

ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Council President Dan Jones at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Norm Crume, Jackson Fox, Charlotte Fugate, Dan Jones, Larry Tuttle, and Ron Verini.

Members of staff present were Jay Henry, Suzanne Skerjanec, Dan Shepard, Mark Alexander, Al Higinbotham, Mike Long, Liz Amason, Anita Zink, Larry Sullivan, and Bob Walker. The meeting was recorded on tape, and the tapes are available at City Hall.

Mark Alexander led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Jones stated their thoughts and prayers were with the victims and families of the Boston Marathon bombing, and offered a moment of silence.

AGENDA

Ronald Verini moved, seconded by Jackson Fox, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution #2013-113: Approving a System Development Charge for Data Centers

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter of Resolution #2013-113, the Council President declared the hearing open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions or ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Larry Sullivan, City Attorney, stated System Development Charges (SDCs) were one-time fees charged to new development to help pay a portion of the costs associated with building capital facilities to meet needs created by growth. The SDC fee schedule previously approved by the City Council included a fee for the construction of warehouses, but not for data centers. The Public Works Department was proposing that a separate fee be used for the construction of data centers, because the burden imposed on the city's transportation infrastructure was smaller (i.e. less traffic generated) for data centers than it was for warehouses. The city hired FCS Group to develop a methodology to calculate a data center SDC rate consistent with the methodology used by the city for other transportation SDCs. It was determined that the rate should be \$141 per thousand square feet gross floor area (TSFGFA). The determination was reviewed by the Public Works Committee, who recommended that the City Council adopt an SDC fee of \$141 TSFGFA for data centers instead of continuing to impose the SDC fee for warehouses of \$708 TSFGFA.

Before a formal resolution was adopted by the City Council to establish an SDC rate for data centers, a minimum 90 day notice had to be given to those people requesting notice of any modification of the City's SDC rates. On January 7, 2013, the Council authorized staff to give the required notice. A public hearing was now required to allow interested persons to support or oppose the proposed SDC rate for data centers.

The Council President opened the hearing for public testimony.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the hearing was closed.

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, that the City Council approve Resolution #2013-113, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR DATA CENTERS, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, to approve Consent Agenda Item A: Resolution #2013-110: A Resolution Authorizing the Correction of Resolution(s) #2012-102 and 2012-106 Transferring Funds from the General Fund and Sewer Fund to the Grant Fund and Public Works Fund; Item B: Resolution #2013-111: A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Golf Course Fund to Cover the Deficit of the Beginning Fund Balance on July 1, 2011; Item C: Resolution #2013-112: A Resolution Authorizing the Increase in the General Fund and the Golf Course Fund for Grant Funds Received from CIS for Risk Management Incentives; Item D: Proclamation: National Telecommunicator's Week; and Item E: Approval of the Bills. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

*Mark Alexander, Police Chief, stated there would be a tour of the 9-1-1 facility tomorrow at 5:30 pm, in connection with National Telecommunicator Week, April 14-20, 2013.

Councilor Jones read the Proclamation into the record:

Whereas emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

Whereas when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Ontario 9-1-1 communications center; and

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Ontario Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

Whereas each Telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Ontario City Council declares the week of April 14th through 20th, 2013 to be National Telecommunicator's Week in Ontario, in honor of the dedicated staff whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Chief Alexander recognized the Telecommunicators in the city's department: Liz Amason, Michelle Mallea, Tauni Thode, Kathy Ross, Julie Walker, and Rebecca Carter. Each and every one was an invaluable asset to this community and the department.

*Mike Long, Finance Director, stated the Council had discussed the city's credit cards on Thursday, and he and the City Manager had put together a document for the Council to review. The Department Head's had also been asked to review the document and provide feedback on the cards. Different policies had been researched, including Malheur County's, and what had been distributed to the Council was a result of that research.

