



Harrisburg City Council Minutes
May 14, 2014

The Harrisburg City Council met on this date at City Hall, located at 120 Smith St, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Robert Duncan. Also present were the following:

- Roger Raven
- Kimberly Downey (Arrived 6:37 p.m.)
- Mike Caughey
- Robert Boese
- Sarah Puls
- Youth Advisor Garrett Ross
- City Administrator Brian Latta
- City Recorder/Asst. City Administrator Michele Eldridge
- Finance Officer Tim Gaines
- Public Works Foreman Rick Nelson
- H.A.R.T. Family Resource Director Peggy Purkerson

Absent this evening was Councilor Don Shipley. Librarian Cheryl Spangler showed up at approximately 7:00 p.m., and Public Works Equipment Operator John Loshbaugh was also in the audience.

Concerned Citizens in the Audience

- Peggy Purkerson, H.A.R.T. Family Resource Director told the Council that tomorrow is her official last day. She started H.A.R.T. 16 years ago, and that wouldn't have happened without the people at this table. You always have H.A.R.T.'s back, and it warms her heart, that you made it good and fun to go to work. She appreciates the team effort, and that she wasn't feeling like she was wash hanging out there by herself. She has made lots of good friends through this program.
- Raven told her that she was fabulous. She's been such a great part of the community; all the kids and people who have needed things, and you've been able to help. You've been terrific.
- Council echoed his sentiments.

The matter of Approving the Payment of the April 2014 Bills

- Puls **motioned to approve the bills, and was seconded** by Caughey. **The City Council then voted unanimously to approve the payment of the April 2014 bills.**

The matter of Proclaiming that May 2014 be Hereby Known as Mental Health Month

Staff Report: Latta said that the request for the proclamation came from the Linn County Mental Health Advisory Board, who deals with mental health issues, such as the program, services and benefits, and who also reaches out to our community. The chairperson of the Advisory Board is here today, Dick Knowles. They've asked us to have the month of May known as Mental Health Month. We will be near the Mental Hospital in Junction City, and we will be more exposed to these issues in the near future. This proclamation was brought to the attention of our Mayor, and he wanted to make this proclamation.

- Mayor Duncan said that it's amazing how something as important as mental health can fall through the cracks for so many years. If the people who suffer from mental illness had a PAC, or parades or something, or a voting block, then perhaps they would have a lot more to say. It's almost unconscionable that it's gone on so long. He's glad that the state is finally able to get the hospital going. He then read aloud the proclamation.
- Dick Knowles, Chairperson of the Linn County Mental Health Advisory Board, wanted to thank the Mayor, and the Council for doing that. He had just come from a conference in which they said that 50% of the young people under 18 have mental health issues now. If you let something like mental health go, then it can cost us another generation. They are working on more outreach, which is why they were asking for the proclamation.

The Council and Dick Knowles had further conversation about mental health, and about organizations like H.A.R.T., that often end up dealing with the people affected by mental health illness. Downey said that in addition to places like H.A.R.T., churches often help people who have mental health issues, or conditions such as Asperger's. Kids with mental health issues can be helped. Dick Knowles added that so much comes from leadership, and community involvement. If you don't expect change, it won't come. Council thanked him for coming.

The matter of Discussing the 100-Acre Site Land Purchase Extension Request by Knife River

Staff Report: Latta went over the packet materials, and the history behind this request. Knife River has asked for an extension of time since they haven't had time to extract all the gravel, due to the poor economy. About a year ago, they asked the Parks Committee if they could negotiate some of the terms of their agreement. The terms have now gone through the Parks Committee a few times. In April, the Parks Committee met, and agreed to the simple terms you see before you. Those terms were sent out and were accepted by Knife River. It includes up to a ten year extension. The five year extension includes a \$20,000 lump sum dollar payment, or in-kind materials and labor for park development, and a \$10,000 grant match, if the City is successful in obtaining a Parks Planning Grant. Knife River further requests a possible five year extension for a total of ten years, in exchange for cash payment of \$2,500 per year. The total dollar value is about \$42,000. The City Council has the opportunity to let the Parks Committee know if these terms are acceptable. The recommendation from the Parks Committee is to accept these terms.

John Loshbaugh, who was present in the audience, was concerned about the river taking over the park, with nothing there to protect it. That's 100' feet of river. You saw what happened to the boat launch, and he's concerned about that same scenario occurring here.

