



CITY OF PRINEVILLE
Regular Meeting Brief
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City Council Meeting Brief
March 9, 2021

Council Members Present:

Steve Uffelman
Janet Hutchison

Patricia Jungmann
Gail Merritt

Council Members Absent

Ray Law
Jeff Papke
Jason Beebe

Additions to the Agenda

Casey Daly – Crook County Fairgrounds will appear under Council Business Item No. 4.

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Brief 3-9-2021
2. Choices Retail Therapy Store Second Hand License Application
3. PD Property Conversion

Councilor Jungmann made a motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests:

Public Appearances

No written comments were received.

Council Business

4. Crook County Fairgrounds – Casey Daly

Casey Daly, Crook County Fairgrounds Manager and Oregon Fairs Association President stated he is asking for Council support of HB 3173 which is a funding bill. Historically, fairgrounds have received lottery funds which were capped at \$53,000 per fairgrounds. This bill has two components. One will remove the cap and the second will be, to put together an assessment of all

fairgrounds statewide. There are many fairgrounds in the state, and this would be brought back to the legislature for further funding when completed.

Mr. Daly provided a summary of all that the fairgrounds means to the community beyond the fair. They host other community events such as police training, the health department events, they are very involved in activities for the community, and are also an economic engine of the county.

Steve Forrester, City Manager asked Mr. Daly to send a sample letter.

Discussions continued regarding numbers and if it will increase funds; if there is certain criteria for addition funds, or if it is just allocated; and the assessment of fairgrounds.

Council President Uffelman asked Council if it was okay to send a letter and sign on behalf of council. Council agreed it would be good to support.

Councilor Hutchison asked if once letter was drafted if it could be sent to council.

Staff Reports and Requests:

5. Manager's Report – Steve Forrester

Mr. Forrester reported: that there is a ZTEL meeting this Thursday; a poll was sent out for Executive Session strategic planning; we are planning on DEI Council workshop with the committee and a poll went out for that to the committee; city leadership has had another Crestcom training last week and it was a great session; Apple data center received a global award which strengthens Prineville and Crook County for future growth and is not limited to any specific industry; the Rail to Trails project is being paved today and is expected to be completed next week; Baker Technical Institute is opening here in Prineville and we are excited to have here in our community.

6. Biomass Update – Eric Klann

Eric Klann, City Engineer talked about some funding opportunities that will be coming to council soon. The project as proposed, will be a 20 megawatt facility, and it will support 75 million board acres per year. What we will talk about tonight are the opportunities. There is already fuel supplies available and we can start pulling on levers to receive funding and permits from the feds. We have our own railway which will allow us to reach out further. We have a site with a three year commitment.

Mr. Klann continued that solar is great when the sun shines, but we need another source of power and proceeded through a power point presentation that talked about background with TRM and Rob Broburg.

We were able to secure funding from the forest service and Energy Trust to move forward. The Energy Trust grant combined with forest service meets the requirements. Energy Trust would go

through PP & L and PGE and would require that the power goes back through the grid, as well as being able to commence the project.

Mr. Klann went through the slide on how the funding would work. What we get at the end of the day is a shovel ready project with a clear understanding to move the project forward that includes the construction of the facility and more.

Mr. Klann continued with the tasks to be completed. We will have a site selection analysis and what it includes. We could treat up to 17,000 acres per year that is not clear cut but making the forest healthy, there is an investment grade study which has been worked on for the last 10 years and would be locked in for the next 20 years with levers, it reduces land fill waste and creates about 30 jobs overall; we will have a road map for how the facility will work and there are no hurdles from being able to move project forward; the exhaust stacks would have an electrostatic exhaust system and means the difference between open burns, to being able to control material being burned. The material will burn anyway, so the best way to do it is in a controlled environment.

This is renewable energy that is baseload that will enable us to provide power despite other events such as a Cascadia emergency or any others and can provide secure power to our community.

Removal of Juniper improves water and soil quality, and there are many today.

Mr. Forrester talked about what we do for baseload power now and the need to provide more in the future. Bonneville Power did a study that concluded that having a local supply is necessary and it is a real shift in thinking from the state and energy providers. A lot of factors have shifted in the thinking that anything combustible is dismissed. It has come full circle and is no longer dismissed.

Council President Uffelman added that while other communities talk about environmental positive projects we actually have boots on the ground.

Mr. Klann closed by going back to slide one on timelines and said that it could potentially be up and running by 2025 at the best.

Committee Reports

Council President Uffelman went to several committee meetings that included transportation meetings, Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) and how Pacific Power will be addressing elimination of coal; and the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) legislative committee talked about wildfire elimination and another bill that is moving through like a freight train, review for 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and COVID relief funds and how it will move forward.

There were no further reports.

Ordinances:

None.

Resolutions:

**7. Resolution No. 1477– Approving a Personal Services Agreement with DOWL, LLC.
– Eric Klann**

Mr. Klann presented the staff report and went through a power point presentation that highlighted background information for this agreement.

Discussions continued about possible future infrastructure funds from the federal government; how this project is on the top of the priority list in the city’s Transportation System Plan (TSP); and to share this power point presentation with the council members that were absent.

Councilor Merritt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1477. Motion seconded. Discussion on motion regarding applauding staff and the sooner this project is done the better. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Resolution No. 1478 – Authorization to Efficiently Minimize or Mitigate the Effects of COVID-19 – Jered Reid

Jered Reid, City Attorney explained we will be analyzing over the next couple of months and we will be reviewing for federal and state funding, and that counties across the state are still moving around as far as risk levels.

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1478. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Resolution No. 1479 – Authorizing the City to Enter Into an IGA with State of Oregon Through the Office of the Chief Information Officer – James Wilson

James Wilson, Public Safety IT Manager presented the staff report explaining that there are gaps in communications abilities during emergencies. This will enable cross county messaging as well as providing a financial savings.

Councilor Jungmann made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1479. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Reid read the Executive Session script into the record pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) – to consult with your attorney regarding current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 7:48 P.M.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 8:11 P.M.

Visitors Appearances and Requests:

No written comments were received.

Adjourn

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Hutchison	Jungmann	Law	Merritt	Papke	Uffelman
Consent Agenda	PASSED	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Resolution No. 1477– Approving a Personal Services Agreement with DOWL, LLC.	PASSED	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Resolution No. 1478 – Authorization to Efficiently Minimize or Mitigate the Effects of COVID-19	PASSED	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Resolution No. 1479 – Authorizing the City to Enter Into an IGA with State of Oregon Through the Office of the Chief Information Officer	PASSED	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y

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