*Also, Mr. Long stated the city's financial system was no longer being supported, and hadn't been supported for the past few years. If there was to be a crash, staff would not be able to process utility billing statements. After speaking with staff and doing some research on other systems, to support the current system, it would cost \$15K yearly for maintenance for the special codes used for our billing. If staff tied into the cloud, the initial cost would be \$36K, and after that it would run \$10K per year for five years, and after that it would drop to \$4,200 per year. The system would be kept updated at all times because it would be done without a server. It was the route to go. He was asking for Council consensus to bring this request before the Budget Committee at the upcoming meetings. It should be noted that staff was told there was a year wait to get into the program, but he had spoken with an individual to get both price and time estimates, and was told there had been two cancellations, so there were two openings in September. If Ontario got in there, it could up and running by November. He was looking to let the company know – by Council consensus – that the city would like one of those two slots. Also, the new Microsoft programs coming out were not going to be compatible with the city's existing system.

Councilor Fugate asked if it was just the utility billing?

Mr. Long stated no, it was the entire financial system; utility billing was just a piece, a piece that cost \$15K a year to keep just that working with the finance system. He wanted to use the Cloud for storage, eliminating the cost, and need, for a server.

Councilor consensus to move on the action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Silence and Flora Gibbs, Ontario, stated they were there to represent The Happy Hippie and Chuck Gibbs, who was unable to attend the meeting. They were there in regards to an open letter sent to the Argus Observer by Councilor Verini. He had a letter he wanted to read: *Chuck was born and raised in Malheur County, he raised his whole family, and he was not only a long-time resident, but a tax paying citizen, a home owner, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was also part of the business community as the owner of The Happy Hippie. As with many small businesses, his experience as a shop owner was no different than that it started with an initial dream and a vision, it involved a lot of hard work, and many hours, and a good share of stress and struggle, he was able to move forward* [static on tape, rustling of paper on mic, couldn't understand what was being said]. What this was about was the open letter. It seemed to, it kind of hurt them because it put them in a group that they didn't feel they belonged. He wanted to read that little bit of it: *The fact that we, as a community, have attracted a porn shop, places that sell smoking paraphernalia, and a location that shows folks how to grow various plants that, in some cases, just might be on the fringe, and might tie into the smoking shops that have set up in our fair city. I've seen these places come to our city, and know we need this on the agenda for the Council.* They disagreed with that because he knew that in the beginning, they had done everything they could to abide by state laws, and everything else. They were ATF certified, and they felt this put them in a ranking they didn't deserve to be in. They brought a lot of money into this community. When customers came to see them, they also purchased food, gas, everything else. Councilman Verini did apologize to them in person, but this little paragraph in the paper really hurt them. It was public, and they felt the apology should be the same way. That was what this was all about.

Ms. Gibbs stated that Chief Alexander had come to the shop when they first opened up, and he made sure everything was in order like it should be. Before opening the business, they had done research, they had contacted the AFT, and she made sure it would be a legal business. They did everything they were supposed to do to follow the law. She had an open-door policy with the Ontario police department, the Oregon State Police, the ATF, and they were more than welcome to enter any time they wanted. She did not have anything illegal, and was not doing anything illegal.

Karen Douglas, Ontario, stated she wanted to comment on the misplaced funds there were supposed to go to the Public Works Department. Reading from a letter she wrote: *I've read the discussion concerning paying back the debt either in one lump sum or in payments over a certain amount of time. While it seems right for those monies to be paid back, and in a perfect world where there was money available, that would be the right thing to do. I would like to suggest, though, that you consider forgiving the debt. And I suggest that for two reasons. Number One, I can't really see that the Public Works Department has been hurt by not having these funds. Our streets in Ontario are in good shape, and maintaining those streets has continued. I would suggest that if you'd like proof of how well our streets are maintained, that you take a drive to La Grande, Oregon, and view their side streets. I realize that I'm not so naïve to think that streets are the only thing in this department, but I really believe that the department itself has continued to be maintained. The second and most important reason for suggesting forgiving the debt is the financial difficulty that it would put on the General Fund to supply needs that really need to go to other vital departments. Our Police Department is already needing more officers, and the 9-1-1 Center located in the PD is invaluable. I'm not sure of the needs of the Fire Department, but I'm sure that they too could be hurt by not having sufficient funds from the General Fund. In our own homes, in our own personal budgets, if we find we made a mistake, either by our own honest mistake, or from lack of judgment, we don't take money from important budgeted items like food, clothing and paying our bills to correct the problem. If I break an arm, I don't cut off both legs and the other arm to fix the problem. Isn't it time for a fresh start? You know, every day we get up we have a choice of how we're going to conduct ourselves on that day, and everything is fresh and new. I would encourage you, as Councilors, to consider starting fresh, and giving Ontario a fresh, clean start, and I really think that will transfer to you as a Council also. Thank you.*

