



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Irrigon City Council Meeting

June 24, 2008

7:00 PM

Irrigon City Hall

500 NE Main Avenue

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor James Ray called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ray.

Mayor Ray asked the council members to accept an application for appointment of Eleanor Partridge to the City Councilor. Mayor Ray read a letter of interest from Mrs. Partridge stating her interest to keep up on the politics of the City of Irrigon. Councilor Ken Matlack made the motion to accept Eleanor Partridge as a member of the Council. Councilor Jesse Pena seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. City Manager Gerald Breazeale issued the oath of office to Councilor Eleanor Partridge, she was welcomed aboard and she took a seat at the council table.

Mayor Ray called roll; Councilors present were Ken Matlack, Bob Flournoy, Jesse Pena and Eleanor Partridge. Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Johns was absent.

At this time Mayor Ray made a presentation and presented a plaque to thank Former Councilor Laura Clark for all her time and work she had contributed to the City of Irrigon.

City Manager Gerald Breazeale; Public Works Director Keith White and Utility Billing Clerk Penny Moore were present.

In the audience: Dominic Starks, Dave Adamson, Amy Sandy, Melinda Dennis, Charles Miller, Laura Clark, Mike Jewett, Rick Jewett, and Warren Prouty.

2. Comments from Citizens not on the Agenda – Max. 5 Minutes/person

Mayor Ray asked the audience if there were any comments. Citizen David Adamson, 190 Hurd Place asked why Fourteenth Street is only 30 feet wide, he stated that he has people going up and down the street 10 feet from his bedroom. Mr. Adamson wondered why city council does not make the street wider and a two lane street out of it. City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that the city only owns 30 feet, when the subdivisions went in there was a dedication of 30 feet from the property owner's side to get access to the property and the adjacent property owner which is Strebin Farms did not dedicate any right of way. The Council only asked for the right of way from the developer and did not require the adjacent property owner dedicate any property. Councilor Ken Matlack asked if anyone had talked to the Strebin's to see if they would be willing to work with

the City to correct the right of way situation. The street standard calls for a 50 foot minimum for right of way. Mr. Breazeale will send a letter to the Strebins asking for additional right of way.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2008 Council Meeting

Mayor Ray asked if the council had a chance to read the minutes. Councilor Ken Matlack made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Bob Flournoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence

City Manager Gerald Breazeale asked for direction from the City Council on a request from Phil Richerson from DEQ regarding comments on the success of the volunteer program with the Lower Umatilla Groundwater Management Area for reducing nitrates. Mr. Breazeale stated that from his perception it was a dismal failure; however he does not want to state that without direction from Council. Since the nitrate levels continue to go up even though the City will have invested \$8,000,000 when the water project is complete. There was a consensus from the Council to suggest reporting back to Mr. Richardson that the program has not been successful for Irrigon and report what Irrigon has done to resolve the nitrate levels.

5. **Public Hearing**

Mayor James Ray **opened** the public hearing for Ordinance No. 189-08, An Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste Disposal, Collection and Recycling; Enabling The Granting Of An Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise To Sanitary Disposal, Inc., Its Successor and Assigns; Providing For Inspection; Providing Penalties; Amending Ordinance No. 45 And 45-1 And Re-Writing Same And Declaring An Emergency.

City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that he was directed at the last meeting by the Council to pursue one of the options where the City would give the billing back to Sanitary Disposal. The chosen option would increase the franchise fee to 7% and approve the rate increase for Sanitary Disposal. For residents the 35 gallon cart would be \$7.75 per month and the 90 gallon cart would be \$12.70 per month effective July 1, 2008.

Mayor Ray asked for any testimony from the audience. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Ray **closed** the public hearing.

This ordinance gives the authority to set the rates by resolution.

Council Action

Mayor Ray asked for a first reading of Ordinance No. 189-08. Mr. Breazeale read Ordinance No. 189-08 by title only for the first reading. Mayor Ray asked for a second reading. Second reading: Mr. Breazeale read the following ordinance by title only for the second Ordinance No. 189-08.

Councilor Bob Flournoy made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 189-08. Councilor Ken Matlack seconded the motion. Councilors Ken Matlack, Bob Flournoy, Jesse Pena, and Eleanor Partridge voting YES, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6. Council Action

Mayor James Ray asked the Council if they had reviewed the Resolution 08-13, A Resolution Establishing the Rate for Garbage Service.

Councilor Bob Flournoy made the motion to approve Resolution 08-13, the rate change for garbage service. Councilor Jesse Pena seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. OLCC License Renewals

Councilor Bob Flournoy stated to exercise option number 3, take no action. There was a consensus from the council to take no action.

8. Request for Use of Closed 6th Street for Tricycle Race for Breast Cancer Research

Citizen Melinda Dennis asked the Mayor for permission to hold the Race for Breast Cancer Research and close Sixth Street for the Tricycle races for Saturday, July 19 2008.

Councilor Bob Flournoy questioned the liability insurance. Mr. Breazeale replied with this is a fund raiser for breast cancer making it a non-profit event for the City which will be under the umbrella insurance which covers any injuries or liabilities that may occur. Ms. Dennis stated that she would sign a waiver for the liability.

9. Water Improvement Project

City Manager Gerald Breazeale asked the council to approve payment of \$528,140.89 to Swaggart Brothers, pending the approval of Rural Development and then payment can be issued for these materials.

Mr. Breazeale reported that Swaggart Brothers are making good progress out in the field.

Councilor Ken Matlack made the motion to approve payment for \$528,140.89. Councilor Bob Flournoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Accounts Payable

Councilor Bob Flournoy made the motion to accept and pay the payables. Councilor Jesse Pena seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion on the new utility truck that would be delivered on Wednesday, June 25, 2008. The old Dodge truck will be taken to auction reported Public Works Director Keith White.

Councilor Ken Matlack asked Mr. White about the low water pressure on the potable water faucet behind the Fire Station, wondering if that was by design or just the way it is. Mr. White said that the well is throttled down to 40 to 50 gallons a minute because it runs out of water from time to time and it has to be shut down. The well is not connected to a pressure tank. If it was to be shut off at 8 o'clock at night to build up pressure, there would be complaints from the people that use the faucet at night time.

City Manager Gerald Breazeale addressed the council recommending that that the utility truck be purchased outright which would be less money than leasing. There was a consensus from the council to buy the truck outright.

11. Additional Discussion

Mayor James Ray announced that he received a letter from Tiffany La Rue stating that the yard sale she had for the fire victims produced \$1,100 that would be divided equally among the two families. The Mayor asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Ms. La Rue.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date – July 15, 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 James Ray

Attest