Mayor Duncan didn't want to rehash the old complaints about this issue. We have the property, the deal will get done. Let's enjoy the park while we have it. We have a vision, and he wants to see that through. He knows that Tim Bunnell despised the idea, and that Loshbaugh has been here for many years as a Planning Commission and City Council member before he was hired by the City. We've taken a lot of flak about the river, but how many cities can say that they have a mile of river front property, with no buildings on it? He is a little upset about not being able to use it, because we've been doing this for a while now. He knows it's frustrating, because we had an agreement, but things change, and we can use it in the future. Raven agreed with his sentiments. Jeff Steyeart, from Knife River, said that he was here to answer questions.

The council asked a series of question about the gravel, and why it was taking so long to remove it. In essence, the gravel is being stockpiled. It takes time to be used. They understand that the citizens want to utilize it, and they hate that they can't allow it, but it will benefit the City in the long run. They have federal requirements to follow with mining, where they absolutely can't allow access to the property. They can allow the City to do planning with it, such as surveying. You might be able to start building trails too, but that doesn't mean that the citizens can utilize it yet. Mayor Duncan would be very disappointed if we couldn't use it for another ten years. Raven said that for clarification on the negotiation process; we recognize the asset we have. We'd like to get in there sooner. Steyeart said that was their intent as well. They hope it will be less than ten years. We are making this agreement, so that they don't have to return every year to renegotiate. They've always been an asset to the community, and we'd like to work with them. We could have been sticklers, if we wanted, but in the long run, it's more valuable to have them as a partner. Latta added that he's correct. If you aren't satisfied, we could make an agreement for five years, and then revisit it. Just because we decide it now, doesn't mean that we can't renegotiate the agreement either.

Downey said that she would like to reevaluate the agreement in five years. Boese agreed with her, and wanted it sooner rather than later. Latta said that if we do that, then don't approve this tonight. We need to make sure that Knife River agrees with a five year plan. Raven said that in a perfect world, five years would be awesome. He thinks that Knife River would prefer that too, but with the economy being the way it is, we have to deal with it. He respects Council's decision, so if you don't feel that's acceptable, then we can come to a group decision on how to handle it. He thinks that Knife River's intention is to help us in way they can. Morse Bros have been here since the 40's, and they are a deep part of our community. He doesn't think Knife River will treat it any differently. We can negotiate with them more if needed. Caughey would like to see something happen in five years or less. Sooner than that, for doing something more constructive on the property, would be wonderful. His understanding is that may not be very likely. But Priceboro Park isn't finished either yet, so he knows these take a while to get completed.

Latta said that SDC's will increase as we continue to grow, so there can be more potential funds for parks in the future. We need to continue to move forward, because if we get a grant, we can't win one, and then not use it. Puls thought that made sense. We can't finish the park we have now. Boese would just like to have access to the property. He can go in the woods near the river and just enjoy it. He doesn't need a trail, or development to do that. Latta said that it's hard to know what to ask Knife River to build, if we don't know what we want yet.

The challenge is with the Parks Committee. \$20,000 can be burned through really quickly. Raven agreed, and said that's his concern. You have to make a decision on the relationship with Knife River and Morse Bros. He believes in his heart that Knife River will bend over backwards to help us. There is a certain amount of trust there. Latta said that regardless of the relationship, there is a certain amount of risk you put into trust. Ten years is a lot of time. Raven understands that. He felt that the dollars don't mean as much as the relationship does. Mayor Duncan said that he trusts them, and doesn't think that they want to stick us or anything. Also, Harrisburg is not stuck monetarily.

Gaines said that there are lots of people who want to go down there, but you can understand the safety requirements with the mining. \$190,000 is triple our SDC's park funds right now. We've already hashed this out. You don't want to cripple the fund, but you know that the future can increase Parks SDC's too. He doesn't know what the right time is, but 22 years seems a lot of time. Friends of his want answers and those are uncomfortable. He respects Knife River a lot, but somebody could come in tomorrow, and buy Knife River, and then the unthinkable could happen. Downey said that if it's just the status quo, that great, but we also have to write contracts based on other people holding it; not just them. Mayor Duncan said that in reality, people are always down there. The cops are always down there to move them out. It's not a matter of it not being used. It will get used. Latta said that he feels like maybe Council doesn't like the ten year deal. If you want five years, we can renegotiate. Conversely, if you want ten years later, you can restructure that part. There are lots of ways you can negotiate that.

