

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – March 12, 2013

ROLL CALL

The following city officials answered the roll call: Mayor Wade Byers and Councilors Hal Busch, Thomas Mersereau, Lendon Nelson, and Neal Reisner.

ABSENT: Councilors Ray Jaren and Kari Martinez

STAFF

Pete Boyce, City Administrator; Rhonda Bremmeyer, Senior Center Director; Irene Green, Interim Library Director; Heather Martin, City Attorney; Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator; Stan Monte, Interim Fire Chief;

Mayor Byers led the flag salute.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tammy Stempel, 6960 Winfield gave the Council an update on the Portland Avenue Trolley Bridge. Robert Spurlock of Metro and she have completed a draft grant for the Regional Flexible Fund Grant asking for the minimum of \$200,000. It will be significantly less than that for the feasibility study. The grant will be submitted on March 15, 2013. She met with HDR, a structural engineering firm specializing in pedestrian/bike bridges. The company reviewed the bridge and felt that it was in very good shape. Grant results will be made in May.

Jack Norby, 4040 Kenthorpe explained they have experienced Lake Oswego/Tigard tactics and it has been a pattern of lies and deceit. They started construction last Sunday deconstructing houses and he called to complain because it was a Sunday and supposedly they were not going to work on Sundays. Their response was it was out of the scope of the project. He cautioned the Council there will be problems with the project. West Linn held them up for almost \$6 million and Gladstone has the same opportunity to charge them for the inconveniences the citizens will have to put up with.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item(s) Removed from the agenda:

1. Approval of February 12, 2013 and February 26, 2013 Minutes

*Councilor Burch moved and Councilor Nelson seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items 2, Approval of Request to Purchase a 580 Super N Case Backhoe; 3, Proclamation Shen Yun Performing Arts Day; and 4, Payment of February Claims as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.*

Item 1, Approval of February 12, 2013 and February 26, 2013 Minutes. A correction was made to the minutes of the February 12th meeting on page 1-10: change “Councilor Nelson reported he met with Carlotta Colette...” to “Councilor Reisner reported he met with Carlotta Colette...”

Council will approve the minutes next month to review the tapes to see of both Councilor Reisner and Councilor Nelson both met with Carlotta Colette.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Byers acknowledged receipt of:

- Letter from Gladstone School District regarding the Police Department
- Email from Rob Hungerford about the town hall and library management outsourcing
- Letter from Marilyn Bowman regarding library and American with Disabilities Act
- Letter from Colette Umbras regarding the library
- Email from Mary Accettura regarding privatizing the library
- Email from Jack Norby regarding the Lake Oswego/Tigard Waterline Project
- Email from Mary Sacksteder about the library
- Email from Sundara Linton about the library
- Email from Palmela Brunelle about the library
- Email from Sherry Cape about city buildings
- Letter from Steve Wheeler, Clackamas County Administrator regarding the Library Capital Contributions

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Library Management Outsourcing. City Administrator Boyce reported he previously researched the company LSSI, a private management company that operates libraries and at that time there was a Council vote of 4/3 to have staff stop looking into the matter. LSSI has informed the City that they won't provide financial information regarding the prospect of operating or managing the library until they have a formal request from City Council. In order to obtain financial information from the company there will need to be a motion to do so. He is asking for guidance to pursue that information from LSSI.

Councilor Nelson reported he talked to residents and they were upset there was no factual information that was provided about the company. There are a lot of questions, but no information. There is no way of getting the necessary information to answer the citizens unless the Council approves having a representative come in and answer questions regarding what affect it would have on the City and the library.

Councilor Nelson moved and Councilor Mersereau seconded a motion to put the LSSI issue back on the agenda.

Mayor Byers ruled the motion out of order and suggested a motion to request financial information from LSSI.

Councilor Nelson moved and Councilor Mersereau seconded a motion to make a formal request to LSSI for them to provide financial information regarding the management of the library.

