COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Dominick at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Norm Crume, Joe Dominick, Charlotte Fugate, Dan Jones, David Sullivan and Ronald Verini. Jackson Fox was excused.

Members of staff present were Tori Barnett, Chuck Mickelson, Larry Sullivan, Lisa Hansen, and Steve Mallea. The meeting was recorded on tape, and the tapes are available at City Hall.

Charlotte Fugate led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

David Sullivan moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Crume recused himself from voting, as he had an invoice for payment on the bills.

Ronald Verini moved, seconded by David Sullivan, to approve Consent Agenda Item A: Approval of the Regular Minutes of 04/02/2012; Item B: Proclamation: National Telecommunications Week April 8-14, 2012; Item C: Chipseal Oil Bid Award; Item D: Lagoon Aerator Repairs; and Item E: Approval of the Bills. Roll call vote: Crume-abstain; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1/1.

Mayor Dominick read the Proclamation into the record:

> **Whereas** emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and
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> **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
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> **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
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> **Whereas** Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and
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> **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
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> **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
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> **Whereas** each Telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.
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> **Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Ontario City Council declares the week of April 8th through 14th, 2012 to be National Telecommunicator's Week in Ontario, in honor of the dedicated staff whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

PRESENTATION

Snake River Transit

Loni Debban, MCOA&CS, presented a PowerPoint presentation. The DVD was incorporated into the record by this statement (DVD attached). Some key points mentioned:

- Malheur Council on Aging & Community Services is a private, non-profit organization providing services for the general public including seniors, low-income, and person with disabilities in Malheur County and the surrounding areas to live healthy, meaningful, self-sufficient and independent lives.

- Services offered by MCOA&CS include:
  - ✓ Dial-A-Ride: a demand response transportation service characterized by flexible routing and scheduling of relatively small vehicles to provide door-to-door or point-to-point transportation at the user's need.
  - ✓ Senior & Disabled Transportation: SRT Public transit service e for people who are unable to use regular buses without assistance because of a disability or a disabling health condition. MCOA&CS Para-transit transports riders from their origin to their destination in vans equipped with a wheelchair lift to meet requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
  - ✓ Routed Service: City of Ontario, offers flexible fixed route with deviation. The transportation service operating on a standard route along a public right-of-way, from which it may deviate from time to time, in response to a demand for its service or to take a passenger to a destination, after which it returns to its standard route;
  - ✓ Commuter Service (Ontario/Vale/Nyssa) a round-trip express transit service connecting the cities through coordination with the routed bus service.

- Funding Classifications:
  - ✓ Section 5311: The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended that authorized grants to public transit systems in non-urbanized areas.
  - ✓ Section 5316: (Job Access Reverse Commute) is a formal-based federally funded program under the Federal Transit Administration. The goal of the JARC grant program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals.
  - ✓ Section 5317: (New Freedom). The goal of the New Freedom grant program is to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation in society. (Funded Ontario bus benches).
  - ✓ Section 5310: Program assists private non-profit corporations to provide safe, efficient, and coordinated transportation services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.
  - ✓ The STF Program provides a flexible, coordinated, reliable and continuing source of revenue in support of transportation services for people who are senior and people with disabilities of any age. The funds may be used for any purpose directly related to transportation services, including transit operations, capital equipment, planning, travel training, and other transit-related purposes.

- SRT Malheur Express Hours of Operation: The Council's regular "demand response" transportation business hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm, and half day on Saturday for medical necessity rides.
  - ✓ The Routed service in Ontario is scheduled Mon-Fri, 6am-6pm. MCOA&CS provides para-transit services for individuals who are unable to ride the route without assistance, and a round-trip commuter route between Ontario/Vale/Nyssa.