Caughey would like to see something happen in five years. He guesses it would be good to reevaluate things after that. He feels that the current terms are too long. Boese agreed with him. Ten years is too long to wait. Two to five years is better for the City. Downey said maybe we shouldn't extend; just see where we are, rather than waiting and waiting. We may not be in a better monetary position in five years. Steyeart said that we signed the agreement back in 2007. Back then, the economy was still hopping. Its seven years later, and we started a little over a year ago with renegotiating these terms. It's taken us this long. Talking about five years...that's a long time. Caughey thought if we stipulated a reevaluation in four years, or three and a half years that would give them a better idea of where we all stand. It would still give planning time to both us, and to them.

Raven thought he was hearing that we should negotiate a five year plan, or maybe we can renegotiate sooner than that. Maybe we don't need to renegotiate. Latta said that we've had seven years, and we need more time now. He doesn't think we need to stipulate a reevaluation; it will naturally happen. Boese asked Steyeart if they would be satisfied with the time frame we have now. Steyeart said that they have gravel for between five to ten years. They are trying to move it out faster, but there are no guarantees. They will also need a year to do the reclamation process. They are required to do that by law. They can't just finish the mining, and leave the operation. We can help the site move where the City wants it. Boese asked if that meant that seven years from now, we'll be in the same spot again? Steyeart said that he didn't know. There is a reason why we said that time frame we did. Boese said that \$190,000 is gone, and we haven't gotten to use the property yet.

Latta said that just so Council is aware, the contract is written in such a way, that either party can pull out, and the money is paid back, or we can do nothing, and the contract still says 2014, and we get it this year. You don't have to do anything, unless Knife River pulls out, or if we decide we aren't going to finalize it. You can have options off the agreement, for any timeframe. Raven added to that for clarification, that for the amount of money we paid, the plan was never to say we'll get it in x amount of time. We know that we'll get a beautiful park. We saw an opportunity to gain a mile of river frontage, and no, we can't pass that up. That was his perspective back then. He doesn't think that if we don't get to use it, in five, ten, fifteen, or even twenty years, that it's a bum deal, and that we miss out. We are looking at the future; it doesn't matter how long it takes. He agrees, we'd love to have it sooner, but we'd also like to have the money to develop it. But things change.

- Raven then decided that based on that statement, that he'd like to **motion to accept the renegotiated terms, that will allow us to extend the deal up to ten years, subject to the Council approval of an 'Extension Addendum' to the purchase agreement.**
- **There was no second for the motion, and as such, the motion died.**
- Downey then **motioned to send the purchase agreement back to the Parks or Government Committees' for renegotiating a five year plan.** Boese **seconded that motion, and the City Council voted unanimously to renegotiate the suggested terms to be for five years.**
- The City Council thanked Jeff Steyeart for coming, and for working with the City on this negotiation.

The matter of Repealing Resolution No. 760, Applying a Portion of the City's Rental Property Income to Cover Water and Sewer Expenses.

Staff Report: Latta said that this should have maybe been a budget discussion, and if so, he'll take the heat for it. The City owns and rents this building. We transfer a portion of the rent of the building to utilities. However, there is only one meter, and the placement of it is under concrete. We can't tell how much water is being used from one business to another, so we guess each month, and transfer those funds. That doesn't make sense, to treat this any differently than we do the Justice Court. He'd like to repeal the original ordinance. We will keep the money in the rental agreement. If an occupant loses an exorbitant amount of water, we'll have a net loss on the rent.

- Gaines said that it may have made sense in the past, when we purchased this for a future City hall, but if we can buy the property next door, and do an expansion, Cedar Square might go away in the future. This came up when Youthspiration was using the rental, and they were using 14 to 15 units a month, which was being transferred out of rental income. To install separate meters, would cost a lot of money.
- Loshbaugh added that back in 2003, the income was needed to go to the water and sewer funds for utilities. We were going to try to put individual meters in there,
- Nelson said that it costs too much to do that.

- Gaines said that we've paid it off, and all the money is ours. There is no government agency in there, so we can't write off the property taxes. Back then, we needed more revenue, and it was a bigger deal with the rates.
- Caughey then motioned to approve Resolution No. 1072, "**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 760 THAT APPLIES A PORTION OF THE CITY'S RENTAL PROPERTY INCOME TO COVER WATER AND SEWER EXPENSES, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**" He was **seconded by Downey. The City Council then voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1072 and thereby stopped the process of transferring utility revenue for the Cedar Square property.**

The matter of Splitting the SDC Fund in the City's Budget into Five Distinct Funds

Staff Report: Latta said that currently, all the SDC's are in one fund. However, its difficult handling SDC's in that system. There are no reasons why we can't divide these out into their own funds, and it makes sense to make that change. It just makes the administration of the fund easier.

