

TELEPHONIC/ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2010

A special telephonic/electronic meeting of the Ontario City Council was called for Thursday, January 7, 2010, in the office of the City Recorder, Ontario City Hall. Council members who participated were Joe Dominick, John Gaskill, Norm Crume, Susann Mills, David Sullivan, Charlotte Fugate, and Ron Verini.

Staff present was City Recorder Tori Barnett. Questions of Councilors were addressed by staff via telephone or email.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Argus Observer on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Due to lack of business before the City Council, the regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 4, 2010 was canceled. To enable the City to pay vendors in a timely fashion, the Council needed to approve the submitted bills. Finance Director Rachel Hopper emailed the bills to the Council for review on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Tori Barnett, City Recorder, delivered a hard copy of the bills and other agenda items to Councilor David Sullivan on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Ms. Barnett was contacted by Councilors telephonically or electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2010, which allowed each Councilor the opportunity to cast a vote for approval, disapproval, or abstention regarding passage of the presented bills and the proposed award for the Malheur River Bank Stabilization Adjacent to Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Phase 2.

Councilor Mills questioned the cost associated with the additional rock haul for the Bank Stabilization Project. Ms. Barnett contacted Bret Turner, Operations Assistant, who explained to Councilor Mills the need for the additional rock. Councilor Mills was satisfied with Mr. Turner's explanation.

Councilor Mills verified that the new carpet in City Hall had gone out for bid. Ms. Barnett informed her it had, but further questions could be directed to Facilities Manager Yorick de Tassigny; however Councilor Mills requested no further information.

Mayor Dominick questioned the \$7200 for the Public Works boiler and floor heat, and asked if there would be any insurance coverage, or charge back to the previous owner?

Chuck Mickelson, Public Works Director, replied staff replaced the boiler rather than having the existing one repaired. The insurance company reimbursed the City the cost of repairs less the City's \$1,000 deductible. Staff spoke with the seller about reimbursing the City the difference in costs between what the insurance company paid and the cost of the new boiler, along with the cost of the glycol that was necessary to recharge the system. The seller indicated a willingness to reimburse the City for that cost, although no check had been received yet. Staff would continue to work with the seller for reimbursement. The HVAC contractor was working to fine tune the heating system by adding additional valves as necessary and pressure testing each of the zones. Staff isolated a couple of zones with leaks and they had been shut off. The old boiler remained on site and parts were available for future repairs.

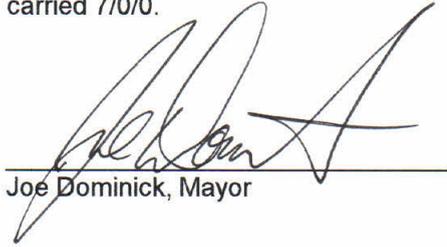
Mayor Dominick asked what had to be shipped overnight thru Staples for \$230?

Rachel Hopper, Finance Director, replied it was for next day air shipping of LT2 water samples to Grants Pass Labs.

Councilor Crume questioned the payment to Withnell Dodge for \$16,359.25 for two Dodge Chargers lease payments. Did the City keep the cars or turn them back in? The total for three payments was more than buying them.

Ms. Hopper replied the final of three lease payments for the two Chargers was \$16,359.25 (or \$8,179.63 each) and the City did retain the vehicles. She agreed, the total of the three payments was more than the current State Contract price for a single car by about \$2,277, and that would be a combination of different pricing for 2010 and the cost of the lease; however, that allowed the Police Department to buy more vehicles in a single year than they would have otherwise been able to do.

Ronald Verini moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, to approve Consent Agenda Item A – Approval of the Bills; and Item B – Award: Malheur River Bank Stabilization Adjacent to Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Phase 2. Vote: Crume-yes; Fugate-yes; Gaskill-yes; Mills-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.



Joe Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder