

CITY OF DUFUR COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2014

7:00 PM

DUFUR CITY HALL

Minutes

Call to order: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Mayor Arthur Smith, Councilors Jon Keyser, Jim Harger, Dave Knapp, Diana Austin, Richard Lyon and Merle Keys. Also in attendance were City Attorney Paul Sumner, City PW superintendent Glenn Miller and City recorder, Darla Clifton

Guests in Attendance: Fire Chief Jack Frakes, Bryce Macnab, Harold Stephens, Lucile Stephens, Wade Kilby, Marcia Underhill, Robert Wallace, Lane Magill of Wasco County Sheriff's office, Patricia Leir, Sidney Leir and Steve Kramer

Additions to Agenda: Complaint regarding: dust at 2nd and Johnston St.

Approval of Agenda: Merle Keys made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, second by Jim Harger, approved by all.

Special Presentations:

- **Wade Kilby:** proposal, Mr. Kilby provided copies of a proposal to council. Glenn Miller stated that they had tested the dumping procedure and that it had worked well. He saw no problem with allowing them to dump. Mayor Smith spoke regarding having the city listed as additionally insured on Mr. Kilby's insurance policy. Mayor Smith also expressed a desire for city legal council to review the agreement before any council action being taken. Paul Sumner reviewed the agreement and said that it appeared to be agreeable with the addition of insurance coverage. Merle Keys made a motion to approve the four month trial period, a second by Dave Knapp, approved by all.
- **Steve Kramer re: county road district:** County Commissioner, Steve Kramer spoke regarding plans Wasco County has to move forward with a county wide road taxing district. Paul Sumner explained that this is an approval by the council to open this issue up to voter approval – not that the council was making a final decision. This taxing district would generate near \$60K in revenue for Dufur. Funds would be used as the city saw fit toward construction and/or repair. Diana Austin made a motion to opt in and let it go to the voters, a second was made by Jim Harger, approved by all save Mayor Smith who abstained due to possible conflict of interest.

Consent Agenda: Jon Keyser made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Second by Jim Harger, approved by all.

Unfinished Business:

Citizen Input: Robert Wallace spoke regarding a meeting to be held June 19, 2014 for the South Wasco Alliance. This is a meeting of business associates, not necessarily government agencies. He requested representation from the City at their upcoming meeting. The association is interested in growing new business in this area with local improvements to facilities and attempt to fill empty buildings. Glenn Miller said he would be willing to attend the meeting. Mayor Smith said that he would also like to attend if not already scheduled elsewhere.

Public Hearing:

- **Approved Budget for 2014-2015 continued from 05.13.2014 –** Public hearing reopened for public comment in favor or opposition to adopting the 2014-2015 budget. No comments forthcoming, hearing closed

Ordinances and resolutions:

- **06.10.2014A acceptance of State Revenue Sharing Funds, Motion made by Dave Knapp to approve resolution 06.10.2014A acceptance of State Revenue Sharing Funds, second by Jon Keyser, approved by all**

- 06.10.2014B Approving 2014-2015 Budget, Motion made by Merle Keys to approve resolution 06.10.2014B adopting the 2014-2015 budget and imposing the tax, second by Richard Lyon, approved by all.
- 06.10.2014C re: Providing Insurance for Volunteers, Motion made by Merle Keys to approve resolution 06.10.2014C to provide insurance coverage for volunteers, second by Jim Harger, approved by all

New Business:

- Darryl Roberts, representing John Dillon - Request for consideration on overage charges resulting from leak. Jon Keyser made a motion that Council approve issuing a credit to account for ½ of the overage charge of \$689.90 (credit = \$344.95), second by Diana Austin, approved by all.
- Complaints regarding lack of noon whistle – After much discussion regarding discontinuing the noon whistle, it was the general consensus of the council that the general populace of town wanted the whistle to remain in effect. Jack Frakes stated that the fire people really did prefer it to be on a daily test basis as well. It was councils feeling that Mr. and Mrs. Cotter should be told that the trial basis was to be reversed prior to reinstating the whistle. Merle Keys made a motion that a representative from the council speak with Mr. and Mrs. Cotter to let them know that the whistle was to be reinstated; Diana Austin volunteered to speak with the Cotters. The motion was seconded by Richard Lyon, approved by all.

Public Works Report – Glenn Miller – Glenn Miller spoke regarding the dust complaint at 2nd and Johnston. He said that we had graveled there before about a year ago, but that gravel was really not the solution to the dust problem. Mayor Smith mentioned the possibility of hiring someone to perform dust abatement. Glenn said that he would check into it. Glenn also mentioned that it might be a good idea to make a shared cost agreement with the property owner. It was the general consensus of the council to look into dust abatement program with shared cost to property owner. Glenn reported that there still has been no movement with the engineering required from Tenneson Engineering. He will attempt contact again, and requested that perhaps Paul Sumner could contact as well. Paul Sumner agreed that he would contact again on our behalf. Glenn reported that a new grinder pump had been purchased with half of the cost coming from the park. His plan is to have the old one repaired so that we will have a back up if necessary. Brandon Beachamp had passed a certification. Spraying has begun at the sewer pond...

Mayor's Report-

Attorney's Report – Paul Sumner - none

Commissioners Reports

- **Public Works – Merle Keys -** Merle questioned plans for culvert at the fire station lot. Jon Keyser said they are currently working on it and that when complete it will extend the full length of the street.
- **Administration – Diana Austin - none**
- **Fire/Ambulance – Jon Keyser:** 14 ambulance runs for the month. The building for the fire station is scheduled for delivery around June 26th.
- **Planning and Development – Jim Harger - none**

Administration Report – Darla Clifton – Funds budgeted to Potlatch: The recorder questioned the likelihood of issuing a single check to Potlatch for the \$1500.00 budgeted donation. They would keep their receipts and turn them in as a report at the end of the budget year instead of asking for reimbursements several times through the year until the funds were expended. Paul Sumner suggested that Potlatch submit something similar to a request for grant, then the funds could be handled in that manner. The recorder spoke regarding her resignation and ending date of employment. An offer was made to assist in training someone until a replacement could be selected. It was discussed that Ann Ferguson had agreed to fill in temporarily; Ann was contacted and asked to come in the next day to begin training.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Merle Keys to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, a second by Diana Austin, approved by all.



 Mayor, Arthur Smith

 City Recorder, Darla Clifton