



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Irrigon City Council Meeting

February 26, 2008

7:00 PM

Irrigon City Hall

500 NE Main Avenue

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Chuck Neumann called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Neumann. Roll was called, all Councilor's were present: Ken Matlack; James Ray; Bob Flournoy; Joe Theisen; Laura Clark and Jack Johns.

City Manager Gerald Breazeale, Public Works Director Keith White, City Planner Hartley Seeger and Utility Billing Clerk Penny Moore were present.

2. Introductions & Announcements

New requirements for quarterly reports from the State of Oregon Ethic's Committee were distributed to the council members.

3. Comments from Citizens not on the Agenda

There were no comments from the audience.

4. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2008 Council Meeting

A question was asked about the correct spelling for the Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Correction was to be made if incorrect spelling. Councilor Bob Flournoy made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Ken Matlack seconded the motion. Vote was taken, vote carried unanimously.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for this meeting.

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 186-08, an Ordinance Adopting the Irrigon, Oregon City Code

Mayor Neumann opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Neumann closed the public hearing.

7. Council Action

Ordinance No. 186-08, An Ordinance Adopting the Irrigon, Oregon City Code

Councilor Joe Theisen made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 186-08. Councilor Bob Flournoy seconded the motion. City Manager Gerald Breazeale read, by title only, Ordinance No. 186-08, An ordinance Adopting the Irrigon, Oregon City Code. Councilor Ken Matlack asked City Manager Gerald Breazeale if removing the provision for tampering would create a problem. Gerald Breazeale answered that it would not. Vote was taken, vote carried unanimously.

8. Community Clean Up Day – April 12

There was discussion on having containers available again this year for Community Clean Up Day with a list of restrictions. One of the restrictions would be no tires allowed to be dumped. There will be no charge for the City of Irrigon customers upon showing a utility bill for entrance to the containers. There will be a cost for outside of City limits. What to do with batteries was also discussed. Mayor Neumann stated that they could be donated to the high school since they have an arrangement with Napa Auto Parts Store.

9. Water System Improvement Project – Status Report

a) Water Rights – The official certificate establishing the City's water rights has been received.

b) Bid Schedule – No bid schedule at this time.

10. Morrow County Mayor's/Manager's Meeting

a) Tipping Fees Discussion – There was a Chamber Town Hall meeting Friday, February 22, 2008, the topic was Tipping Fees. The meeting was informative, explanation of the ballot measure, pros and cons of distribution of tipping fees and Representative from the County and Cities were on hand to answer questions.

b) The next meeting date for Mayors and Managers Meeting is March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lexington City Hall.

11. Resolution No. 08-02, A Resolution Establishing the Public Works Committee

There was a brief discussion of establishing a committee for recommendations and proposals for Public Works.

Councilor Ken Matlack stated that he did not want to see the committee interfering with duties by giving direction. City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that the committee would be giving an opinion, not direction. The Public Works Committee would have minutes taken at the meeting to be included in the council packets.

Councilor Bob Flournoy made a motion for approval of establishing the public works committee. Councilor Joe Thiesen seconded the motion. Vote was taken, vote carried unanimously.

12. Accounts Payable

There was a brief discussion on the accounts payable preliminary check run YTD balances and distribution of the line items. The council didn't understand why the YTD balances were the same throughout the document. It was concluded, it must be the balance before payments are made. City Manager Gerald Breazeale will confirm with Finance Officer Brandy Adams.

There was a discussion on a disaster plan and how to handle a situation in the future, regarding the recent power outage. It was stated that there needs to be someone in charge and an established liaison with Umatilla Electric Cooperative to be able to get correct and definite answers and time lines.

Councilor Bob Flournoy made a motion to pay the accounts payables. Councilor Laura Clark seconded the motion. Vote was taken, vote carried unanimously.

13. Additional Discussion

Councilor Joe Theisen gave a monthly financial report presentation on the Budget versus Actual for 2007-2008. The reports were distributed to the council members. There was a discussion on monies for the street improvement project. Councilor Theisen also stated he will begin looking at each account as his next step.

Adjournment - Councilor Bob Flournoy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Jack Johns seconded the motion. Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date – March 11, 2008

If you would like to attend and need assistance, please call Irrigon City Hall at 1.541.922.3047 or TTY relay 1.800.735.2900

Mayor Neumann

Attest