

WCDC Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2013

Members present: Rick Stephens, Jerry Frison, Tim Crampton, Linda Crampton, Chuck Price, Mary Lou Andrews, Lynn Delph, Bob Smith

Chuck read the January minutes which were then approved.

Chuck gave the committee's financial report. We have \$3571.50 in our city budget line item. Chuck will contact Thacker Excavating to request that they invoice the City's Clerk for \$5375 (their total estimate) after having recently received an advanced payment of \$3571.50 to complete the phase II concrete pours at the Weston Fountain. The remainder of the Wildhorse Foundation's \$7143 grant for this project (\$1768) will be paid to Gordon's Electric for their electrical work at the Fountain after project completion.

Chuck reported that the City Clerk had requested that the WCDC turn in their budget line item request within the next three weeks for the 2013-2014 City Budget. Linda Crampton made the motion to request a \$950 budget line item due this year's budget error reducing the WCDC's budget line item from our normal \$500 line item to \$50 and that we have been funding several expenditures from our brick fund due to the current budget line error. This motion passed unanimously. Chuck will turn in the WCDC's 2013-2014 City Budget with an appropriate placeholder amount for prospective grant receipts.

Lynn discussed the need to pay our \$165 bill from the Oregon Travel Authority for the Weston business promotion signs on Highway 11. Rick made the motion to pay this billing which passed unanimously.

Tim reported that he is investigating the cost of new banner arms for the area of Suzi's HandyMart.

Chuck and Laura Prado from PARC led an extensive group discussion of funding and establishing new Senior Housing in downtown Weston. This discussion included the possible need for a one vs. two story structure, local parking issues, location near the Weston "flood plain", coordinating the rehabilitation of the Renault's building east wall and hiring a live-in manager for the facility. It was noted that we should invite Tim Albert and Larry Nye to give us a presentation on their experiences when establishing Athena's newer Senior Housing. Chuck will contact Don Hollis at the USDA and Gary Kopperud in Pendleton to get more information on Senior Housing funding and design work. Chuck made a motion to request that Julie Schuld ask the City Council for it's approval for the WCDC to continue to explore the possibilities of establishing Senior Housing. First choice of possible sitings would be on the vacant lot at the corner of north Franklin Street and Main Street directly west of the Longbranch Restaurant. Motion passed unanimously.

Jerry reported that he had visited with Tim Jackson regarding their property on north Water Street as a possible site for our new covered wagon. Jerry stated that the Jacksons may be willing to sell the WCDC a small parcel for our covered wagon siting. Rick requested and Tim stated that he would see Sam Tucker and request a legal document be prepared to resolve the Jacksons from legal liabilities for the proposed covered wagon site.

The next WCDC meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 7 P.M. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Price, WCDC Secretary