Mayor Byers explained he was against pursuing LSSI because in order to put together information on this issue staff would have to spend many hours; time that should be spent on this time of the year on the budget, etc. City Counsel Martin noted asking for financial information would be a request. If the Council wanted to seriously consider than an official RFP (Request for Proposal) process. City Administrator Boyce reported staff would have to make up specs to make sure everyone is bidding on the same proposal.

Councilor Busch asked if LSSI could manage the library and still be linked in with the County Library District. City Administrator Boyce stated he asked that question and they answered they work under many different scenarios with different jurisdictions. If the City wanted to continue to use the same computer system and data base it could be done, although it may have an effect on the bottom line of what they would charge.

Councilor Nelson asked what would happen to the \$600,000 from the County if the City goes with LSSI? Mayor Byers answered that LSSI wanted a request from the Council for a proposal before they would proceed.

City Administrator Boyce talked with Councilor Jaren and he wanted it to be mentioned at the meeting that he was confused by the motion at the last meeting on this issue and it was his intent to cast a vote to not go any further on this issue.

Councilor Mersereau stated he was the one that brought up the possibility of LSSI to the Council. He felt by getting information, the Council could learn more about LSSI. He suggested asking the questions that need answers in the request for financial information:

- What would the rate be now
- What would the rate be in five years
- Can the library be linked with the County
- Will the City still be able to receive the \$600,000 from the County

The Council is requesting more information not asking for a proposal.

Public Comments

Jeff Glazer, 130 E. Gloucester asked if there will be a financial outlay to get these questions answered from LSSI and is there going to be a commitment between the City and LSSI except to get facts. Mayor Byers explained in the City Administrators conversation with LSSI they wanted a formal motion from the Council before proceeding. They did not want to provide financial information until they had what they thought was a sincere inquiry. There is no financial outlay for this information.

Phil Gagnier, 201 West Clackamas Blvd agrees pursuing this issue will take a lot of staff time. There is not that much support in privatizing the library. He has talked with many people and volunteerism will diminish, if not completely go away, if there is a private library. Right now the library system is supported by volunteers. If community volunteers are lost, the community connection is lost.

James Cox, 705 E. Exeter Street is a community health specialist with Multnomah County and on the Clackamas County Committee for Healthy Start. He is here tonight as a grandfather and citizen of this City that cares about the library. The library is a vital part to the very spirit and soul of a community. He talked his daughter and husband into moving to Gladstone because he loves it. He is very concerned the City is even considering privatizing the library. He grew up in Milwaukie and the Ledding Library was a vital part of building community. Privatizing the library is focusing on dollars; not looking at the affect it will have on the community itself. Every book he buys he donates to the library. This is something dear to the heart of many citizens.

Rob Hungerford, 6685 Canterbury Drive asked Council to notice there are a lot of people here that are wearing stickers. He does not agree with the idea of privatizing the library and can guarantee the company will come in and make it look attractive. But once you cross that bridge you can't come back. The existing employees will be gone and all new people will have to be hired if the City makes the change back to a public library. He agrees with the staff time issue; there are other important things they could be working on. He is against the motion on the table now and encourages the Council to vote no, leave the issue where it is, and let the Council be in control of the management of the library.

Mary Accettura, 17528 SE Valley View Road emailed each Councilor six links from California papers denouncing LSSI in their neighborhoods (Santa Clarita, Santa Barbara, Camarillo, and two other entities). There is also a link she can provide she received today from Jackson County, Tennessee who cancelled LSSI after having them for five years. They turned a 30,000 sqft library into 15,000 sqft, sold off books and computers and pocketed the money. They charge \$25 for a library card and they charge to operate and use the computers. There were two clerks looking after the 15,000 sqft library. In addition, California just passed HB-AB48 which outlaws privatization of libraries in the state of California. There are places to get information about LSSI from libraries that have already had experience with LSSI.

Larry McKinley, 6645 Devonshire Drive is astounded that the City is entertaining the idea of privatizing the library. He suggested staff get on the website and answer the questions for LSSI. He asked Council to not vote on this issue tonight; let it slide for a while. He is not in favor of the privatization.