[Typed from written statement]

Ruth Rolland, Ontario, stated: *Sometimes Elected Leaders Forget what the People Want. And sometimes leaders only hear what they want to hear. That only means our City Leaders are human – just like the rest of us. As the policy and decision-makers who carry a responsibility to serve all of Ontario's citizens, however, I am standing here to speak to you for many Ontario residents who do not feel represented. Too often these people have important things to say, but they shrink from attention, not willing to put themselves out there in a public forum. They are working people and business customers, parents, grandparents – and all worthy of respect as individual participants of this community – vital for their part in Ontario's past heritage, our city's present and our future. The interests and concerns of the whole City of Ontario deserve to be considered by the Council in their decision-making for this community. You were all elected to office to serve the People. Again, this evening, city workers and their supporters are carrying signs outside City Hall to let Ontario's residents and leaders know that Ontario's City Council did not negotiate fairly and straightforwardly with the City's Public Works employees to negotiate their labor contract. Rather than return to negotiation meetings and to work out solutions at the bargaining table, The City Council voted to impose their "Implemented Offer" on the Public Works employees. It was a legal device at the Council's disposal, and they used it with no real justification for even going there. The City Council's decision to effectively cut wages and benefits for these city workers certainly did no good to the fabric of our community, and continues to damage and degrade the morale, the trust, and dignity of human connections between these workers and the City Leaders. The message sent by the City Council is, "Your City Leaders have no respect for you as workers nor as human beings." This is not the way to deal with the City's Public Works employees – they are part of your community. – Every day, their work makes sure you have water in your homes and businesses, and that it's safe to drink it. They turn out in the middle of snow storms to clear streets, in the middle of the night if necessary to clear storm drains or fix water or sewer line problems. They take pride in the work they do, particularly because their actions benefit so many fellow citizens. Like any man or woman, they would like to feel some measure of mutual respect from the City Leadership – to feel they are recognized as worthy to be dealt with fairly at the bargaining table. These Public Works Employees deserve much better treatment than they have received and, and deserve earnest collective bargaining from the City Council. Because the City Council implemented a bad contract offer on the Public Works Employees, they have found themselves facing a tax penalty of over 81 thousand dollars. As you will see this evening, the City will use this penalty as a way to sidestep any criticism for HSA increases for non-represented employees. I personally believe the non-reps deserve the HSA increases, but it must be pointed out that the City Council walked themselves into being liable for an \$81,000 tax penalty by implementing an unfair contract offer on Public Works employees. Thank you.*

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Change in Non-Represented Insurance Coverage

Anita Zink, Human Resources Director, stated staff was requesting that the City Council approve covering the rest of the deductible for the non-represented personal as provided to the union employees.

On January 1, 2012, the city moved the non-represented personnel to a High Deductible Health Plan with a \$4,000 deductible. The city provided each qualified employee with \$500 towards the deductible; however, this meant each employee was responsible for out of pocket expenses of \$3,500 to cover the additional deductible expense. Implementing this proposal would cost the city an additional \$51,000 for calendar year 2013.

Councilor Verini asked what happened from the time the Council implemented the program, to this gap period - would this be done retroactively?

