CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2015
6:00 PM

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

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

GUESTS
Mary Repar, Rick May, John Forsberg, Casey Roeder, Pat Albaugh, Ben Sciacca

6:00pm Meeting Called to Order by Cox

MINUTES
Mayfield would not like so much detail in the minutes. Weissfeld said since the meetings aren’t tape recorded she feels the detail is fine. Woodrich said that only documenting action taken is actually required. The majority opinion was that the extra detail is sometimes nice to have.

Masco motioned to approve the March 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes as written with a 2nd by Anderson. Unanimously approved

CONSENT AGENDA
a) Water adjustment – Algis Steponaitis (meter No. 102500) requests a water adjustment of $123.19 for a water leak in the incoming line which has since been repaired.
b) Liquor license renewals – Walking Man Brewing; Lesley’s Books and Beer
c) Special Occasion Liquor license application – Stevenson Business Association, June 26th & 27th, Gorge Blues & Brews.
d) Special Occasion Liquor license application – Skamania County, July 23rd – 26th, Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival.
e) Liquor license application – Justin Gross / Bigger River Grill, LLC
f) Change of Location application – Lesley’s Books and Beer from 256 SW 2nd Street to 77 SW Russell Avenue.
g) Training Request - Judge Anderson requests approval to attend the Spring Judge’s conference at Skamania Lodge June 7th through 10th. Incidental fees will be paid by DMCJA; there will be no cost to the City.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
Repar said that at the last council meeting Sciacca made a presentation and his comments were not well received by Council. Repar said she and another in attendance were disturbed by Council’s comments. Weissfeld apologized to Sciacca if he felt personally attacked by her comments.
PRESENTATIONS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES:
Skamania County Chamber of Commerce
Roeder updated council on recent events and activities.

Skamania County Economic Development Council
Albaugh made a detailed presentation of EDC’s First Quarter progress report.

OLD BUSINESS
Hansen presented Ordinance 2015-1085 Strawberry Road Vacation to council.
Muth motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-1085 to vacate the City’s Right of Way for Old Strawberry Road with a 2nd by Anderson. Unanimous Approval

Downtown Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Concerns
Hogan updated Council on traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in downtown Stevenson and the preliminary results of the survey. Sciacca discussed his petition and asked Council to go out and talk to the people. Muth said WSDOT can be a brick wall. Weissfeld asked if the city can hire a traffic cop to specifically ticket trucks. She doesn’t know about legality or cost. Cox said any speeder should be stopped, not just trucks. Hansen presented speed data from the radar feedback signs as 26.2 mph from the West and 28.4 mph from the East.

NEW BUSINESS
WSDOT Crosswalks Agreement
Hansen presented a contract for WSDOT crosswalk maintenance to City Council for ratification. He said WSDOT plans to chip seal 2nd Street in August. This contract is for WSDOT to redo the City’s crosswalks at the same time for a cost of $3,300. He also proposed that city staff paint the crosswalks in the interim for a cost of less than $500.

Masco motioned to ratify the WSDOT crosswalk maintenance contract and to approve repainting crosswalks by the city this summer with a 2nd by Anderson. Unanimous Approval

Downtown Parking
Stevenson Business Association (SBA) President Scott Anderson presented a request from the SBA to revisit parking in downtown Stevenson. The type of business determines the amount of spaces required. Shumaker said addressing parking is included as an objective in the comp plan. Weissfeld discussed air B&B. Shumaker asked Council if the Planning Commission should focus first on transient lodging or on parking. Council suggested they continue to focus first on transient lodging.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Financial Report
Hogan presented the City’s Financial Reports for year to date revenues and expenditures through March 31, 2015.

Trail Project Update
Shumaker provided an update on the Bridging Byways Community Trail Project and the ribbon cutting ceremony. He said it is paved and fenced up along the wall; work is still needed along the plaza and on the landscaping. The concrete company will put in the concrete plaza. He is finishing up with the PTA and with a local daycare (Wee Care of Stevenson) and on May 9th there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and the kids will ride their bikes on the trail. Shumaker is working on a beautification project for the wall.

Sheriff’s report
Hogan reported on the number of traffic related court cases filed in Stevenson Municipal Court this year
and said the county is spending more time on traffic enforcement in Stevenson. City Council was pleased with the report and asked Hogan to convey their appreciation to Sheriff Brown.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS
Hogan discussed two letters, one received from MCEDD one sent by the City regarding the Tesoro Savage Proposed oil terminal. Shumaker reported that Chindere wants to set up a pre-construction meeting and go to construction on 27 lots. He said this is a four phase subdivision. The Shorelines management plan update is moving forward.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS
Anderson discussed home costs and would like to see building permits up to date. Weissfeld mentioned that the school Superintendent is leaving.

VOUCHER APPROVAL
March 2015 Payroll checks have been audited and are presented for approval. March payroll checks 9308 through 9328 total $77,938.87 which includes two ACH payments and one EFTPS payment. April Accounts Payable checks 9329 through 9339 were voided due to a printing error. Checks 9340 through 9389 total $205,375.17 which includes one ACH payment. 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 March 2015.

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

ISSUES FOR THE NEXT MEETING
Anderson discussed planter boxes and the Stevenson Beautification Project. He said maybe they could hire a landscape architect and look at changing out the foliage. Hansen said they normally do this with a local landscaper and he would have it done. Repar discussed a retaining wall that could be beautified.

7:55 MEETING ADJOURNED

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Frank Cox                             Nick Hogan, City Administrator/Clerk

Minutes by Melissa Anderson