

Motion by: Councilor Lorensen, seconded by Councilor R. Johnson

Vote:

Ayes: unanimous

Motion Carries

ORD 2016-416 – An Ordinance Imposing Local Tax up to 3% on Retail Sales of Recreational Marijuana Items Within the City (First Reading)

This Ordinance would replace Ordinance 2014-402 and create a 3% tax on the sale of marijuana items in Halsey. It would take effect in January of 2017 if the ban on marijuana fails and the tax is passed by the voters.

ORD 2016-417 - Repealing Ordinance 2014-402

This Ordinance would repeal Ordinance 2014-402 – An Ordinance Establishing A Tax on the Sale of Marijuana and Marijuana-Infused Products in the City of Halsey (First Reading.)

OTHER

The Council viewed a video from the League of Oregon Cities on Elections Law.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Mayor Marjean Cline

Assistant City Recorder Hilary Norton