

July 12, 2017  
Joint Cascade City Council & Municipal Utility Board Meeting Minutes

Joint meeting of the Cascade City Council and the Municipal Utility Board was called to order at 5:15p.m. by Mayor Behnken. Council members Hosch, Kearney, Staner and Recker answered roll call. Council member Knepper was absent.

Motion by Hosch, second by Kearney to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Present from the Utility Board were Gavin, Reiter and Gross. Like motion by Gross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gavin to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Also, present was Utility Manager Ron Benke, Utility Clerk Shontele Orr and City Administrator Deanna McCusker.

CMU controls parcel #1931359007 and has no need for this parcel. CMU would like to transfer the control of this parcel back to the City. There is a building on the lot and CMU has no use for the building. Todd Merfeld representing the Boy Scouts was present to discuss with the Council the idea of leasing the building on this parcel for storage of items for the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts can't lease property, but the Cascade Sportsmen can and would do this for the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts would make the building rodent proof and make some other improvements to the inside. The exterior of the building will stay the way it is since people like to use it as a backdrop for senior and wedding pictures. The lease could run for five years and then automatically renew for five years if agreeable by both parties. Motion by Recker, second by Staner to approve the transfer of control of parcel #1931359007. Motion passes unanimously. A resolution approving this transfer of control will be on the next council agenda. A lease will also get developed for approval.

City Council and CMU discussed purchasing a new copy machine. The current one is five years old. The cost of the new machine would be split 50-50. Quotes were received from four companies: Access Systems \$4,745, Advanced Systems, Inc. \$3,400, Koch Brothers \$3,150 and Konica Minolta \$5,134.26. With each of these is a maintenance cost per B&W copy and color copy. When the maintenance costs, along with the cost of the machines were reviewed, the low bid was received from Advanced Systems, Inc. for a total annual cost with the machine, which is the Image Runner for \$4,097.80. Motion by Hosch, second by Kearney to approve the purchase of the Image Runner from Advanced Systems, Inc. for \$3,400 to be cost shared 50-50. Motion passes unanimously. Motion by Gavin, second by Gross to approve the purchase of the Image Runner copy machine – all ayes.

There was discussion again on the amount CMU pays for utilities and the agreement between the City and CMU. After reviewing the utility cost for the whole building and estimating that 50% of the utility bill is probably related to the gym, CMU has offered to increase the amount they pay towards the utility bill from 10% to 25%. The agreement that was approved in 2007 will be adjusted to reflect this new change. The agreement and costs and fees will be reviewed at least every 3 years to see if changes are needed. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to approve the updated fees and the 25% CMU will be paying for utilities. Motion passes unanimously. Motion by Gavin, second by Gross to agree with what was proposed in the agreement and to review every three years at a joint meeting –all ayes.

The Council and CMU were updated on the progress of adding to the election ballot a vote concerning changing the CMU board from 3 members to 5 members. There has been some disagreement between the City Attorney, Bonding Attorney and the County Attorney on how this needs to happen. At this time the City Attorney and Bonding Attorney are in agreement that it would need to be on the ballot dissolution of the 3 member board and then recreating a five member board. This is on the desk of the County Attorney for his approval. There was discussion on if the current board members retain their positions and yes they would and we would add 2 more members. It was discussed to hold a joint meeting in October so we could hold a public forum discussing this vote so the public understands what it means and to answer any questions or concerns.

Shirley McDermott approached the boards and asked about the garbage fee of \$7.50 and how it is determined. Every residential household receives a \$7.50 charge. This charge is based on what Republic charges us. She feels that a person should pay according to the amount of trash collected. She also wanted it known that she has always supported the City workers and feels they should get paid the same as the utility workers.

Council member Hosch asked if CMU has a generation agreement in place if someone in the City would want to put up solar arrays. CMU does have a solar generation agreement in place and it pays on a voided cost of generation system. Therefore, it usually is cost prohibitive to put up the solar array.

Mayor Behnken discussed the street lighting situation in the downtown. The street lights do not provide enough light yet. We will ask the representative from Terry-Durin to attend a Council meeting and show us some options to improve the lighting situation. It was also discussed if we should add some more poles downtown.

With nothing further, motion by Recker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kearney to adjourn the joint meeting at 6:16p.m.  
– All ayes.

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Deanna McCusker, City Administrator