- Gaines said the SDC consultant had recommended that we do this as well. On the spreadsheet for the current fund, it's easy to make mistakes. This will help to simplify things.
- Downey then **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1073, "A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG TO CREATE FIVE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES (SDC) FUNDS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SDC CATEGORY AND ESTABLISHING EACH FUND'S BEGINNING FUND BALANCE, DISCONTINUING THE USE OF THE CURRENT SDC FUND, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE". She was seconded by Ross, and the City Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1073, and thereby creating a separate fund for each SDC category to be effective as of July 1st, 2014.**

The Matter of Reviewing and Discussing the 2nd Quarter Financial Report

- Latta said that he had given the financial report to Council last month. Did anyone have any questions about it?
- Downey said no; plus we are now in the budget process.
- There were no other statements or questions.

The matter of Declaring Felled Poplar Trees at the Sewer Plant as Surplus, Assigning a Value and Permitting Employee Personal Use of the Surplus.

Staff Report: Latta said that this request came from our Public Works employees. The poplar trees are nearing the end of their life, and some of the poor varieties of them have either fallen over, or have been removed and set aside. Those are just sitting there in piles. At some point, we'll need to pay someone to come in and chip it, or haul it out. So it's just rotting there. There is usable value for it, but only for campfires. It can't be used for homes. The employees have asked to use it. One of the things that we should consider is if we could make it available to the public, but it's not a good idea to allow the public to come in and gather the wood. If they came

as an employee, and removed it for their own use, then we could consider it a fringe benefit. But if the employees came on their own time, not City time, then they could be doing the City a service by removing it. The City Council would have to declare it as surplus, and would have to assign a value of zero dollars to it, which is how much it's worth. The employees would also have to sign an insurance waiver.

- Mayor Duncan liked it, because otherwise, we'd have to pay them by the hour to move them.
- Nelson said that's why he brought it up. We'd have to move it to use the chipper, so we can move it on our own, and remove it entirely. The City doesn't have to pay us to move ten cords, or however much is there. Every time the wind blows hard, some trees fall down. We have to work in there, spraying, flailing, and tending to the irrigation system. So we have to remove the trees, and put them in piles. We have 8 or 10 log trucks of logs out there, with no value. He has friends that are loggers, and they told him that we would have to pay them to remove it for us. There's no value in it, and it's rotting. In another year, it will all be sawdust.
- Downey thought that meant that the monetary value was minus something!
- Loshbaugh said that over the last two or three weeks, three more trees have gone down. Out of one variety, they've probably lost a good twelve to fourteen acre chunk of the plantation.
- Downey **motioned to Declare the Felled Poplar Trees at the Sewer Treatment Facility as Surplus, and to Assign a Monetary Value of \$0.00. She further motioned that current City employees may enter into the sewer treatment facility to remove surplus wood for personal use, according to procedures established by the City Administrator. Caughey seconded her motion**
- Latta realized that we should probably amend that, because it could possibly apply to future employees. He thought we should remove the word current.
- Downey thought that was fine. She **moved to amend the motion to remove the word current, to leave as City employees instead. She was seconded by Puls. The City Council voted unanimously to approve the action of allowing Public Works employees to enter the sewer facility to remove wood that has no value to the City.**
- **The City Council then voted on the original motion, which was approved unanimously as well.**

The matter of Revising Personnel Policy No. 102, Adding Policy No. 115, and Repealing Portions of Policy No. 117.

Staff Report: Latta said that the Personnel Committee has recommended that Council approve these policies. 102 took out an employee classification that we've never used, plus other minor changes that helped us with classifying our current H.A.R.T. director, and other employees. Policy 115 changes reimbursements for travel. We are now going to a regular per diem schedule, which is easier to pay. We had a good discussion about that in Personnel, but it was unanimous that we approve going to these per diem rates. That assigns fair assessments for

food and lodging depending on the location. In other words, it's cheaper to eat in Pendleton, than it is in Portland.

- Caughey said that he had to read through it three times, and on the second time, he finally started understanding it. The Personnel Committee did a phenomenal rewrite of this.
- Downey said that Eldridge writes those for us. She does a good job. She then **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1074, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING POLICY NO 102, ADDING POLICY NO. 115, AND REPEALING THE MILEAGE AND TRAVEL SEGMENT AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCE SEGMENT OF POLICY NO. 117 IN THE CITY OF HARRISBURG EMPLOYEE MANUAL."** She was seconded by Caughey, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1074.