Margaret Bertalan, 670 Collins Crest volunteers at the library and is on the Library Board. Last year Gladstone Library checked out over 138,000 items. They checked in over 189,000 items. Gladstone patrons borrowed over 38,000 items from other libraries in the county. These things are at risk and as a volunteer she would not vote for a private company that is here to make money.

Millie Wallace, 915 Cornell Avenue has lived in Gladstone for over 10 years. There is a need to get the importance of a library to a community. It is not just a house for books; it is actually a community meeting place. A community living room where people can gather to meet, read books, do computer, have kid stories, and community space for music lessons and all kinds of enrichment things the community needs to stay a community. Bringing in someone that is paid to run the library for a profit will not help the community. She is sure there is something better the City can do; it should be a priority to have a library that all the community can use.

Sarah Lewis, 7180 Shawn Court currently attends Gladstone High School. Many of her classes involve researching material and the school library does not have the information she needs. So she goes to the public library. She goes there over the summer to check out books for the Summer Reading Program. She also uses the online link website to put holds on the books she wants and takes her siblings to story time and to do crafts. She has a very young cousin and she hopes this cousin will have the opportunity to enjoy the new library and the services it will offer to the children.

Jim Cox, 705 E. Exeter Street reported many people are unemployed and don't have computers and web access. The library is for many people their only sense of community. There are many families that are homeless and the library is their access. There was a campaign to Save

Gladstone and the ideas of privatizing the library is like a "Sell-out" of the Library. He has supported every money measure since he moved here; he asked Council to give the taxpayers a chance to come up with the money to keep a vital library available so it serves the entire community.

Stacey Chamberlain is the Council Representative for Oregon Ask Me. She represents the employees at the City. A study was done by the American Library Association in 2000 looking at outsourcing and privatization of libraries. They concluded it was a bad idea and they oppose contracting out. This is a group that is not connected with any other association; their goal is best practices for libraries. She urged Council to oppose the motion on this issue. Opening the door to LSSI to provide a cheap alternative is not the right answer.

Megan Lewis, 7180 Shawn Court stated what she likes most about the library is the Summer Reading Program. She has participated in this program since she was five. It helps her to read more books than she normally would during the summer season and helps her keep her reading skills up while school is out for the summer. She also likes the ability to check out books she likes most of all (mysteries, humor and fiction). The library is small and old, but if there is a larger library there will be more opportunities to read different books that she hasn't read yet. There will be a bigger space to sit down and read. The library bookshelves are crammed into a small area and the lighting is not the best. The children's section is small with little room to walk. She really likes her library because staff sets up the summer reading programs and they put a lot of time, thought and effort into it. Having staff at the library taking time to have story time, guest readers, publishers and the summer reading program is what makes the library such an important part of the community.

Katie Lewis, 7180 Shawn Court thanked City Administrator Boyce for orchestrating such a wonderful town hall meeting. She was disappointed that the library was only one of the issues talked about. There are other things that can be privatized in this town as well (Police Department, Fire Department, etc.) without hitting the library. She is not sure there is a way to make a profit off of books, knowledge and reading; if it is privatized they will find a way to make money off of it. A library is free; it was created to be a free library and she thinks that's the way it should stay. She encourages the Council to remember the library is a very important part of the community; there are a lot of people who love the library.

Carole Winegarden, 280 Harvard Avenue stated libraries are not free; libraries cost money. The library as it is now costs money. The City has voted against the new library and entertaining the LSSI is a closing of a dream that very few want to let go of. She is not against the library; her kids use the library. She would like to have the information requested in this motion; they are not making a proposal. She has listened to stories against LSSI; and there probably are stories about people who are thankful they have LSSI. The focus should be on how to run a lean city that cares about its citizen's money.