- The destination rates are:

✓ Within Ontario city limits	$ 3.00
✓ Oregon Slope	$11.00
✓ Vale or Weiser	$23.00
✓ Nyssa	$15.00
✓ Fruitland	$ 5.00
✓ Payette	$ 8.00
✓ Caldwell	$30.00
✓ Nampa	$40.00
✓ Boise	$75.00
✓ Within Nyssa city limits	$ 1.50

✓	Vale	$25.00
✓	Ontario	$15.00
✓	Weiser	$30.00
✓	Caldwell	$30.00
✓	Nampa	$40.00
✓	Boise	$75.00
✓	Within Vale city limits	$ 1.50
✓	Ontario	$23.00
✓	Nyssa	$25.00
✓	Weiser	$46.00
✓	Caldwell	$53.00
✓	Nampa	$63.00
✓	Boise	$85.00

Monthly passes may also be purchased for the Snake River Transit Ontario route: Adult (18-54) $1/ride or $30/month; Youth (6-17) 75¢/ride or $20/month; or Senior and Disabled 50¢/ride or $15/month.

- Community benefits: The council might be thought of as a social program that serves needy people, and that is true, but the Council did much more than that. They helped connected the community, they provided transportation access for individuals residing in Malheur County so they were able to access services, shopping, appointments and social events.

- Snake River Transit is a comprehensive coordinated system. A key strength is the subcontract with Treasure Valley Transit so that riders are able to travel to Ontario, Payette, and Fruitland.

(Couldn't hear name), Ontario, stated he was an avid bus rider, who rode to many different areas.

Anthony Stiener(?), Ontario, stated the bus was a great service, that had been a lot of help to him. He rode it to several other towns, and considered it quite a blessing.

Chris Coley(?), Ontario, stated the bus provided independence, and he, too, considered it a blessing.

Prothman Update

Mayor Dominick stated he had been in contact with Prothman Associates with regard to the recruitment of a new City Manager. Prothman had suggested increasing the high end of the pay scale to $115K. He was looking for feedback from the Council. This was based upon the request for an experience, seasoned applicant.

Councilor Verini stated he was okay with the increase in pay range to $115K, but he wanted to hold Prothman to the fire to get a good, experienced candidate. They needed to get the best person for the job.

Mayor Dominick stated when the previous City Manager had been recruited, the profile stated a pay range of $85-110K, and the candidate had negotiated to $95K. There had also been two pay raises during his service with Ontario.

Councilor Jones stated he wanted to leave the high number as currently listed. They could negotiate after they received the applications.

Councilor Fugate stated her agreement with the increase to $115K.

Councilor Crume stated the Council would have final say on the negotiations before the final hire. The quality of the candidate would be a factor in the final pay. Raising it another $5K might attract more qualified people. It didn't obligate the Council had to pay the $115K, so it didn't hurt to raise it up.

Councilor Sullivan stated the increase of another $5K wouldn't make a big difference; however, they needed to negotiate a lower starting rate.

Mayor Dominick stated based on the comments, he would let Prothman Associates know the range would be between $90-115K.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Councilor Verini stated with regard to the National Guard 116th Foxtrot Unit, Max Arbison retired, and they wished him well.

- Councilor Fugate stated the Feral Fat Cat Community yard sale would be held May 3-5. They were looking for donations for the sale. The program had captured, neutered/spayed, and released over 1,000 cats. Everyone could see the decrease in the wild cat population in the area.

- Mayor Dominick stated the Council held a joint meeting with the County Court last Thursday, and it went very well. The room was packed. They were discussing the need and possibility of increasing the industrial land within the Ontario Urban Growth Boundary. A committee had been established, and anyone wanting to join the committee could contact either him or Malheur County Economic Development Director Jim Jensen. There were currently two 75-acre parcels ready, but there had been inquires about larger parcels. It was a long process to get this completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

An executive session was called at 7:33 p.m. under provisions of ORS 192.660(1)(e) real property. Council convened into the second executive session at 8:16 p.m.

An executive session was called at 8:17 p.m. under provisions of ORS 192.660(1)(d) labor negotiations. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:44 p.m.

ADJOURN

Norm Crume moved, seconded by David Sullivan, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

APPROVED:

Joe Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder