

CITY OF FALLS CITY 299 MILL STREET FALLS CITY OREGON 97344

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 02, 2009

The regular meeting of the Falls City City Council was called to order by Mayor Fleener at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 02, 2009 in the Council Chambers at the Falls City Community Center.

Roll Call:

Council Members present were: Julee Bishop, Bruce Garret, William Lowman, John Volkmann, Erma Ferguson, Donovan Watkins, Mayor Darrin Fleener.

Council Members absent were: None

Member of staff present was City Administrator Gian Paolo Mammone

The meeting was recorded on tape and the tape is on file at City Hall.

Mayor Fleener led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Request to remove Item 6B- Old Business: Council consensus to do so.

Donavan Watkins moved, seconded by John Volkmann, to adopt the Entire Agenda minus Item 6-B (old Business).

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes; Volkmann-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson yes

Motion carried 6/0/0.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

John Volkmann Moved, seconded by Bruce Garret, to approve the Consent Agenda Item A - Approval of minutes of regular meetings of 07/16/2009; 08/03/2009; 08/04/2009 and 10/19/2009

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes; Volkmann-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson yes

Motion carried 6/0/0.

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Mayor Fleener invited public comment or questions regarding any issues not already on the agenda for the meeting.

There being none, Mayor Fleener continued with the agenda.

6) OLD BUSINESS

6A Time Extension on Anthony Reys replat application

John Volkmann moved, seconded by Donovan Watkins to grant Mr. Reys an extension of one (1) year (up to October 31, 2010) in order to comply with the requirements of his replat application.

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes; Volkmann-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson yes

Motion carried 6/0/0.

7) NEW BUSINESS

7A Resolution #2009-08. Supporting the formation of a 4-H County District.

John Volkman moved, seconded by Donavan Watkins, that the Council adopt Resolution #2009-08, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A POLK COUNTY 4-H, MASTER GARDNER, AGRICULTURE, AND FORESTRY SERVICE DISTRICT TO BE PUT ON A BALLOT FOR PUBLIC VOTE.

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes, Volkmann-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson yes
Motion carried 6/0/0.

7B Resolution #2009-09. Authorizing changes to the City Parks User Fee Schedule

John Volkman moved, seconded by Donavan Watkins, that the Council adopt Resolution #2009-09, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE CITY PARK FEE SCHEDULE AND SETTING PARK FEED BEGINNING NOVEMBER 02, 2009.

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes, Volkmann-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson yes
Motion carried 6/0/0.

7C Business License Application (Troy Greenberg).

John Volkman moved, seconded by Donavan Watkins to approve the Business City License application of Troy Greenberg (ET Machine, Design & Firearms).

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes, Volkmann-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson yes
Motion carried 6/0/0.

7D Ordinance #521-2009. Amending language for the schedule of regular meetings of council.

John Volkman moved, seconded by Donavan Watkins, that the City Council adopt Ordinance #521-2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 335-1971("REGULAR MEETINGS") SECTION 03 OF CHAPTER 30, COUNCIL MEETINGS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, TO ESTABLISH A NEW LANGUAGE FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL.

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes, Volkmann-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson no
Motion carried 5/1/0.

7E Council discussion about Committees and Committees' assignments

Mayor Fleener stated that he was concerned with the Council Members lack of attendance of Committee Meetings, and that he was considering the need to follow through with actions, and potentially to reprimand Council members who did not discharge their responsibilities. Mayor Fleener also stated that beginning with January 2010 there would be a new schedule of meetings. John Volkman reminded everyone the schedule of committee meetings for the coming week.

The meeting was suspended for a break at 7:55 PM. The meeting was called back to order at 8:00 PM

7F Council discussion about establishing a "Panel" to discuss safety service/needs

Mayor Fleener discussed with City Council the opportunity to authorize the creation of a "Blue Ribbon Panel" to discuss basic requirements of safety service /needs. The Panel would then present its findings to the City Council. Mayor Fleener suggested that the panel would have the following representatives:

2 representatives from the School District;
1 representative from the Fire Department);

- 1 representative from the business community;
- 1 representative from the senior citizens community;
- 1 representative from the community at large.

Bruce Garrett suggested adding a representative for the category of ministerial association. Also a recommendation was made to increase the number of representatives from the "Community at Large Group" from 1 to 2 or 3.

7G Council discussion about establishing a policy introducing fines for illegal outdoor burning

Mayor Fleener introduced the discussion about the opportunity to fine people who illegally burn waste both outdoor and through their stove/fireplace.

Bruce Garret asked that staff/council start considering an ordinance about the disposal of tires in a proper way, and the opportunity to support an agreement with DEQ to test the ground after illegal burning, and to fine people.

John Volkman moved, seconded by Donovan Watkins to investigate an ordinance/resolution establishing a procedure and fines for illegal burning

Vote: Bishop-yes; Garret-yes; Lowman-yes, Volkman-yes; Watkins-yes; Ferguson yes

Motion carried 6/0/0.

8) COMMITTEE, BOARDS, AND COMMISSION REPORTS

No reports.

9) CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

City Administrator Gian Paolo Mammone responded to the questions that some Council Member had asked at the previous Council Meeting.

Councilor Julee Bishop:

Q: Is there enough money in the budget to purchase a brush cutter?

A: Yes, if this is a single person operated weed whacker or gas limb trimmer (approximate value up to \$700.00 - \$800.00). No, if this was to be a tractor mounted brush cutter.

Councilor(s) Julee Bishop / Bruce Garrett:

Q: What is the Les Schwab bill of October 09, 2009 of \$840.00 for?

A: The bill is for a set of four (4) "Heavy duty" pick up tires for the City pick up track. The bill is inclusive of mounting and balancing the tires.

William Lowman suggested that there were potentially three (3) missing microphones from Council Chamber.

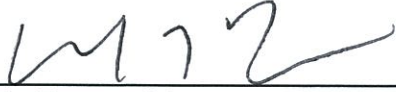
Donovan Watkins asked if the Council could receive Court Updates at Council Meeting. City Administrator Gian Paolo Mammone stated that this could be done, by adding a Court Log to the Council Packets. This would keep the Council Members informed on the follow-up to legal actions taken by the City.

John Volkman reported that during Halloween night he saw kids wearing KKK costumes while walking through the City. John Volkman stated that it was distressing, troubling, disgusting and intolerable still have to witness this kind of behavior, and he recommended that the City Council send a message, loud and clear, that our community will not tolerate harassment and discrimination by anyone and that furthermore such acts of discrimination will be prosecuted to the maximum extent of the law.

10) ADJOURN

Mayor Fleener adjourned the meeting at 8:42 P.M.

Approved this 16th day of November 2009.



Darrin Fleener, Mayor

Attest:



Gian Paolo Mammone, City Administrator