

CITY OF DUFUR COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2015

7:00 PM

DUFUR CITY HALL

Minutes

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Merle Keys

Swear in New Council: Paul Sumner Swore in new mayor Robert Wallace and Council members: Merle Keys, Doug Peters, and Stan Ashbrook

Attendance: Diana Austin, Jon Keyser, Richard Lyon, Robert Wallace, Stan Ashbrook, Merle Keys, Doug Peters, Glenn Miller, Kathy Bostick, Paul Sumner

Guests in Attendance: Brandon Beachamp, Kathy Peters, Randi Wallace, Peyton Wallace, Bryce Macnab, Roger Frickey, Ritchie Wallace, Carrie Pipinich, Duane Powell, Shawn Lindhorst, Jack Frakes, Ann Ferguson, Steve Kramer, Denny Ross

Additions to Agenda: Bank Signers

Approval of Agenda: Merle Made Motion to Approve, 2nd by Richard; All Approved

Consent Agenda: Jon Made motion to Approve, Merle 2nd; All Approved

Special Presentations:

- **Duane Powell – Methodist Church – Due to the pastor retiring the Methodist Congregation has decide they don't want to keep the location in Dufur. Spoke in trying to find funding to turn the Methodist Church into a community center. The Methodist Church has given the Potlatch \$10,000 and until June 30 for the use of the building for Potlatch. Would like to keep it as a meal site for Potlatch. Wendy Schafer and puts together a needs assessment for a community center; post on bulletin board at City Hall. Wondering if the City would take it on as a project, come time to sell possible get it for a steel, at the end of June would be will to work with whoever is willing to take over the building. The Potlatch will have first option to purchase Church when it comes up for sale. Duane wanted to bring it to the attention of the board and what options we will have come the end of June. Have been given option at the Dufur Christian Church and the Catholic Parish Hall, but would have to rent a storage unit.**
- **Carrie Pipinich – Mid-Columbia Economical Development – Gathering information on the economical needs in the community and help find funding. One of the big projects MCED is working on is Broadband Access in the county. Working together with business and residents on gathering information for needs. Sending out Broadband surveys to residents in the county can return them at the City. Looking at the info-structure needs around the county. Look at how to keep up the needs on the info structure and find funding. Reaching out to all cities in what there are demand and gathering information to update community enhancements project list. Carrie also mention about a board position available with them. Robert commented that it's important for Residents to fill out the broadband survey out. On what service they currently have and what they may need. On Community Projects, the city had submitted a few projects, at the time working on a project for a community center with the Historical Society, need to make sure the address is changed to the Methodist church building. The Park had some project on the Agora Website; need to make sure list our updated by Friday, January 16.**

Unfinished Business: None

Citizen Input: Roger Frickey would like to get new Volunteers for the Recycle Center.

Ordinances and resolutions: None

New Business:

- Account 758 - Late Fee on Water bill – Kathy gave a back ground on the account that the account was late and the account holder felt that the \$50 fee was considered “Usury”. Kathy sent account 758 a letter, stating that if he felt he didn’t owe the \$50 late he could address council at the next city council meeting, a copy of the ordinance, and history of his bill. Account 758 continued to pay bill with money order and writing paid in full on money order. After 2 months Kathy sent a letter advising the account was not paid in full there is no written agreement between his account and city council that the \$50 has been removed. He wrote back with that his mom is elderly and could not attend council and he never received the certified letter. It was sent he never picked it up, it was returned to the city. Account is current except for the late fee, but the late fee is rolling into being late. Suggest he pay an addition \$10 a month to resolve or in the past the account holder would come to council and the issue would be resolved; some time split the cost in half. Merle offered to go talk with account hold 758 to find out what is going on so it doesn’t spiral out of control. Robert suggested split the difference as of now and be done, but the concern is you set a precedence for other residents if they just keep putting it off the fee will be waived. Robert a pointed Merle Keys to talk to all parties involved to come to resolution and finish up at next council meeting.
- Complaint – 6th and Main – Glenn and Brandon took picture of the residents to show to council. Council decided for Kathy to send a certified letter to property owner with a plan to address the roof. To follow up at next February council meeting; Diana made motion for Kathy to send certified letter to home owner to have a plan by next council meeting; 2nd by Richard; All Approved
- Bank Signers - Merle made motion to remove Art Smith and Jim Harger as Bank Signers and to add Robert Wallace, Stan Ashbrook and Doug Peters; Jon Second the motion; Approved by all. Names on account will be as followed: Mayor – Robert Wallace; Council – Merle Keys, Richard Lyon, Jon Keyser, Stan Ashbrook, Doug Peters, Diana Austin; City Recorder – Kathy Bostick

Public Works Report – Glenn Miller – Still waiting for Tenneson. Paul spoke that he talked with Dan Meader and Dan Meader had spoken with Darrin and the State is still ok with where the city stands with DEQ. They will get it taken care of, asked when and was uncertain. Robert asked what this was about: It about the Lagoon outfall, Glenn said the city has not had a discharge permit for over 7 years. The ammonia limit of 5 and city has never been able to meet that they. So the city has to prove why they can’t meet that. Have been measuring the flow of the creek and everything has been going on three years; Sent everything to DEQ. And outfall 100 yards defusing in the creek with the new rules for going into the creek, we can beat it’s just a matter of getting a 30,000 or 40,000 diffuser. It has to be designed sent to the engineer. Need a new back how seat its \$600.00, Brandon review is coming up and he is studying up on his sewer class

Mayor’s Report - Robert Wallace – Representative Greg Smith was in town had a meeting with members of council, also invited commissioner Steve Kramer and Jack Henderson – Talked about what was going on the community and what was a need. Wasco outreach team – Kate what is needed in Dufur, Robert is trying to open doors to get us list to find items that Dufur may need. Letting people what needs are for Dufur. Forest Collaborative; forest industry people to work together with environmentalist to open up commercial logging. 15 mile water shed project. The South Wasco County Economical Development group, broadband survey and working on getting business to grow. Goals for Robert: work with budget, update needs and issue survey, work with staff to find out what is working and what is not working, assignments for board member if anyone would like to change.

Attorney’s Report – Paul Sumner – None

Commissioners Reports

- Public Works – Merle Keys – Everything working ok, new seat for back hoe. This spring, purchasing crack seal equipment so the guys could do it as need, opposed to waiting for the county. In the past we have had the county come and to do the work when they have time or if they are in the area.
- Administration – Diana Austin - None

- Fire/Ambulance – Jon Keyser: 122 runs for the year; 2015- 2 ambulance runs/ no fire runs
- Planning and Development – None

Administration Report – Kathy Bostick – Employee Review for Brandon; Glenn to do Brandon review; Kathy talked about going to the Bias conference in Spokane, WA cost is \$375 plus cost of hotel and travel time. Jon made motion for Kathy to attend; 2nd by Richard; approved by all. Glenn recommend new council attends some training classes. Spoke about budget coming up and making sure we have budget committee members.

Adjournment: Diane made motion to adjourn; 2nd by Jon; All approved meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm



Mayor, Robert Wallace


City Recorder, Kathy Bostick