Ms. Zink stated they would just put the remainder of the deductible in the accounts. It could be looked as retroactive because the same amount would have been put in January 1st.

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, that the City Council approve the submitted proposal to fund the remainder of the deductible for 2013 for each qualified non-represented staff member, effective April 22, 2013. [NO VOTE]

Councilor Fox asked for an explanation on how this savings of \$30,361 worked.

Mr. Long stated the savings was if they didn't put it into place, the city would be billed \$81K in IRS penalty fees. By paying the \$51K, the city would not be penalized the \$81K.

Councilor Fox asked if it was put in place, what was the cost to the city?

Mr. Long stated it would be the \$51K. The \$30K was the difference in what would be paid to the non-represented, and the penalty costs to the IRS.

Councilor Jones asked if it was the increase of \$51K was over what was being spent currently, or over the previous program.

Ms. Zink stated it was over the previous program.

Mr. Long stated the \$51K was the additional amount to bring the non-reps up to the \$4K deductible. All the others received the full payment, where the non-reps had only received \$400.

[Reprinted Motion]

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, that the City Council approve the submitted proposal to fund the remainder of the deductible for 2013 for each qualified non-represented staff member, effective April 22, 2013. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-no; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes. Motion carried 5/1/0.

Mayoral Appointment Discussion

Ron Verini moved, seconded by Norm Crume, to entertain letters of interest from the community to fill the position of Mayor, and the Council calling for a special meeting to discuss the letters of interest and to interview the individuals. [NO VOTE]

Councilor Jones asked the City Attorney if that motion was a request to see if there were letters of interest to be submitted to the Council. He didn't fully understand the motion.

Mr. Sullivan stated the motion appeared to be in two parts. First, it was to entertain the letters of interest. That would be followed by a special meeting to consider those letters and to conduct interviews with those who submitted those letters. He would suggest that the Council, before scheduling interviews, it would be prudent to review the letters first. There might be some that the Council might not choose to interview.

Councilor Fugate asked to set a deadline on the letters.

Councilor Verini stated he had not stated a deadline on the letters because he wanted to speak with Tori in regards to procedure. Currently, he wanted to at least open up the avenue for people that had letters of interest in filling the position. He could change the motion and add "...and the Council calling for a special meeting to discuss the letters of interest, and at a later date, interview the individuals."

Ron Verini moved to entertain letters of interest from the community to fill the position of Mayor, and the Council calling for a special meeting to discuss the letters of interest and at a later date interview the individuals selected. [No second, no vote]

Mr. Sullivan asked if it was necessary to include the piece about interviewing the individuals, or was that something that could be decided during the discussion phase. He was concerned about creating a compound motion that created multiple steps. Legally, they could do that, but if the Council passed the motion, it was bound to follow those steps.

Councilor Verini stated they would have those steps, regardless, so he wanted to leave the motion as stated.

Councilor Tuttle asked to have the motion restated, as he agreed with Mr. Sullivan.

Ron Verini moved to entertain letters of interest from the community to fill the position of Mayor, and the Council calling for a special meeting to discuss the letters of interest and at a later date interview the individuals selected. [No second, no vote]

Mr. Sullivan confirmed "individuals selected" meant the individuals selected from the letters received. Councilor Verini was not asking that everyone who submitted a letter be interviewed.

Councilor Verini stated that was correct.

Councilor Jones asked that the motion be made clear. He was willing to support a simple motion requesting letters of interest for the position of Mayor, but not to fill it, and to bring the letters to the Council for review. The motion was too confusing as stated; otherwise, he'd have to vote no.

Councilor Fox agreed, and supported Mr. Sullivan's advice for a single action motion, or he'd also have to vote no.

Ron Verini moved, seconded by Norm Crume, to entertain letters of interest from the community for the position of Mayor, and the Council calling for a special meeting to discuss the letters of interest. [NO VOTE]

Councilor Fox asked Mr. Sullivan if that was in proper form.

