



City of Prineville

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REGULAR MEETING BRIEF

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City Council Special Meeting Brief December 31st, 2013

Council Members Present:

Gail Merritt
Dean Noyes
Betty Roppe

Jason Beebe
Jack Seley
Steve Uffelman

Council Members Absent

Jason Carr

Additions to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

None.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests:

A. Public Appearances

Darlene Harpster, Prineville resident addressed the Council.

Mrs. Harpster thanked Council for all of their hard work this last year.

Mrs. Harpster explained that she was dismissed from the County meeting on this same subject and asked if it was okay that she attend the Council meeting. Mayor Roppe said that she could attend.

Mrs. Harpster stated that the notice did not allow much time for the public especially with a first and second reading. Mayor Roppe stated there was a public notice posted for this meeting and the public is aware and that this item does not require a first and second reading.

Mrs. Harpster asked what this would be doing.

Mr. Forrester, City Manager responded that this would only exempt any improvements made to the property for fifteen (15) years and is being added to an existing agreement. Property taxes on the land would be collected as it has been. After the 15 years, the improvements would be added to the value of the land on the county tax rolls.

Mayor Roppe explained that this item would be an improvement for the community.

Mr. Forrester confirmed that.

Mrs. Harpster said that she objects to this with such short notice and asked Council to consider that.

Mayor Roppe thanked Mrs. Harpster for the letter she submitted to the Central Oregonian Editor.

No one else came forward.

Council Business:

A. Approve Amendment to Agreement for Long-Term Rural Oregon Enterprise Zone Exemption on Taxable Property in Prineville, Oregon.

Russ DeBoodt, Prineville Manager Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO) thanked the Council for getting together on short notice on a holiday to consider this and said the company wanted to express their thanks as well.

Mr. DeBoodt provided the background information and explained that the company said that they are looking to add a solar renewable energy operation for their facility at the top of the grade. The reason for the deadline, is because the clock for the 15 year exemption begins on January 1, 2014 and before executing the agreement to purchase up to 211 acres, they needed to be sure it could be included in the existing agreement. The company apologized for heavily involved in another project the last six (6) months and this falling through the cracks.

Mr. DeBoodt added this amendment would specifically allow them to build solar renewal energy facilities and does not exclude them from any facility expansions in the future. The amendment is just for adding additional acreage and a solar renewable energy facility. Any additional projects would require additional County and City approval.

Mr. Forrester asked for certainty that if in the future, the company wanted to add another spine/or pod that the company would be required to come back to the County and City for approval, a new development agreement would be made and they would basically start over at ground zero in an approval process for a tax exemption.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Uffelmann	Carr	Beebe	Merritt	Seley	Roppe	Noyes
Approving the first amendment to the Long Term Rural Enterprise Agreement on Taxable Property Within Prineville, Oregon.	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Public Records Disclosure

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