Steve Johnson, 1420 Manor Drive reminded the Council the topic of discussion tonight is about requesting a proposal from LSSI for the possible outsourcing of the library. It is Council's fiduciary duty to neighbors and citizens to research options for the responsible use of tax dollars. Outsourcing the management and operations of the library while retaining the City's ownership of the name, property and collection may be in the City's best financial interest. If the proposal shows a benefit to the taxpayers of Gladstone then there could be further discussion at future Council meetings. Without such a proposal you will never know. He

asked that Council vote to request a proposal for outsourcing the management and operations of the library from LSSI.

Sylvia Hornyh, 550 E. Dartmouth and her husband have lived here since 1991; his parents lived in their home on Gloucester for 40 years and his grandmother lived on Arlington for 30 before that. Hornyh is an old name in this community. Her mother-in-law Lois Hornyh worked at the Gladstone Library for 30 years. Her children grew up using the library and one of her grandchildren grew up using this library. They have a heart in this community. Her and her husband came down to this meeting tonight to express if privatizing the library is good for Gladstone, and as a citizen she would like to see as much information on paper what are the numbers and what other proposal can the City get.

Erik Richter, 450 E. Dartmouth stated he came to the meeting tonight to discuss privatizing the library. Now he finds there is no information available. He cannot argue the merits one way or the other. He thinks it would be good to at least find out more information. If it is going to save the City \$100,000 and provide the citizens with 100,000 more books who knows the opportunities out there.

Cicely Sullivan, 335 West Clackamas Blvd asked if it was possible to build a library that is less expensive than the one voted down. Has all the money been wasted on the architectural firm that designed the previous building?

Susan Liston, 550 Exeter Street stated it is her goal to be respectful of everyone that has been involved in this issue. She appreciates when people look for ways of saving money; that is very important. She feels like the library issue has gone on and on and on and this is another thing. Her understanding from the last Council meeting that the City was holding the funds from the County and that it has not been decided yet whether it can be used or not. Looking into LSSI will mean more delay. She appreciates wanting facts but wishes the facts could have come sooner. She is glad to hear about the pathway across the old trolley car bridge; that's great. She would like to see the City come together as a City and do more things like that. The people who work in the library care about the community, they live in the community. Relationships are important and it is important to balance cost savings, financial savings with relationships and community.

Craig Seghers, 17400 Webster Road stated there are only three ways LSSI will make money on this, cutting overhead, raising prices and union busting. If there is any legitimate overhead to be cut there is no reason to bring someone in from 3,000 miles away. The City can do that and streamline the library for everyone's good. This is a bad idea; there is no potential here. LSSI is offering nothing that the City can't do themselves. Keep out library and keep it a public library.

Bill Summers, 450 West Berkley is not in favor of LSSI; it's a large organization taking over something the City could run more efficiently.

Kevin Johnson, 6971 Winfield Court sees three possibilities by getting more information. It will not increase services; services will be the same. The City will keep the same services they have now; it will save money that could be put to good use on other City needs. LSSI will give added services for the same amount of money. The City will not know which of the three possibilities they are going to have until they ask for the information.

Chuck Gustafson, 6635 Buckingham Drive stated the City already has 4-5 issues on the agenda (library, police, fire, bridge, city hall). This cannot be done without raising tax revenues. He is opposed to any outsourcing of the library but at the same time others have the same right to bring it up. If LSSI is accepted there will be a five-year commitment. The library is one of the main focal points of this community.

Lisa Halcom, 465 Portland Avenue doesn't understand the concept of privatizing the library. Citizens pay their taxes for the library and that runs the library. If the library is privatized the citizens will still pay taxes on the library except the taxes will go to the private company. She had information on how much it costs to run the library and how much the library brought back in. LSSI will be paid the money that goes out but there will be no potential to bring the money back in.

Bev Anslow, 145 E. Dartmouth can't image that the City wants to privatize the library and why they want to spend more money. It has already been voted down by Council, why spend more money on more studies.