The matter of Revising Personnel Policies No. 110 and No. 111 and Repealing Policies No. 112, No. 113, and No. 114.

Staff Report: Latta said that this was similar to the last two policies. The other policies dealt with budgetary impacts, so it was important to change them. However, since we are adjusting those two, it makes sense to acknowledge these changes as well. Once again, we are making minor adjustments. No. 110 has some minor adjustments, and in 111, the hours of work and work schedules, we are changing our compensatory contract. There are some other issues that were suggested by OSHA, so we were incorporating them now. On comp time, you can currently accrue it within the month, but must use it within that month, regardless if you are exempt, or non-exempt. Occasionally, we get a request from an employee who works five extra hours on the 31st, to be allowed to use it in the following month. We generally always say ok. He thinks that there is value to allowing employees to accrue their comp time in a bank, with directions that they use it down. We can give them more than a month to use it, and can cap it at 40 hours. With exempt employees, when our fiscal year starts, we get vacation time, or get cashed out once we reach 40 hours of time. Once that level is reached, we can accrue the comp time as well. However, as of June 30th, regardless of how much comp time we have, it washes out to zero. We shouldn't be allowed as exempt employees to double dip into comp time, which is why we made this suggestion and limitation.

- Caughey questioned that on emergency call outs, employees are credited with a minimum of two hours, regardless of how long it takes. So if they get something fixed in fifteen minutes, they still get two hours. If you need more than one employee, and a second one is necessary, do they get the two hours as well, or just the hours they actually worked?
- Latta told him it's a minimum of two hours, for each person who is on the job.
- Downey then **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1075, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING POLICY NO. 110, NOW ENTITLED PAY ADMINISTRATION, AND POLICY NO. 111, NOW ENTITLED HOURS OF WORK AND WORK SCHEDULES, AND REPEAL POLICIES NO. 112, NO. 113, AND POLICY NO. 114, IN THE CITY OF HARRISBURG EMPLOYEE MANUAL".** She was seconded by Puls and Caughey at the same time. **The City Council then motioned unanimously to approve the changes to the policies affected by Resolution no. 1075.**

The matter of Initiating a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Review Neighborhood Commercial Zoning Overlay

Staff Report: Latta said that the Planning Commission has been looking at reviewing our zoning ordinance again. One thing that came to our attention was the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning Overlay zone. It allows a commercial use in a neighborhood, like a convenience store, or a boutique. While it's handled like a Conditional Use Permit, he feels that with it applying to R-1 and R-2 zones, that the number of uses allowed is too extensive for residential neighborhoods. In essence, we are saying that we can allow any kind of commercial business in any zone except heavy residential. He's surprised that the DLCD didn't catch this, but it's something that we need to fix, before people catch wind of it. It may be subject to Conditional Use Permit standards, but it can still be allowed. We wanted Council to be aware of this, plus we wanted to see if you had any questions.

- Ross said that this would originally have been approved by the City Council.
- Latta said yes, at one time, they made the decision to allow this kind of use.
- Ross asked if they didn't realize how it could be used at the time.
- Latta told him that he thinks they had small retail, or pocket retail use in mind at the time, but as it is written, it allows flat out commercial activity throughout most of our residential areas. If you approve this process, the Planning Commission will have to decide how to attack it, and it will come back to City Council for approval.
- Mayor Duncan sort of remembered this.
- Boese and Downey both didn't, and they were both on Planning Commission as well.
- Caughey **motioned to initiate a Zoning Ordinance Amendment, to Review the Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Zone Provisions. He was seconded by Downey. The City Council then voted unanimously to approve the motion to initiate a zoning ordinance amendment.**

The matter of Amending the Job Description for the Community Development Superintendent and Public Works Foreman.

Staff Report: Latta apologized for this not being in the initial agenda, but we went through the Personnel Committee with it, and then realized that since we were setting up the advertising this Friday, that we needed to make it formal. If you read through the job descriptions, we are separating the duties between the CDS and the Public Works Foreman a little better than what it is now. We are also modifying the title change to Public Works Director. It makes more sense with that title...he wasn't sure why it was called a CDS in the first place. People looking for jobs will see that title and recognize that the focus is Public Works.

- Mayor Duncan said that under minimum qualifications, it talks about certificates. Is a one year period enough time? These are really important.
- Nelson told him yes, you can go up a level in one year's time.
- Mayor Duncan said that he can see someone with an engineering degree, who didn't pursue certifications.

- Latta said that we aren't going to hire somebody without a certification one in any of these. Somebody has to have those, and a few years of experience. That's a reality. To calm your fears, he's the one who thought someone should have engineering experience. The Certifications are the most important thing; that's why having an engineering degree isn't required, it's desirable. Nelson has a level one on both certifications, and he has the experience necessary to be in level 2. He will take the classes and tests in order to go to level 2. That way, if we get someone with four years of experience, and only a level 1, then we won't be without a level 2 employee.
- Caughey thought that the foreman position should include language about attending meetings as assigned.
- Latta said that a job description doesn't need to be super detailed, or to list everything a person does. No. 12 says other duties as assigned. That's the relevant stuff.
- Downey said that we need that in a small town.
- Caughey also noted that in their copy in the agenda, the boxes in the physical assessment were showing up with double checks.
- Eldridge said that the main copy did not do that. She would verify that they are correct in the final version.
- Downey **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1076, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (FORMERLY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPERINTENDENT) AND THE PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN". She was seconded by Puls. The City Council then motioned unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1076 and thereby revising the two job descriptions in Public Works.**

The matter of a Resolution Indicating the Intent of the City To Apply for an Oregon State Parks and Recreation Planning Grant

Staff Report: Latta said that he thought this was due in August, but he suddenly realized that it's actually due this Friday. He's been working really hard on this, and we need to submit it, but we also need to show a resolution that recognizes that we need to have a match requirement. He will state that as part of the grant, that Knife River agreed to pay \$10,000, which we didn't approve tonight, but we will ensure that we keep that in whatever five year agreement we make with them. He estimates that the process will cost \$45,000. Therefore, we are requesting \$30,000 in the application, and then we'll have the \$10,000 in a matching grant, and will pay another \$5,000 out of the general fund for it.

- Raven **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1077, "A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE CITY OF HARRISBURG'S INTENT TO APPLY FOR AN OREGON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING GRANT, PROVIDE FOR GRANT MATCHING AND THE CITY'S WILLINGNESS TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE OREGON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO FULFILL THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GRANT". He was seconded by Caughey. The City Council then voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1077, for applying for a grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Division.**

Others:

Water Complaint

- Latta said that he had received a letter, and he was sharing it with the Council, in part, because this citizen said that he probably wouldn't. David Justin Boone, at 630 LaSalle St, addressed a letter to the Mayor and City Council, that Harrisburg has 'horrible water, and we waste our money on bottled water, while nobody addresses the public safety issue with the public water quality'. He didn't expect a response from us. Well, we will be addressing this, starting in the next month; he will give you a schedule that we'll be following. (For the record, the City must meet Oregon Health Authority standards on water quality. Our water is completely 'safe'.)
- Downey was looking forward to dealing with this again. We've been dealing with the recent water dissatisfaction since 1998.
- Latta will be contacting Mr. Boone later this week, and will invite him to our meetings dealing with the water quality in the future.

Employee Retirement

- Latta said that we have another employee retiring. It's John Loshbaugh. He's given us his intent to retire, but we do need it in writing still.
- Downey said that's good timing. We are already hiring people.
- Latta said that this one will be easier to fill than the other one. We will likely be looking for a Utility I/II, rather than an equipment operator. We do need to have that written notice before we can post it.

General Discussion

- Puls was attending a CWCOG meeting tomorrow.
- Downey said to tell them that we are still interested in transportation issues.
- Latta said to remind them that we are still hoping to gain transportation. Also, mention that we are hoping that the levy will pass. They need to know about that.
- Downey was concerned about H.A.R.T. It's weird that people don't consider social services to be important here. What do other cities do in terms of social services? What will we do? She can't imagine us doing this at 20 hours a week. We will need to supplement it somehow.
- Cheryl Spangler, Librarian, who had arrived about halfway through the meeting, said that they forget about us, because we are at the southern tip of Linn County, and across the river from Lane County. A lot of people stay in Albany, because they can't afford the travel.
- Mayor Duncan asked how the HFEA was doing now that Tim is gone.
- Eldridge said that she was on the board, and that we are handling it the best we can.
- Latta said that he was talking to the Halsey area Lions Club, and was trying to get their assistance, or other volunteers.

With no other discussion, the City Council adjourned at the hour of 8:21 p.m.