

## **TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **Special Meeting**

**October 3, 2018**

Toledo Wastewater Treatment Plant

6:00 p.m.

#### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Smith called the Special Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Councilors present: Michele Johnson, Joshua Smith, Council President (CP) Terri Strom, Jackie Kauffman, Bill Dalbey and Deanne Dunlap

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Craig Martin, Public Works Director (PWD) Michael J. Adams and Wastewater Treatment Plant Senior Operator (WWTPSO) Matt MacPhail

WWTPSO MacPhail provided a tour of the facility to the City Council and answered questions in regards to the facility and its processing.

#### **2. Adjournment**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

## **TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **Regular Session**

**October 3, 2018**

Toledo City Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

#### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Billie Jo Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilors present: Michele Johnson, Joshua Smith, Council President (CP) Terri Strom, Jackie Kauffman, Bill Dalbey and Deanne Dunlap

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Craig Martin, Public Works Director (PWD) Michael J. Adams, Police Chief (PC) Dave Enyeart, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Library Director (LD) Deborah Trusty, City Attorney (ACA) David Robinson and Children's Librarian Denyse Marsh

Visitors present: Bill Farley, Jerry Marsh, Heather Jukich, Betty Kamikawa, Stuart Strom, Frank Jones, John Mix, Tracy Mix, Polly Chavarria, Belinda Goody, Greg Harrison, Nancy Bryant, Chuck Wilcox, Ann Edmondson, Larry Edmondson, Jerry Marsh, Denyse Marsh, M. Schneidecker, Carma McCaslin, Tina Ewing, Karen Gerttula, Rod Cross, Nancy McFerran, Ceran Wallace and Heather Fortner

#### **2. Visitors/Public Comment**

Betty Kamikawa, resident, thanked the Public Works (PW) Department on behalf of the girl scouts. She said the PW crew removed the broken doors from the greenhouse and assisted them

with clearing out other debris at the garden near the skate park. She noted the girl scouts have produced vegetables all summer and has donated them to the local food bank for the community all summer long. She inquired whether political signs can be placed in the public right-of-way. CM Martin indicated the Municipal Code regulates when and where signs can be placed. Ms. Kamikawa mentioned there was previous conversation regarding lights at the park near her house and indicated she would prefer there not be lights installed.

Greg Harrison, resident, commented on the recent recall election, indicated he is an active member in the community and thanked Councilors Dunlap, Strom and Mayor Smith for their service on the City Council. He said he felt the recall election was a waste of taxpayer money.

Stuart Strom, resident, thanked Councilors Dunlap, Strom and Mayor Smith for their service. He indicated the recall election was a travesty and the town needs to progress and move forward.

Frank Jones, resident, commented on the statements made and said he hoped the recall election did not split the community.

John Mix, resident, commented on political signs and affordable housing. He said he likes the way Toledo is, does not want to move forward and wants to keep it the way it is.

Belinda Goody, community member, said she lived in Toledo previously, was the Chamber of Commerce Director and attended to support the Council. She said she experienced challenges with two of the previous employees. She noted that there are laws or rules in place and encouraged people to ask questions and get that information before making accusations without having the right information. She said it is not an easy job for someone to sit on the Council and be a recipient of the comments that have been made lately.

### **3. Consent Calendar**

There were no items to consider.

### **4. Discussion and Information Items**

#### **Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

TJ and Noel represented “My Sister’s Place” and updated the Council on the services they provide. They said they offer a 24-hour helpline, safety education class, an emergency confidential shelter for all genders, court and legal advocate among other services. They said they will have a silent witness stand on October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the corner of Highway 101 and Highway 20 to honor those who have been lost or still suffering to domestic violence. Mayor Smith read a proclamation and declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Council thanked them for their services.

#### **Committee Updates**

Councilor Smith noted the CWACT meeting is scheduled for later this month.

Mayor Smith commented she received a copy of the financial policies and procedures manual from the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments. She indicated the City needs to adopt similar policies to assure it is in compliance with Oregon Budget Law.

## **5. Decision Items**

### **Motion to accept the Lincoln County Clerk's official Abstract of Votes from the September 11, 2018 Toledo Recall Election**

Mayor Smith read from a prepared statement in regards to her time serving on the City Council. She indicated her loyalty has not rested with any one specific person but rather with what is best for all the citizens of Toledo; based on facts she has searched out and not based on her personal opinions. She indicated she can however, change or alter her conclusions based on the information she received. She said she continued to serve according to the law focusing on the needs and issues facing the city. She listed the City Council goals. She said when the November Election is over, she intends to approach the state legislature to investigate and reform the recall election process to allow only factual statements that present the facts. She said the following vote of the Council only accepts that the votes were distributed, collected and counted correctly and she recommended the Council votes to accept the results of the recall election.

Councilor Johnson noted she is voting to accept the results as presented by the County Clerk.

Councilor Dalbey thanked Councilors Dunlap, Strom and Mayor Smith for their service on the Council. He said it is not easy to make decisions on behalf of the entire community.

**Motion-**It was moved and seconded (JSmith/Kauffman) to accept the Lincoln County Clerk's official Abstracts of Votes from the September 11, 2018 Toledo Recall Election. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Mayor Smith, Councilor Dunlap and Councilor Strom stepped down from the dais at 7:37 p.m.

### **Council Vacancy and Presiding Officer appointments**

CM Martin informed the Council of the Council rules, which allows the Council to appoint a presiding officer in the absence of the Mayor and Council President.

**Motion-**It was moved and seconded (Johnson/Kauffman) to appoint Joshua Smith as Presiding Officer. **Motion passed 4-0.**

The Council discussed the roles of the presiding officer versus Council President, recruiting for the vacant Council seats and it was noted that the position vacated by Deanne Dunlap had two years remaining on that term. Councilor Johnson suggested they wait to appoint anyone to the other two positions until after the General Election so they could appoint the candidates elected by the public into those vacancies. After further discussion, the Council directed the City Manager to notice and recruit for the vacancy of the term of former Councilor Deanne Dunlap with a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2018.

## **6. Reports and Comments**

### **Department Reports**

PC Enyeart reported the Police Department hosted "Color with a Cop" earlier this evening at Cobblestone Pizza and indicated it was well attended. He noted the Police Department set out purple pinwheels in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Denyse Marsh listed upcoming Library events which includes a mask making workshop on Saturday, October 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and open to all ages and they will have moon related activities that day in recognition of 'Observe the moon night' on October 20.

CM Martin indicated there is a Council work session on Tuesday, October 9 to review a proposal for a cell tower lease and an update on the Mutual Agreement Order with the Department of Environmental Quality.

Councilor Johnson reported the neighborhood watch meeting will be held on October 16, 2018 beginning at 5:30 at the new public safety building on Business Highway 20. She noted the Great Oregon Shakeout will be held on October 18 at 10:18 a.m. She indicated she was contacted by Ralph Grutzmacher via Facebook Messenger who invited her to dinner to discuss the next steps after the recall. She noted she wanted to make it known that she would not meet with him or anyone else because she serves the whole community. She indicated she feared it could have potentially been a setup for a serial meeting without knowing who else on the Council has been contacted.

Mr. Jones stated he wished people would stop throwing names out and suggested the community make amends to move forward.

Heather Jukich, resident, indicated there will be a candidate forum on October 18 at the union hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Tracy Mix, resident, thanked the four Councilors for their service through the process.

Heather Fortner thanked Billie Jo Smith, Terri Strom and Deanna Dunlap for their service on the Council.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

/s/City Recorder, Lisa Figueroa

/s/Presiding Officer