



City of Prineville

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REGULAR MEETING BRIEF

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City Council Meeting Brief June 8th, 2010

Council Members Present:

Betty Roppe
Mayor Wendel
Jack Seley

Gordon Gillespie
Steve Uffelman

Council Members Absent:

Jim MacDonald
Dean Noyes

Additions to the Agenda

An amended agenda was distributed prior to the meeting adding Resolution 1137. EDCO presentation postponed. Crook County Kids Club contribution added to Council Business.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Roppe made a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests:

A. Human Dignity Advocates of Crook County – Steve Langer

Mr. Langer explained that he had met with staff to discuss the possibility of a utility assistance program.

Mr. Stephenhagen, a county resident highlighted other cities sewer and water rates and asked why Prineville's are so high.

Sara Hughes, a Prineville resident stated that she had her water turned off for a \$140.00 balance.

Marcella Edmonds, a county resident who volunteers at St. Vincent DePaul stated

she had met with staff last year, requesting that the language be reformed on the past due notices that are clearer such as the actual shut off date, especially for those residents with limited educations.

Denise Stephenhagen, a county resident and volunteer at St. Vincent DePaul stated it is the churches in the community along with St. Vincent DePaul that end up paying the water bills. She added that with a utility assistance program St. Vincent DePaul would funnel the funds through. She would also like to see notices hung on doors that are in danger of shut off.

Laquitta Stick, a county resident and volunteer for HAD spoke of the county and city economy and how people are struggling. With a neighbor for neighbor program it would allow people to make a voluntary donation with their phone bill and put into a pool to help others from getting their water turned off. Other cities are doing it and it seems to work well. Ms. Stick feels it would be a cost benefit to the city as well, eliminating the need for someone to go out to turn water off and someone else to turn it on again. There are people who have already offered to give donations to a program like this.

Mayor Wendel asked if people could currently donate to St. Vincent DePaul for something like this.

Ms. Stick said yes, but wasn't sure if it would be used specifically for water/sewer bills since it is not really a function of St. Vincent DePaul.

Dick Faye, a Prineville resident wanted to remind Council that they represent over 10,000 people. Mr. Faye asked to consider what kind of a community we are and would like Council to support a program like this.

Phil Paterno, resident of county, wanted to highlight the purpose of the program in that the city would solicit voluntary donations from the utility customers. It would be put into a fund for people to use in the event that they can not pay their water bill.

Larry Thomas, a Prineville resident stated that he remembers when the water bill would increase, and not the sewer and then the sewer rates increased. Mr. Thomas wanted to commend the group for this proposal and stated that he would be one to donate monthly to a program like this.

Larry Ferguson, a Prineville resident stated that we have to find ways to help those in need, not just seniors but the younger people with children as well.

No other visitors came forward.

Mayor Wendel stated that if anyone is interested in learning why the rates are what they are, to schedule an appointment with the City Manager or staff. Mayor Wendel added that the city staff runs as lean as possible and that the City presented a budget without any increases in rates, knowing that times are tough.

Councilor Uffelman wanted to clarify on the perception that the city is getting excess
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revenue from the city water and sewer bills to subsidize the general fund is erroneous.

Councilor Gillespie stated that he wanted to echo what Mayor Wendel had said.

Mr. Langer asked when they could expect to hear about this again.

Council would discuss this again at their June 22nd meeting.

Councilor Roppe thanked all the citizens for coming to the Council meeting.

Council Business:

A. CCHS Rodeo Association & Crook County Kids Club – Contribution

Councilor Roppe made a motion to contribute \$2,000 to the CCHS Rodeo Association. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilor Seley made a motion to contribute \$2,000 to the Crook County Kids Club. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, Councilor Roppe abstained. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

A. Managers Report – Steve Forrester

Steve Forrester stated that: DEQ is reviewing the plan for a wetland for wastewater and offered kudos to Public Works Superintendent Jerry Brummer and City Engineer Eric Klann; the banner poles project has been completed after threes and thanked Scott Smith Street Supervisor and Angela Jacobson of PP & L; the Railroad Commission had a meeting today; it has been a good month in terms of traffic; Facebook has negotiated with the Mayor and myself to bond for improvements; thanks to Jerry Brummer and Scott Smith the rail road crossings in town have been paved.

Mr. Forrester invited Lee Roberts, Golf Pro for Meadow Lakes to come forward.

Mr. Roberts distributed a report giving status for golf rounds, explaining that rounds of golf drive all areas of income and length of service by Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Shop Manager, Restaurant Manager and Golf Professional.

B. Risk Management Report – Mary Puddy

Mary Puddy, Risk Management and Human Resource Director presented the report. Mrs. Puddy pointed out significant achievements made by the City and how it has given the City very good rates for various insurance and reduced the number of claims.

Ordinances:

None.

Resolutions:

A. Resolution No. 1135 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Prineville, Crook County and the State of Oregon for the Highway 126 Refinement Plan – Scott Edelman

Councilor Roppe made a motion to read Resolution No. 1135 by title only. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Scott Edelman, Senior Planner presented the staff report.

There were questions regarding the role of city staff in this, and whether this is going to address interim needs or can move into the long term needs.

Councilor Roppe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1135. Motion seconded. No discussion motion. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 1136 – A Resolution Establishing Fees and Charges for the City of Prineville for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 – Liz Shuette

Councilor Uffelman made a motion to read Resolution No. 1136 by title only. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Liz Schuette, Finance Director went through the fees and charges, explaining that there were inconsistencies in the schedule first handed out and passed out the corrected schedule. Also, if Council decided to move forward with the 2nd Hand License ordinance that the fees would be in place. Mayor Wendel would like everyone who attended that meeting to be informed of the rate.

There were discussions regarding the residential vs. commercial rates.

Councilor Roppe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1136 as amended with Exhibit A. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion, motion carried.

C. Resolution No. 1137 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Prineville and Crook County for the Highway 126 Refinement Plan – Scott Edelman / Carl Dutli

Councilor Seley made a motion to read Resolution No. 1137 by title only. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Scott Edelman and Carl Dutli, City Attorney explained the purpose of the resolution.

Councilor Roppe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1137. There was discussion on the motion. Motion seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors Appearances and Requests:

Scott Smith, Street Supervisor made an announcement when the O'Neil Highway rail road crossings would be paved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Uffelman	Gillespie	MacDonald	Wendel	Seley	Roppe	Noyes
Consent Agenda	PASSED	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-
CCHS – Rodeo Association Contribution	PASSED	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-
Crook County Kids Club Contribution	PASSED	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-
Resolution No. 1135 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Prineville, Crook County and the State of Oregon for the Highway 126 Refinement Plan	PASSED	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-
Resolution No. 1136 – A Resolution Establishing Fees and Charges for the City of Prineville for Fiscal Year 2010-2011	PASSED	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-
Resolution No. 1137 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Prineville and Crook County for the Highway 126 Refinement Plan	PASSED	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-

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