

WESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday Jan. 8, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

By Mayor Thul @6:00 PM Present: Mayor Duane Thul; Councilors: Bill Boyd, Lyn Delph, Jennifer Spurgeon Councilor Schuld and Debi Russell.

Location: Weston-Athena Memorial Hall, 210 East Main Street, Weston, OR
Meeting was called @6:00 pm

1a) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1b) Mayor Thul welcome everyone

1c) Approve Minutes for December 12, 2013 Councilor Boyd moved to approve the minutes for December 12, 2013 Councilor Schuld second. All in favor DT, JmS, BiB, LD, JS none opposed

2) Correspondence:

Councilor Spurgeon read correspondence letter from Sheriff Rowan regarding contracting outside law enforcement

3) Department Reports

3a) Police Department: Police reports pertains to action item line (6h)

3b) Public Works Department: Councilor Delph read public works report

3c) Library Report: Councilor Schuld read the library report

3d) City Hall: City Hall report pertains to (6a)

3e) Planning Commission: Next planning meeting will be February 3rd

3f) WCDC: Councilor Delph combined WCDC, Historic Landmark and Parks and Recreation report

3g) Historic Landmark Commission:

3h) Parks and Recreation Commission:

Mayor Thul Appointed Liaisons:

Councilor Boyd: Public Works and TGM Committee

Councilor Delph: Historic Landmark and Parks & Recreation

Councilor Schuld: WCDC

Councilor Spurgeon: Police Department and City Hall

Mayor Thul: Planning and Library

4) New Business Items

5) Old Business

6) Action Items

6a) Approve City Recorder to attend CIS Conference: Councilor Spurgeon motion to approve the City Recorder to attend CIS Conference Councilor Delph second. All in favor DT, JmS, BiB, LD, JS none opposed

6b) Approve Public Works to attend short school March 3rd thru 7th 2014: Councilor Schuld motion to approve public works to go to short school Councilor Delph second All in favor DT, JmS, BiB, LD, JS none opposed

6c) Enforce Ordinances: Tabled for February council meeting

6d) Fee Schedule Clarify Items: No action expand language

6e) Approve scope of work for TGM: There will be a special council meeting for approval.

6f) Accept Vicki Bender's Resignation from the Historic Landmark Commission: Councilor Boyd made the motion to accept Vicki Benders resignation Councilor Delph second All in favor DT, JmS, BiB, LD, JS none opposed

6g) Approve Historic Landmark Commission term of office extension by one month: Councilor Schuld made the motion to extend Historic Landmark Commission term by one month Councilor Boyd second All in favor DT, JmS, BiB, LD, JS none opposed

6h) Accept Police Officers Resignation: Councilor Spurgeon read Officer Henningsen resignation letter Councilor Boyd moved to accept the resignation Councilor Spurgeon second. Councilor Spurgeon commented that there was discussion on Dec. 31th about his job circumstances and if the council was willing to look at other options as discuss in the work session, hiring a second *police* officer and be open to a three year commitment, training at the cost of \$4000.00 with a wage increase which would be \$25.96 per hour. Mayor Thul made the comment that cost of hiring a police officer is always a major problem for small cities. Mayor Thul asked council for any comments none were given. All in favor DT, JmS, BiB Opposed JS, LD. Motion passed.

Mayor Thul asked citizens for suggestions and comments concerning the police department

Jack Jasperson told council that he thought it would be a travesty contracting for outside law enforcement. He would like them to consider hiring a police officer along with a couple of reserves. Mayor Thul commented how do you find that one person and his family to put up with 24/7 protection and that is what it would amount to.

Councilor Spurgeon commented that she understands the concerns of the citizens in not having police coverage and that council is exploring all options and trying to *do* the best for the city. The council will advertise for a police officer and have two agencies to come and take a look and offer services for police protection.

Joe Hearn commented that Sheriff Rowan should be ashamed of even consider offering a deputy when he is telling the paper daily of the shortage of funds for the sheriff's department and how can he give the city complete protection. Mayor Thul responded that the sheriff's department would have to hire two officers at the city costs.

Councilor Schuld voiced her concerns that the city has been in this position before and it turned out it wasn't in the best interest of the city.

Councilor Boyd commented that an administrator duty is a large cost for the police department budget.

Rick Stephen's asked about the response time with outside coverage, and would a watch group help

Loy Knutzen made the comment that all citizens should watch out for each other.

Wesley Rachor made the comment that the city has a qualified officer so why not give him a contract.

Dawn Strain made the comment that Josh has a good relationship with our middle school children and would hate to lose that.

Jack Jaspersen asked if the motion could be reversed for accepting Josh's resignation. Councilor Boyd and Mayor Thul stand fast in their vote. Councilor Schuld stated that Josh had made his decision in leaving.

Rick Stephen's wanted to know why they were discussing Josh staying when that is not going to happen.

Rick Stephen's commented that the agenda use to be posted at his work place. The agenda is posted at City Hall, Library, Post Office, EO and WWUB which meets Public Meeting Law requirements.

7) Approve Financials and Pay Bills:

Mayor Thul recused himself from paying Athena Auto Parts bill. The owner of Athena Auto Parts is his son.

Councilor Boyd made the motion to pay the bills with the exception of Athena Auto Parts Councilor Spurgeon second All in favor DT,LD,BiB,JmS,JS
Opposed none

Councilor Spurgeon made the motion to pay Athena Auto Parts. Councilor Schuld second All in favor: JS, BiB, LD,JmS none opposed Mayor Thul recused himself from paying Athena Auto Parts bill

Councilor Boyd made the motion to approve the monthly financials Councilor Delph second All in favor: DT.LD,JS,BiB,JmS none opposed

8) Citizen Suggestions & Comments: Each individual will be given 3 minutes if time allows

Adjournment @ 7:31pm

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