

DALLESFORT-MURDOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9TH, 2019

OPENING

Flag salute.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Don McDermott. Roll call was taken. The eight council members in attendance established a quorum. There were 15 citizens in attendance.

Chairman Don McDermott brought to the Council's attention the minutes from the April 11th, 2019 Council meeting. Councilman Bill Morris made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Councilwoman Mary Ann Pauline seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SPEAKERS

Mr. Frank T. Hewey, Klickitat County Code Compliance Officer II, spoke regarding his efforts to enforce code compliance in the community. Mr. Hewey noted he is the only code compliance officer covering the county, and impressed upon the community the importance of patience and cooperation by reporting code violations. Mr. Hewey gave updates on several properties including progress on 203 Cypress St., a property on 6th Ave., 1200 Dallesport Road, and properties on Lyle Point. A community member asked about progress on 209 Cypress St., which Mr. Hewey addressed. Mr. Hewey went on to discuss short-term rental properties, and yurts, all but one of which in the county are not permitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Swing summarized the most recent Treasurer's report, noting the month ending April balance of \$3,478.28 and presenting a bill for \$100 from Councilman Rizzi for printing of the newsletter. Councilman Morris made a motion to pay said bill. Councilman David McNeal seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Councilman McNeal noted that the Chief Safety Range officer had been appointed for the Klickitat County Training Center.

LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Councilman Morris noted that the Lyle School District was holding a hearing either the same evening or an evening the following week regarding sale of the Dallesport school building.

WATER DISTRICT

Councilman McNeal reported on the activities of the Dallesport Water District. He summarized discussions at the recent meeting between representatives of the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport and the Dallesport Water District regarding water rates. Councilman McNeal also discussed a Yakama Nation Housing Authority developer's agreement, and announced Councilman Morris was now a commissioner on the Dallesport Water District. Councilman Morris asked that community members attend Dallesport

Water District meetings on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM at the Community Center on 6th Ave.

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Bylaw Committee Chairman McNeal said progress has been made on revising the Dallesport-Murdock Community Council bylaws. This progress will be presented at an upcoming meeting. Chairman McDermott asked that a legal review be included in the process.

COUNTY LIAISON

Councilman Morris discussed his appearance before the Klickitat County Board of County Commissions on April 30th to promote a Washington State bill to amend property tax laws regarding the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport (CGRA). The law, as it stands, does not tax regional airports in the state other than the CGRA since it is the only regional airport over a 400 acre size limit in the state.

Councilman Morris noted early-stage efforts to build a larger fire department the community will need as it continues to grow.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Co-Chairman Rizzi noted he is in contact with Rita Pinchot of Klickitat-Lyle Against Substance Abuse Coalition (KLASAC) to coordinate speaking at a future meeting.

Councilman McNeal suggested having Mrs. Sharon Carter, Director, Klickitat County Senior Services speak at an upcoming meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council and community members discussed upcoming burn-bans.

Councilman Rizzi gave an update on the Klickitat County Training Center firing range. He noted a new manager was hired, and that safety officers are being trained. The Standard Operating Procedures are in the final stages of review, being reviewed by multiple agencies. The plan is to open in late June. The facility is planned to be open from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Councilman Morris briefed the Council on legislation that would grant authority to the fire chief and assistant chief to marshal aircraft in support of fighting fires.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Rizzi noted he would be absent from meetings in June and July.

Councilman Rizzi briefed the Council on recent active shooter training at the Pioneer Center in White Salmon. He said the training involved ambulance, police departments, the sheriff's department and intertribal law enforcement.

Councilman Rizzi described training on CGRA property undertaken by law enforcement to practice high-speed turns, and other vehicle maneuvers.

It was noted Councilman Rizzi was promoted to a lieutenant in the Klickitat County Sherriff's posse.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Caleb Hotchkiss, Secretary