CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2014
6:00PM

ROLL CALL
Frank Cox, Monica Masco, Julie Mayfield, Robert Muth, Scott Anderson, Amy Weissfeld

STAFF
Nick Hogan, Ken Woodrich, Ben Shumaker, Eric Hansen

GUESTS
Peter Cornelison, Bernard Vasari, Ben Sciaccia, Robert Waymire, Keith Brown, Philip Watness, John McSherry

6:00pm Meeting Called to Order by Cox

Changes in agenda
City Council approved two additions to the agenda, a Planning Commission appointment (item 8.e) and approval of the Law Enforcement Contract (item 8.f).

MINUTES
Muth motioned to approve the November 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes as written with a 2nd by Masco. Unanimously approved

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Water adjustment – James & Sharyn Hatten (meter No. 403750) request a water adjustment of $695.41 for a water line break which has since been repaired.
b) Water adjustment – NAPA (meter No. 201400) requests a water adjustment of $80.84 for a leaking toilet which has since been repaired.
c) Liquor license application – Walking Man Brewing requests a microbrewery liquor license.
d) Liquor license application – El Rio Texicantina requests a Spirits/Br/Wine liquor license.
e) Liquor license application – LDB Beverage requests a microbrewery liquor license.

Muth motioned to approve the consent agenda items a – e as written with a 2nd by Anderson. Unanimously approved

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

OLD BUSINESS
Resolution 2014-279 Oil Trains through the Gorge
Peter Cornelison from Friends of the Gorge gave a short presentation and answered questions about the resolutions. Keith Brown spoke first and said that the City of Stevenson’s actions and other actions by other cities make an impact. Cornelison encouraged council to sign up for SELA (safe energy leader’s alliance) if they were interested. He also gave a list of cities that have created a resolution for oil or coal trains. He discussed the safety of oil and coal trains passing through the gorge. Cornelison said they are planning to increase the tracks through town and they are looking at the train car safety, placards on trains so the public can call and see what is in the train cars. There are no efforts to reduce on a federal level. He said we can’t restrict the commerce but we can look at the safety.

Masco made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-279, A Resolution stating the City of Stevenson’s concerns and opposition to the transportation of crude oil through the Columbia River Gorge. Anderson doesn’t like the verbiage about the Fire Department on page one (1) about lacking a specific emergency response plan, he would like to
Was Muth Stevenson. After the public hearing, Ordinance 2014-1083 Budget Adoption

Hogan Final Hearing on the 2015 Budget

PUBLIC HEARING BEGAN AT 7:14PM

Resolution 2014-278 and Ordinance 2014-1082

City Council passed Resolution 2014-278 and Ordinance 2014-1082 in November, 2014, to authorize a 1% property tax levy increase for 2015. City Administrator Nick Hogan presented Resolution 2014-280 and Ordinance 2014-1084 to correct the total estimated dollar amount to be raised by the proposed 2015 tax levy. Weissfeld motioned to approve Resolution 2014-280 and Ordinance 2014-1084 to correct the total estimated dollar amount to be raised by the proposed 2015 tax levy with a 2nd by Muth. Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC HEARING BEGAN AT 7:14PM

Final Hearing on the 2015 Budget

Hogan presented the proposed budget for public hearing and final review by City Council.

COX CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:19PM

Ordinance 2014-1083 Budget Adoption

After the public hearing, Hogan presented Ordinance 2014-1083 for adoption of the 2015 budget for the City of Stevenson.

Muth motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-1083 an ordinance adopting the budget for the City of Stevenson, Washington, for fiscal year 2015 with a 2nd by Anderson. Unanimous Approval
NEW BUSINESS

Shorelines Application SHOR2014-01

Shumaker presented Shorelines Application 2014-01 for Council consideration.

Masco motioned to refer this proposal to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation, and set a public hearing at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on January 15th, 2015 with a 2nd by Mayfield. Unanimous Approval

Woodrich discouraged holding two (2) public hearings. Shumaker said it is purely a recommendation by Planning Council. Woodrich withdrew his objection.

Contract Approval

Shumaker presented a 2015 contract renewal with Wallace Engineering for Council consideration not to exceed 15K.

Muth motioned to approve the Wallace engineering contract not to exceed 15K for 2015 with a 2nd by Weissfeld. Unanimously Approved

Urban Area Policy Assessment

Shumaker invited Council members to participate in a comprehensive regional urban area policy assessment sponsored by the Columbia River Gorge Commission.

Road Vacation Request

The City received a request from John Forsberg to vacate the Old Strawberry Road easement. Hansen reviewed the process with City Council.

Muth made a motion to pass Resolution 2014-281 a resolution of the City of Stevenson fixing a public hearing for January 15, 2015, at which time they will consider granting the requested vacation, with a 2nd by Mayfield. Unanimous Approval

Planning Commission Appointment

Masco motioned to appoint Shawn Van Pelt to Position #2 on the Planning Commission with a 2nd by Mayfield. Unanimous Approval

INFORMATION ITEMS

Sheriff’s Report

Weissfeld and Muth would like to bring traffic enforcement emphasis to Sheriff Brown. Woodrich said if we try to direct our chief of police we are making law enforcement priority decisions for him. Hogan told council that Sheriff Brown has been very straightforward with him. Council would like a side contract discussion with no additional funds needed, as they would like to define the law enforcement services. Council would like to add verbiage about the regulation of traffic control on all roads within the city limits. Weissfeld wants to know what the specific line item is for the speeding ticket in the report submitted to the City by the Sheriff’s office. She would like to know how many are from routine patrol. Hogan is going to invite Sheriff Brown and Pat Bond to speak with City Council. Council will approve the contract with Muth’s corrections.

Muth motioned to approve the contract for the Skamania County Sheriff’s Office with the addition of “regulation of traffic control within City limits” to section 1.0 with a 2nd by Weissfeld. Unanimous Approval
CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Hogan discussed the tourism committee meeting. Hogan reported that there were no requests for vacation buy-out received from staff this year.

Hansen updated council on the Cascade Ave project. He said that McSherry has secured additional funding from the county. The east end radar traffic sign is up and working and the foundation has been poured on the west end on the island for the second sign. The first wayfinding sign is installed on the west end of town. The trail project is on hold until February, finished paving today. The traffic crossing flags were all stolen on the evening of December 11th. Hansen has placed an order for new flags as well as new larger cans. Business owners may sponsor flags with their logos.

Shumaker gave a subdivision update and BNSF update.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Anderson mentioned that the fire hall doesn’t have gutters and that there is a damaged gutter that needs to be replaced. Hansen said he is aware of this and has discussed it with the appropriate parties.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

November 2014 Payroll checks, December Firemen Payroll checks, and December 2014 Accounts Payable checks have been audited and are presented for approval. November payroll checks 8977 thru 8998 total $75,106.48 which includes two ACH payments and one EFTPS payment. December Firemen’s Payroll checks 9000 thru 9027 total $6,870.33 (check 8999 was voided due to a printing error). December Accounts Payable checks 9028 thru 9088 total $296,023.75 which includes two ACH payments. The A/P Check Register and Fund Transaction Summary are attached for your review. Detailed claims vouchers will be available for review at the Council meeting. There was no investment activity in November 2014.

Muth motioned to approve vouchers with a 2nd by Anderson. Unanimously approved

ISSUES FOR NEXT MEETING

Weissfeld mentioned that she had items from the last meeting that were not addressed.

8:15 MEETING ADJOURNED

Frank Cox

Nick Hogan, City Administrator/Clerk

Minutes by Melissa Anderson