Mr. Sullivan stated they could have a compound motion. It clarified whether there had to be an interview process. It didn't necessarily require that process. Once the letters were submitted, and the Council held a special meeting, basically it was creating a two-step process. One, the invitation to accept letters of interest; and two, calling for a special meeting to evaluate them.

Councilor Crume asked if that required them to pick a Mayor from that, or just to interview.

Mr. Sullivan stated it wouldn't require either.

Councilor Jones stated that after the motion was voted on, and if it passed, then in parliamentary procedure, was there a need for an amendment to put a date on it?

Councilor Fox stated no.

[Reprinted motion]

Ron Verini moved, seconded by Norm Crume, to entertain letters of interest from the community for the position of Mayor, and the Council calling for a special meeting to discuss the letters of interest. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2013-114: Recognizing the Need for Additional Industrial Land within the Multi-Jurisdictions of Malheur County, Ontario, Nyssa, and Vale and Requesting Land Use Rulemaking Specific to Eastern Oregon

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Jackson Fox, to approve Resolution #2013-114, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL LAND WITHIN THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONS OF MALHEUR COUNTY, ONTARIO, NYSSA, AND VALE AND REQUESTING LAND USE RULEMAKING SPECIFIC TO EASTERN OREGON. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

Approval of City Manager Contract

Larry Sullivan, City Attorney, stated City Manager Jay Henry was hired on July 12, 2012, through a contract subsequently ratified by the City Council. During several executive sessions, Jay Henry and the City Council negotiated the terms of a new contract, effective April 15, 2013. This contract replaced the July 12, 2012, contract. Both City Attorney Larry Sullivan and Jay Henry's attorney, Brian DiFonzo, reviewed the proposed contract.

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Jackson Fox, that the City Council approve the Employment Agreement with City Manager Jay Henry, effective April 15, 2013. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-Yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

Councilor Jones voiced his appreciation to everyone for their work on this project.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Jay Henry stated he would be out of the office Thursday and Friday attending the West Coast City Manager's Summit, back on Monday.
- Norm Crume reminded everyone that Serve Day was coming up May 11th; anyone who knew of any projects in our community, or the surrounding communities, please contact him to either suggest or project or to volunteer to be a worker
- Norm Crume stated Thursday there had been a question raised and a comment made that he wanted to talk about. A comment had been made by Jackson Fox that Councilors Crume, Verini, and Fugate were liberals and both he and Councilor Fugate took great offense to that. The comment that he wanted to address was the response back from Councilor Fox that the reason Councilor Crume was a liberal was because he had eight or more city employees encourage him to run for Council a second term. To be honest, he found that appalling, that someone who sat in that chair couldn't be friends with city staff. The only comment he could make to that was that, to him, it seemed like one had to be a jackass to employees to be a conservative, and...

Dan Jones asked him to back down a notch, and to watch his language.

Norm Crume continued in that he obviously wouldn't be the supreme conservative on the Council if that was what it would take to have to have employees appreciate his work. The second issue was one raised by Councilor Larry Tuttle, asking Councilor Fugate why "we" didn't converse with you guys about some of the questions going on with the Council. He thought he could clear the air up. Up until the time that they had to vote on the Mayor, he used to go in and talk with Dan [Jones] quite regularly and to Mr. Tuttle quite regularly about different things going on. But that has stopped. For him, the biggest reason was he was lied to about a particular instance that happened here. There was a letter that Joe Dominick penned and sent to a city employee earlier this year, gratifying that person's work, and calling the rest of us turkeys. It was told to him by Councilor Jones that that email was gathered up, you guys were able to get ahold of it because it Joe inadvertently cc'd that letter to other people. You knew that wasn't the case. You knew that Councilor Fox had asked the City Manager to dig up Joe's emails to try to find dirt on him.

Councilor Jones stated Councilor Crume was wrong. That was not the truth.

Councilor Fox stated Councilor Crume should ask the City Manager.

Councilor Crume asked how they had gotten the email.

Councilor Jones stated they had the email way before that. The question from Councilor Fox was hit and miss.

