

City Council Public Hearing  
Minutes  
September 28, 2015

A City Council Public Hearing held on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Council Members Keith Vickers, Vernena Jorgensen (by phone), Angie Lee, Jim Smith, Tom Smith and Oney Eguia

Others: Jill Holinka, City Attorney; Garianne Goslin, Deputy City Clerk

Visitors: David Schorzman, Canyon County Sheriff; Lila Faulks, Freda Bowman, Tom Johnston

Public Hearing is being held for public comment on the adoption of disconnection/turn-on and late fees for water and sewer service of \$25 each. Jill Holinka presented information explaining the need to reinstate the turn-on fee and institute a late fee.

Council asked for clarification on how these fees can be applied. Jill and Garianne explained what the resolution allows for and the staff endure in processing late accounts and shut-offs. Council agreed that providing the tools for staff to collect water and sewer assessments was in the City's best interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Keith Vickers moved to close the public hearing. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:10p.m.

Parma City Council  
Regular Council Minutes  
September 28, 2015

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> following the Public Hearing at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Council Members Keith Vickers, Angie Lee, Vernena Jorgensen (by phone), Jim Smith, Tom Smith, and Oney Eguia

OTHERS: Jill Holinka, City Attorney; Russell Brooks, City Engineer; Glenys Rasmussen, Library Director; Garianne Goslin, Deputy City Clerk

VISITORS: David Schorzman, Canyon County Sheriff; Lila Faulks, Freda Bowman, Tom Johnston

Mayor Nathan Leigh called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting were read for approval. Keith Vickers moved for approval. Angie Lee seconded the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lila Faulks of 10 E Ross is inquiring on progress on the Allender property. Mayor Leigh explained the steps that are being taken to mediate the issue. Much discussion was directed at attaching liens or taxes or condemning the property. Declaring it uninhabitable can be a process.

Dave Schorzman a sheriff's deputy and is here with the Canyon County Emergency Operations Plan. He briefly described the Plan and is asking all the cities to adopt it. It's a mutual aid of agreement that does not bind the City to any monetary commitment. The City maintains authority with the County supplying backup when City resources become strained.

Angie Lee moved to approve the Mayor signing the 2015 Canyon County Emergency Operations Plan. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LIBRARY COMPUTERS: Glenys Rasmussen handed the Council information on the library computers. All five pcs now have Linux. A new monitor was purchased for the circulation desk.

Oney Eguia moved to approve the \$1370 expenditure to purchase and upgrade computer equipment. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

FARMER'S COOPERATIVE DITCH CO LETTER: Tom Johnston spoke about applying for a conservation challenge grant for \$500,000. He is asking the City for in-kind assistance in the project for a total of about \$2500 over 5-years in the form of writing news articles, distributing information for public education and outreach. The project will create sediment ponds along the

Co-op Ditch right-of-way that will help in removing phosphorous from the lower Boise River. This process will not stop the flow of water, just divert it in order to improve the water quality. If this works, they intend to expand the project.

Keith Vickers moved to approve the agreement with Farmer's Cooperative Ditch Company. Oney Eguia seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### CITY ENGINEER – RUSSELL BROOKS:

- A. Wastewater Facility Plan Alternative Selection – Russ discussed the alternatives for the Wastewater Facility Plan. The short-term recommendations include automation of influent station and add back-up power to RI lift station. The long-term total residual chlorine was to install dechlorination system with the 3-year time from the NPDES Permit. The Collection System alternatives were to remove the stormwater along Main St and spot repair of existing problems after inspection. The long-term phosphorus recommendation is to hold off and select in two years and work with the Co-op on phosphorus trading.

It is solely up to the City to decide whether or not to accept the recommendations. Once the City approves the recommendations, the plan can be finalized and the City can begin to go after grants to assist with the upgrades.

Russ believes that the long-term dechlorination system and the stormwater removal are the most important routes to take.

Angie Lee moved to accept the recommendations made by Russ of installing the dechlorination system, the removal of the stormwater on Main Street, and the spot repair after inspection. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

- B. Environmental Information Document – With the approval of the alternatives, Russ will go with Nathan to DEQ to proceed with the strategy.

#### ATTORNEY REPORT – JILL HOLINKA:

- A. Disconnection/Late Fee Resolution 2015-11 – Jill Holinka read Resolution 2015-11 by title. Keith Vickers moved to approve Resolution 2015-11. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### MAYOR REPORT:

- A) Employee Raises: The cost of living is about 1.6% and 1.8% according to his sources. Vernena wants clarification on whether employees get a cost of living increase and/or a performance increase. Council agreed that a 2% increase for cost of living and an additional 1% based on performance evaluations, department head, and mayor recommendations.

Vernena Jorgensen moved to approve the 2% cost of living increase and an additional 1% based on evaluations and department head and mayor recommendation. Oney Eguia seconded the motion, motion carried.

B) October 12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day Meeting: Council agreed that if there is a need for a meeting, one will be held. Otherwise, the next meeting will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT:

Angie Lee moved to adjourn at 8:28p.m. Jim Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.