

City of Sublimity

COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Gene Ditter called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Steve Tabor swore in Gene Ditter as the Mayor. Mayor Gene Ditter swore in Doug Denson and Bob Brundage as council members. A quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Other members present: Jan Fritz and Joe Lulay. Staff present: Carrie Adams, City Recorder, Alan Frost, Public Works Director and Steve Tabor, City Attorney. There were 12 people in the audience. Mayor Gene Ditter resigned his council seat for the remaining two years and appointed Jan Fritz to fulfill the remainder of his term. Joe Lulay made a motion to appoint Jan Fritz to fulfill the remaining two years; Doug Denson seconded the motion; unanimously approved. Jan Fritz was then sworn in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jan Fritz noted that under the Koehnke appeal, it will be Chris Crean, Gene Ditter and herself that will be meeting with KSD investments to form a development agreement. Jan Fritz then moved to approve the Minutes for December 11, 2006 as amended; Joe Lulay seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Joe Lulay asked Alan Frost about the Hendricks Truck & Diesel bill. Alan explained what work was performed and that this was part of our annual maintenance. Joe then moved to approve the Bills to be Paid for the month of January; Jan Fritz seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

INCOME STATEMENT: No action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing discussed

NEW BUSINESS: A. Discuss water billing project and government business package: Gene Ditter and Carrie Adams explained the current issues that the water billing program was having: unable to sequence new customers, duplicating charges, etc. Alan mentioned that we need to move forward with implementing the Neptune handheld meter reader due to the fact that National Waterworks will no longer be able to offer training to us after March 1st. Jan Fritz suggested an RFP be prepared for both vendors that the city was considering and that we get a final quote from both to bring before the council.

B. West Coast bank Signature cards: Carrie Adams discussed that the city needs an additional council member to be added as a signer. Jan Fritz made a motion to approve Bob Brundage for a signature card. Joe Lulay seconded; unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steve Tabor: Steve brought up SDC's and recommended having a committee put together to look at current charges. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that Alan Frost, Steve Tabor and Jan Fritz be on the committee. Jan also asked that Randy Cranston, President of the Planning Commission be involved in this as well. The committee will come back with a timeline for the council.

Gene Ditter: Sewer: Stated that there has been no meeting at this time. 9-1-1: There is now an interim Director that is currently running the center. Gene discussed that during the wind storm, there were several problems that arose that the center is currently working on correcting. He also mentioned that he would like for Doug Denson to take over Parks and Police for the council and that Bob Brundage will then take over Sewer and Planning Commission alternate.

Jan Fritz: Asked if we were currently working off of our old sewer contract with the City of Stayton. Gene Ditter and Alan Frost confirmed that we were working off of the old contract and that we currently were waiting for Stayton to finalize their end so that we could move forward with a new contract. Alan also mentioned that we were waiting for the most recent sewer bills as well. Mayor Ditter stated that he was told that we could be billed monthly and asked Bob Brundage if he would like to take over as a council representative. Bob accepted and will keep the council updated. Alan suggested that we also look at what we are currently charging for sewer usage.

Joe Lulay: Nothing to report.

Alan Frost: Alan discussed that we currently rent a vacuum attachment for the back of the street sweeper to suck up debris in the catch basin at the rate of \$2500 per week. We have the option to purchase one for approximately \$1500 and this would then be something that we could use year after year. He stated that he will have an estimate written up to provide to the council at the next meeting for consideration.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Aboud, 836 E Kathy St, Stayton, asked where the council was with the extension of the Koehnke appeal. Mayor Gene Ditter stated that he and Jan Fritz had met with KSD Investments and their representative and that they had extended their timeline and are planning on coming before the council by the February meeting. He also mentioned that dedication of the right of way was part of the agreement.

Wayne Stedronsky, 108 NE Broadway, asked if there were any new things that citizens could look forward to with the new Mayor and council members. Mayor Ditter then asked that the council come up with 5 goals – 3 short term and 2 long term – to focus on for the next year. He stated that he would like to see more citizen involvement and that his goal is to start completing a lot of projects that have been started. Mayor Ditter would also like for employees to start communicating with the council about things that need to be taken care of throughout the community. He would also like to look at long term funding options.

OTHER: Joe Lulay asked officer Meeks about the CO2 cartridges that are being found around town. Joe said that he had heard that these were actually part of a form of drug use. Officer Meeks said that he can have a liaison officer talk to some of the students at the school to find out what they are being used for.

Wayne Stedronsky thanked Alan Frost and Jason Devine for keeping the streets so clean. Alan pointed out that Woodwaste has not needed to come out and collect as much as they used to. Jason Devine mentioned that he is still having problems with the basketball hoops being in the way of the street sweeper's path.

Meeting adjourned: 7:56PM.