Ann Robinson, 16725 Buckingham Drive hates to see any more time wasted on this privatization issue. The Council will be getting the facts from the company that is trying to sell their service. They are going to paint a rosy picture. She suggests the staff go on the internet to get unbiased information. The money will go out of state for profit instead of for our community.

Vote on the motion by Councilor Nelson and Councilor Mersereau to make a formal request to LSSI for them to provide financial information regarding the management of the library.

Roll: Councilor Mersereau, yes; Councilor Reisner, yes; Councilor Busch, no; Councilor Nelson; yes; and Mayor Byers, no.

Motion passed 3-2.

10.1 Brent Barton State Representative. Mayor Byers introduced Brent Barton. Mr. Barton represents District 40 in the House of Representatives. He lives in Oregon City. He submitted a power-point printout of the Overview of 2013 Legislative Session and explained the drafts provide number facts that can be relied on. He represents the entire community on both sides of local government disputes in Salem. He offered to help anyone in the community in Salem.

10.2 Update police Department Chaplains Program. Officer Kevin Voss reported in late 2007 there was talk of a Chaplain Program with several pastors in Gladstone. Over the last year all the chaplains have received training in pastoral crisis intervention and some received basic certification from the International Conference of Police Chaplains. On January 21st this year the Chaplains began serving on call with the Police Department. The Chaplains are available on an on-call basis to assist with death notifications, serious accidents, PTSD-type incidents and other incidents where their special skills and training is beneficial. There are two groups; department chaplains and community chaplains. Department chaplains are on call and are also available to do routine ride-along with officers. Community chaplains are available for special situations in catastrophic events. Officer Voss acknowledged Department Chaplains: Kevin Smith, Brian Early, Randy Balcom, Larry Bingham, Thomas Robinson; and Community Chaplains are Chad Mitchell, Miguel Castillo, Rosalee Salsbery, Robert "Bob" Guerra.

Mayor Byers explained the Chaplains are more and more important with some of the incidents that are happening in law enforcement. These Chaplains perform a tremendous volunteer service. They help the police department do the best job they can.

Recess was taken at 9:00 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

11. Approval of Resolution 1021, Re: Gladstone Disposal Company, Inc. Rate Adjustment Proposal. Mike McCoy, Gladstone Disposal Company, submitted a packet for a rate adjustment. The rate adjustment is primarily for the increase in disposal costs from Metro that was passed in August 2012.

Councilor Mersereau explained the increase this year is 1.85% which seems reasonable to him. Over the past five years the rate went up 13.68% or 2.74% per year. He asked if there are things citizens can do to lower their rates. Mr. McCoy stated when they take a look at the costs for a garbage company to operate, one of the key components are disposal fees. Disposal fees have no mark-up (no profit on them). Metro in August 2012 increased the disposal rates by approximately 4%. That is about 30% of the overall cost to dispose the solid waste garbage. Other components in consideration are the State's mandated recycling programs. Recycling programs are not for free because there is no money that is being made in the recycling markets. It costs for the disposal of glass. In the event that down the road recycling markets can increase and those costs can bring more money in, it would reduce solid waste rates. They have no control over South Metro's fees.

Councilor Nelson moved and Councilor Busch seconded a motion to approve Resolution 1021, A Resolution Amending Exhibit "A" To Resolution No. 1008 By Revising the Solid Waste Rate Schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion Gladstone Disposal Co. Ordinance Regarding Property Owner Responsibility for Service Billing. Mike McCoy reported Gladstone Disposal Company is requesting Council to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would make property owners responsible for any outstanding billing associated with an address that is not paid by the renter. If Council is agreeable with this ordinance, the City Attorney would be requested to draft it to be submitted at the next Council meeting.

It was the consensus of the Council for the City Attorney draft an ordinance making property owners responsible for any outstanding billing associated with an address that is not paid by the renter.

Questions from Council

- How many renters have cut out without paying their disposal bill? Answer: Mr. McCoy did not have that information and will provide those numbers to the City Administrator.

