

Ukiah City Council
Regular Meeting – May 6, 2014

**Present: Mayor Clint Barber Council Members: Linda Kerr, and Penny Alford
City Recorder: Donna Neumann Parks and Maintenance: Nancy Porter
Meter Reader: Stephanie Picard. Public: Lee Farren, Tom Gatens, Ted Alford,
Pat Picard, Tommy Thompson, NFJD Ranger District, and Matt Hoehna, Oregon
State Forestry. Excused Absences: Council Member Louise McKinnon and Randy
Scarlett**

Flag Salute

Minutes/Bills

Motion by Clint Barber second by Linda Kerr to approve April 2014 Minutes and April 2014 paid invoices. Unanimous Approval

City Recorder Report

Donna Neumann Reported:

- Advised budget for 2014-2015 will be tight due to 15% rate hike from Columbia Power, 14% rate hike from City County Insurance Services and double the cost of propane.
- A vacancy on the budget committee. Announcement posted.
- Chris Cockburn of Cockburn and McClintock will be here for the preliminary audit on May 19th.

Maintenance & Park Report

Nancy Porter Reported:

- Attend water/waste water short school in Baker City, OR
- Registered for one day training on water May 28 in Pendleton, OR
- Water tests were clear.
- Chlorinator repaired.
- Requests a backpack sprayer and signs posted at the Parks “Clean up after your animals”

Meter Reader

Stephanie Picard Reported:

Reading meters and having trouble with the handheld holding a charge.

Volunteer Fire Department

Pat Picard Reported:

- Pat will sheet rock the ceiling in the fire hall.
- Working with the valves on the fire truck to be sure they are in working order.
- Phil Hofbauer will use his excavator to push tree over on the yellow house on Main Street to prepare for a controlled burn in the Fall
- Will open fire hydrants to test fittings and valves on a schedule when weather allows.

Ukiah Website

Webmaster Rhonda Strickland is back to working full time.

Safety Committee Report

Randy Scarlett: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Hoehna, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) discussed having ODF issue burn permits during the summer months when the burning class index is high or super high, usually late July through mid to late September from 6 am – 10 am. When the permit is issued the permittee's burn barrel, burn pile or camp fire ring will be inspected by ODF for safety. No local permits will be issued outside fire season. The State Forestry will issue citations if necessary. This will require a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and ODF.

Motion made by Clint Barber, second Linda Kerr, unanimous approval to sign a MOU with ODF to issue burn permits.

Lee Farren thanked the City of Ukiah for the use of the Senior Center during the Art Show.

OLD BUSINESS

USFS Land Use Agreement

Motion made by Linda Kerr second by Penny Alford to increase the daily fee for rental of Tupper Ball Field by the USFS during fire season from \$200.00 to \$400.00 per day.

Unanimous Approval

Clean Up Day

Cleanup day will be postponed until next fiscal year the City does not have the funds to rent a large dumpster and the scrap metal recycler has gone out of business.

NEW BUSINESS

US Forest Service Summer Crews –

Tom Thompson reported that there will be an increase in the number of summer work crews this coming season. A crew, associated with AmeriCorps will be located at Frazier Guard Station and will be thinning and on fire assignments. Another crew: PIBO (Rocky Mtn. Elk) will have two trailers to be located on the trailer pads on Pine Street for approximately 20 employees. They will pay City water and sewer.

Thompson will loan Nancy Porter a backpack weed sprayer and nonrestrictive chemicals from the USFS Range Department.

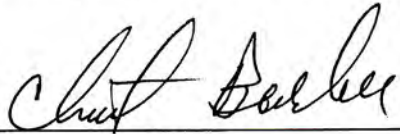
Noxious Weed Contract with CTUIR

Motion made by Clint Barber second by Linda Kerr to approve the Noxious Weed contract with the Confederated Tribe Umatilla Indian Reservation. Unanimous Approval

Resolution 2014-05-06-#1

Motion made by Clint Barber second by Linda Kerr to approve Resolution 2014-05-06-#1 to transfer monies from personnel in the water fund to cover utilities and software expenditures. Unanimous approval

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM



Clint Barber, Mayor



Donna L. Neumann, City Recorder