

CITY of LA GRANDE

City Council Special Session

July 20, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
La Grande City Hall
1000 Adams Avenue

MINUTES

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

Stephen E. Clements, *Mayor*
Gary Lillard, *Mayor Pro Tem*
John Bozarth, *Councilor*
Wayne Brown, *Councilor*
John Lackey, *Councilor*
Troy Pointer, *Councilor*
Justin Rock, *Councilor*

COUNCILORS ABSENT EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Strope, *City Manager*
Angelika Brooks, *City Recorder*
Michael Boquist, *City Planner*
Brian Don, *Building Official*
Brian Harvey, *Police Chief*
Kim Hulse, *Finance Director*
Christine Jarski, *Economic Development Director*

Norm Paullus, *Public Works Director*
Heather Rajkovich, *Accountant*
Troy Roberts, *Tech II Water*
Robert Tibbetts, *Firefighter*
Stu Spence, *Parks and Recreation Director*
Bruce Weimer, *Fire Chief*

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL/AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor CLEMENTS called to order this Special Session of the Council at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Consider:** Awarding Bid for Demolition and Removal of Structure, Clean-up of Property; 1601 Seventh Street

STAFF REPORT

Mayor CLEMENTS requested the Staff Report.

Norm PAULLUS, Public Works Director

PAULLUS stated that Public Works Staff advertised for competitive quotes for demolition of the hazardous building located at 1601 Seventh Street. The project consists of building demolition, debris and vegetation removal and full site cleanup of the property.

Project History:

- On April 7, 2015, the residential dwelling on this property caught fire and sustained significant damage rendering it a dangerous building and uninhabitable. The building has been boarded up and posted as a hazardous building.
- According to the Union County Assessors records, the building consists of three (3) floors: basement, main floor and Second floor.
- The building may contain asbestos material.
- All utilities have been shut off, but may not have been fully disconnected from their source.
- The property contains a significant amount of debris, outdoor storage, tall grass and weeds, which are included in the scope of work to be removed.
- Pursuant to City Ordinance 3022, Series 2004, the City of La Grande has deemed the structure unsafe and has the authority to demolish the building and clean up the property.

PAULLUS stated that staff advertised for competitive quotes and received two (2) qualified quotes, with the low quote of \$24,611.00 from Larvik Disposal. An Intent to Award has been sent and the Contractor will enter into the agreement following a seven day period with Council approval.

PAULLUS stated that funding for this abatement would be charged to the General Fund, Mayor and Council Budget, Nuisance Abatement Expense line. It is likely the City Council will be asked to transfer funds from the General Fund Contingency prior to the end of the fiscal year to cover these costs.

In response to Mayor CLEMENTS' question, PAULLUS stated that the entire lot would be cleared of physical property and weeds.

BOZARTH stated that he had concerns about who would be maintaining the property once it was cleared. STROPE stated that the property owner would need to maintain the property once it had been cleared, and if the property owner was not to maintain it, then it would go through an enforcement process.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

MOTION

The following motion was introduced by BOZARTH; ROCK providing the Second:

Motion: I move that we award the Building Demolition Project to Larvik Disposal, in the amount of \$24,611.00; and,

further, that City Manager Robert A. Strobe be authorized to execute all required documents.

VOTE

MSC: (Unanimous)

There being no further business to come before the Council, CLEMENTS adjourned the Special Session of the City Council at 6:07 p.m. The Council is scheduled to meet again in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1000 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

Kayla M. Nichols
Assistant to the City Manager

Stephen E. Clements
Mayor

APPROVED: _____