Councilor Fox stated that must have gotten multi-texted out.

Councilor Crume stated it had not. He saw the text. It said to the person that it went to.

Councilor Jones stated it did not come from Councilor Fox, and he had not lied to Councilor Crume.

Councilor Crume asked for verification from the City Manager.

Councilor Jones asked what point Councilor Crume was trying to make.

Councilor Crume stated he was getting there. There were a lot of points to make. He was told by the City Manager that you got it by asking him to get it. He apologized for putting the City Manager on the spot, but he had clear the air as to why there was friction.

Mr. Henry stated before he went on public record with something that was contentious between two different Councilors, he wanted to go back to make sure he was absolutely correct in what he would say.

Councilor Crume stated he could continue, as there was a lot more to the story. That piece was not that critical. After that, there was a rumor spread around the community, clear to the county level, that he cheated and gave Councilor Verini the questions to the debate that he presented to the two Mayoral candidates. And frankly, Larry, that hurt like hell.

Councilor Tuttle asked if Councilor Crume was speaking to him.

Councilor Crume stated yes, because he was the one that spread it around.

Councilor Tuttle stated he took exception to that.

Councilor Crume continued that it was said he cheated and gave Ron [Verini] the questions to the debate beforehand. Nobody asked him if happened, it was just spread all over town. He stated it in the public record, in this Council Chambers, that that had not happened, but he did not get an apology. It was things like that that went on, as to why they didn't feel comfortable going to those guys and talking about things. It was to the point right now that they didn't feel comfortable not making a meeting because they were

afraid that those guys would vote in your candidate for Mayor with one of them being gone. They didn't know that, but they were afraid of it. That was their fears. He'd like them all to go on record saying they would or wouldn't do that. He was serious – they didn't trust them. It was those types of actions, calling them liberals, saying something so off the wall, that they couldn't be friends with city staff, that didn't make them a conservative. It was a morality issue for him to not want to be involved with them anymore. It was a situation where he could look all of them in the eye, that in the past he honestly hadn't given much credence to Mr. Verini. They hadn't seen eye to eye on a lot of political issues, but since this issue had come up, he found that he was a very kind man to work with. In fact, he thought of him as a Bozo before, and he never gave him a chance, and he never talked to him. This was coming from that heart, and that was wrong. Lately, it made his job impossible to work with the other Councilors because of the treatment he felt he was receiving back and with them not being straight forward. That was all he had to say.

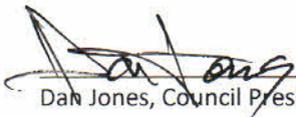
- Charlotte Fugate stated they had their Feral Cat Yard Sale and had raised over \$4000. They would now begin trapping cats again.
- Larry Sullivan stated with regard to a legal issue with the vote required to select a new Mayor. The way the Charter read it read that "...a majority of the remaining Council members shall select a Mayor". It didn't require a unanimous vote. The number of people required to vote in that would not change if one or two of the members were absent. If someone wasn't present, and there was only five at a meeting, it would still take four of them to agree on a Mayoral candidate.

Councilor Jones stated his position was that there was going to be a time when one of them would be gone. For him personally, that had never been an issue. He thought they would all have...if was on the schedule, it would be postponed until the full Council was present. Also, one little statement. He was going to make a request to the entire Council -everyone needed to relax. This thing was blown so much out of proportion. It was okay if there was a dislike for a Councilor. There was a lot of work to do, and they were getting some work done. He wanted the Councilor relax, work through the Agenda, and if there were some letters coming before them for Mayor, they would review those. If that didn't come forward, they would continue on and work as a Council. They were going to work right through the budget, and they were going to have a budget passed. They were passing things now with just six, and they were going to pass more. As he had stated in the newspaper article, there would be some surprises that would surprise this town on how some Councilors were going to vote. There would be discussion, and they needed to be professional, and they needed to work through the details.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Dan Jones, Council President

ATTEST:



Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder