City of Chiloquin City Council Meeting 10/13/2014

Those Present: Others: Sam Ramirez: City Attorney

Teresa Foreman: Recorder

Mayor: Joe Hobbs Council members:

Jill Prewitt
Kathy Erion
Carolyn Blackmon
Julie Trevino: absent
Jeff Mitchell

Mayor Joe Hobbs read the opening statement:

It is the 13th day of October, 2014. As presiding officer, I hereby call this regular meeting of the Chiloquin City Council to Order. Please note that this meeting is being recorded. Following the confirmation and approval of the agenda the council will consider business coming before it.

Public input shall be limited to matters pertaining to the business of the City, and to the transactions of City business. In the event you have matters of personal business, or issues involving personality or performance they should be submitted in writing to the City Hall office to be forwarded to the City Council for further review. Under no circumstance is public input or comment allowed during the period of council deliberation.

During the period of public input, public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person, no more than ten (10) minutes per topic. Maximum time for all public input shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes total.

As presiding officer I reserve the right to limit all input and to rule 'out of order' persons, whom by testimony are deemed to be abusive, disruptive or obscene. In addition I shall not accept testimony of a discrediting nature.

The Mayor, Joe Hobbs, called the roll. Present: Carolyn Blackmon, Jeff Mitchell, Jill Prewitt and Kathy Erion

We do have a quorum; this meeting is now in order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Katie Fienhauer is here to represent OSU Klamath Basin Research. That is under public input but the Mayor asked the council if she could speak at the beginning of the meeting instead. Council agreed.

Motion to accept the agenda with corrections was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Mitchell, Prewitt, Blackmon and Erion.

Motion passed.

Katie Fienhauer introduced herself and several others in the audience that are here tonight asking for support in the form of a resolution, stating that the Commissioners order an election on the issue of forming the Klamath County Extension 4-H, Farms, Forest, Food and Garden Service district to be placed on the ballot in the Spring 2015.

Katie explained that the funding for this is being either eliminated or limited by the Commissioners starting this year. This program has been funded by the County for 100 years. In the youth program this year there are over 440 individuals participating.

The tax would be .15 cents per \$1000.00 which equates \$15.00 per year for the home averaging \$100,000.00.

The County has been providing aprox. 15% of the 1.6 million dollar budget to the Klamath Basin research center. This is aprox. \$288,000.00. Without that \$288,000.00 they can not apply for grants and get their state and federal funding to continue their programs.

Katie explained the programs that have been funded by OSU with a portion of the funding coming from the County. Master Gardeners, a health services program, a home school network, A logging agent, a livestock agent, potato research, forestry research and many studies of that nature.

Willie Riggs, Agriculture economics director, explained that the funding is three pronged. There are State, Federal and County funds to this program. If one prong goes away the other two sets of funding go away also. The President of OSU, Ed Ray, stated that if the residents pass this tax district, then OSU will remain in Klamath County. If they do not then OSU will pull its resources to fund another County that has matching funds. That would pull about 1.4 million from the County and 17 jobs.

Discussion about what each of the programs bring to the County.

In addition to resolutions from each City, they have to get 5800 petition signatures from registered voters before Nov. 7th. They have 2141 so far. This petition is just to get on the ballot the opportunity for the voters to decide if they want to support this program through taxes.

Motion to approve resolution #825 in the matter of approval of the Klamath County board of commissioners ordering an election on the issue of forming the Klamath County Extension 4-H, Farms, Forest, Food and Garden Service District was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion: Council member Mitchell stated that he feels badly that they are being forced to go down this road. He feels that this program, being institutionalized in the County for 100 years, is part of the fabric that the County is. It was undoubtedly a tough decision for the commissioners but he just doesn't understand this himself. He hopes the City council, here, recognizes the value of this program in Klamath County and maybe think about this when we decide to vote for our next County Commissioners

The Mayor commended the group for their effort taking on this noble task. He feels this is an important program and their efforts to keep it going is very impressive.

Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, Prewitt and Erion.

Motion passed.

The Mayor and the Recorder signed the resolution.

Motion to accept the minutes and dispense with the reading of 9/23/2014 of the Regular council meeting was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Erion.

Ayes: Mitchell, Prewitt, Erion and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$7278.35 was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Erion, Blackmon, Prewitt and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence:

There is an email message about an economic conference about development of downtown. It is on Nov. 17th. Council member Erion is going and would like to see others go. The recorder stated that someone from the office, either she or Paulette could go.

Discussion.

Mayors Report:

Solar Street lights. The Mayor passed out the information that he had put together.

Discussion. There are many options.

Motion to approve the regular business was made by council member Erion seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Erion, Blackmon and Prewitt. Abstained: Mitchell because he had stepped out of the room and entered back in during the vote of the motion.

Motion passed.

Public Works Report:

Water master plan RFP. The recorder explained that no one from public works is here, so she would fill in. Jeremy contacted her today to ask that she explain to the council that the water master plan has been estimated to cost \$70,000.00. There is the \$30,000.00 grant from the USDA and then IFA has obligated \$20,000.00. That leaves \$20,000.00. Gary Viedorfer, from IFA has stated that before they release any funds they will require a commitment of some sort for that remaining \$20,000.00. If the City can pay out of their funds, or secure funding from some source. IFA is willing to loan, at low interest, to the City. This \$20,000.00 can be on the next FY budget but it needs to be committed.

Council looked over and found a typo on page 2. Also the time allowed seems a little short. They would like to change that to Nov. 14.

The attorney will review and let the recorder know if there is any problem by tomorrow.

Motion to approve the RFP with the following changes: the proposals must be received by Nov 14, 2014 and further the attorney reviews the RFP for any input he may have and that be incorporated and then put out for review unless the changes take council review was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Erion.

Discussion: Council member Erion stated that the mayor be allowed to sign off after the recommendations have been fulfilled.

Ayes: Erion, Mitchell, Prewitt and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the public works report was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Mitchell, Erion, Blackmon and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

City Recorder Report:

Audit bid. The recorder reported that they had received only one bid. Six had been mailed. One company sent a letter stating they appreciated the opportunity but were fully scheduled. No one else answered.

The bid is from Molatore's. They were the City's auditor for many years. The reason we quit them is because there became a state law that the City could not have the consultant and the auditor be the same firm. We chose to keep Molatore's our consultant. Through the years we got away from that and eventually turned to a consultant that was recommended by our auditor.

Discussion.

Motion to accept Molatore's proposal pending the attorneys review was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Erion, Blackmon, Prewitt and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

At the last council meeting there was a written concern passed to the council by Mr. Twamley, City resident. The concern was about budget numbers not matching. The recorder had put in writing to the council an answer to those concerns. There were addition errors. She contacted the Oregon Dept. of Revenue and was directed to make the changes and to form a resolution that was a correcting resolution.

Discussion.

Motion to approve the correcting Resolution #822A was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Blackmon, Erion, Mitchell and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Nuisance abatement meeting with the County: The recorder, council member Trevino, council member Erion and public works employee Pete Pate met with Commissioner Bellet, along with Earl Perry, the County Code enforcement officer, Greg Seger, Building official and Stephanie Brown, CDD Manager of discuss the possibility of an agreement with the County to be a part of the City's code enforcement.

After much discussion it seemed that the money the City could budget would not go very far in the County for all the time it would entail. I.e.: research, paperwork, court time and County counsel. So the discussion turned to the possibility of the County mentoring the City in how to proceed past the initial citation process.

Discussion.

Council member Trevino and the City recorder will meet with the County and Trevino will go with Mr. Perry on some of his calls. Council member Erion pointed out that the proposal is that there be one more person to follow up on this, in addition to Julie and Teresa. If anyone is interested, please let us know.

Council member Prewitt asked what our biggest problem is, concerning the City. She asked if we need to hire another employee. The recorder feels that is not necessary. Council member Mitchell stated that he feels the biggest problem is enforcement.

Discussion.

Council members are concerned that with our poverty level, people can't afford to clean up. They are very concerned about dangerous and abandoned buildings, the process of clean up etc.

Council member Erion pointed out that the main direction we want to go is the dangerous buildings. The recorder explained that we send the letters, we get no response. We can tear them down and lien the property but how do we do this legally. We hope to get the information, develop a proposed plan and bring back to council the options. It's an information gathering from people who are doing it now.

Council member Prewitt spoke about when the City had their own garbage service. When that stopped, the City really started getting dirty.

The recorder explained that they had been told there is a County Corrections program that allows the County to bring out a crew to help with any type of a project. About \$350.00 will get a crew for a day.

The recorder and council member Trevino will meet with County and bring back a report. Council member Prewitt would like to be involved.

Motion to accept the City Recorder Report was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Prewitt, Erion, Mitchell and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Ben Hirengen from Waste Management. The Mayor asked Mr. Hirengen if waste management would consider cutting the proposed rate increase in half, making the increase 1.1% instead of the 2.2.

Ben answered that he would have to take that back to his bosses and get back to the City. If this is acceptable the date to start this will be Dec. 1, 2014.

On the matter of the contract, he has started working on one and will bring it to the City for their attorney to review.

Hunter Communication Franchise agreement. The recorder explained that the council had asked for a copy of the agreement with the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG). This is for their information because the Hunter Communications stated they would be happy to make their agreement the same.

They are not lighting up the cable yet but want to be prepared for the future. She reminded the council that the engineer stated the council needs to be sure the contract provides that they remove the equipment when and if they leave the City.

Council member Mitchell stated that we need to be sure that we are not violating any agreement with LCOG by going into any other agreement.

Discussion.

The recorder will get information to the attorney for review.

Council member Mitchell told the Mayor that he would have to leave at 8:30.

Sheriff advisory committee attendee. Put on next agenda.

Marijuana Taxing Ordinance. The recorder explained that the Ordinance that the council has in their packet is a sample. It is from the City of Ashland. The idea was to go through the Ordinance and then change the information to the City of Chiloquin information where appropriate. Then bring to council for review, discussion and changes. If they even decide to go that route. However, as the office staff was doing that, it became apparent that it was just too in-depth with legalities and therefore really needs to be done by an attorney. She wants them to know that the document they have is in no way presented for anything but reference as to how another City did taxing.

Discussion. The attorney stated that he did not feel he could get a document ready for council in the time allotted. Erion stated that she felt there was no hurry. The recorder explained that if the City chooses to have an Ordinance on the books for taxation it has to be done prior to Nov. 4th which is election day. Also, remember that just having the Ordinance does not guarantee that Cities will be allowed to tax marijuana sales. But if they do not have it on the books by that date they definitely will not be able to tax it.

Discussion. There has to be a public hearing also. The City, in at least the past aprox. 30 years, has not taxed anything. We would have to start from scratch in how that process works, here in our office level as well as with the state requirements of reporting. Council member Erion stated that, after looking through this one document, it appears it would cost more than what was taken in just to do the paperwork etc.

The attorney stated that he could not get it done in time to have a hearing and meeting.

Park Master Plan: The recorder had flyers for the council to look over. Discussion. Council is fine with the poster but want a deadline for applications for the committee.

Motion to accept the Old Business was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Mitchell, Prewitt, Erion and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

New Business: None

8:34: Council member Mitchell left the meeting.

Public Input:

A woman called Sam: Not in attendance but has written a letter concerned about the garbage and then bus seats on Wasco. Also concerned about the path in the park. She does not recall that coming before the council. Council member Prewitt stated she was going to talk to the resident with the bus seats. Maybe she can't lift the seats. We are trying to get Waste Management to help us with the garbage on Lalakes.

Discussion.

The path in the park has always been there. It has to have maintenance occasionally because it becomes a small ditch that becomes muddy etc. The public works decided to try with gravel that can be packed down to have a level and hard surface. It appears that the bicycles and strollers are able to use that path.

Council member Prewitt brought up a manufactured home on N. Lalo that is being torn up. It had a fire in the past.

Discussion.

The Mayor asked if there was any more public input.

Hearing none, the Mayor stated council will adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Blackmon, Erion, Mitchell and Prewitt.

9:45 PM Meeting adjourned.

Signed 10/28/2014	
Joe Hobbs, Mayor	
Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder	_