Questions from the Public

Kim Sieckmann, 145 W. Dartmouth disagrees with this proposal. Usually when a renter bails out there are a number of people they owe. They usually owe the landlord as well, plus they've trash the place. He suggested the disposal company have renters pay for the service before you

use it. Having the landlord responsible for someone ordering garbage service is not right. He feels there are other ways to deal with this other than an ordinance.

Susan Liston, 550 E. Exeter agrees with Mr. Sieckmann. The phone company, electric company, gas company do not hold the landlord responsible if someone skips out on their bill. They go after the person. There is nothing in Gladstone that requires people to get garbage. She has seen first-hand someone who opted not to have garbage pickup and burned their garbage in a backyard fireplace. When the ordinance officer could visibly see the garbage, he was able to do something.

13. Request from Jennings Lodge CPO and Oak Lodge History Detectives for Authorization to Place a Sign on River Road Identifying Jennings Lodge. Mayor Byers announced this issue will be continued until the next Council meeting.

14. Appointment to Park and Recreation Board (three applications received for one vacant position). Mayor Byers reported that applications to the Park and Recreation Board have been received from: John T. Miller, Alexander Tahtinen, and Doreen Utz.

Roll: Councilor Mersereau, Utz; Councilor Reisner, Miller; Councilor Busch, Miller; Councilor Nelson, Miller; and Mayor Byers, Miller.

John Miller has been appointed to the Park and Recreation Board.

16. Discussion Regarding Town Hall Meeting. City Administrator Boyce reported he placed this item on the agenda to hear from Council how they felt the Town Hall meeting went. There were 85 people signed up at the meeting; there may have been more. It was well attended. Comment sheets will be forwarded to Council and put on the City website.

Councilors commented they thought the meeting was great and the participation was excellent.

Public Comments:

Jeff Glazer, 130 E. Gloucester thanked City Administrator Boyce; he did a fabulous job at the meeting. He thanked the Council for having the meeting. He requested it be done more often.

17. Public Works Update. Scott Tabor, Public Works Supervisor thanked the Council for the purchase of a new backhoe; it was well needed. He was informed on March 1st from Benjamin Benninghoff, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Oregon of a formal complaint that was filed about a work project that was occurring on Meldrum Bar Road. On March 4th he called and talked to Mr. Benninghoff about what was going on. March 6th he had the area inspected so they could confirm proper erosion control and verify they are meeting the criteria. He also talked to Mr. Benninghoff to have an inspection of the City's recycling area at Meldrum Bar that is utilized for making mulch and recycling. March 11th at 8:30 a.m. he met with Carol Drudis, Engineer Technician, Clackamas County and they inspected the site and found no known violations of their worksite or the erosion control measures put in place. At 1:00 p.m. Monday he met with Stephanie Rawson, DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) Solid Waste Program Manager and Doug Drake of DEQ Quality Division. He asked Angela Wieland, Brown and Caldwell, Consultant for Surface Water Management to join them; she brought along Alissa Maxwell, Brown and Caldwell. He also had with him one of his staff, Steve Graves. DEQ found no violations of what is being done in that area for recycling, reclamation of materials that are going to be put back into the City. He asked for suggestions

from DEQ they will implement immediately and others they will build into their recycling process.

The complaint filed was one by a citizen of Gladstone who thought the City was not doing enough erosion control or not having an erosion control plan on Meldrum Bar for the water main project. Once he was aware of the problem, he informed his staff to put in place control measures that would benefit and keep water quality at its best.

Questions from Council:

- The requirement to stay within the permit is to not have more than 100 tons of leaf waste per calendar year? Answer: Public Works Director Tabor stated once they make their calculations on this, there will be no issue. If the City meets the criteria, DEQ wants them to meet certain standards of not causing offensive smells in the area or have an increase of rodent/animal population. They wouldn't be closed down; there will be closer monitoring of the processing of the mulch.
- Is this mulch available to citizens for free? Answer: Public Works Director Tabor stated there have been a lot of scrutiny and complaints to DEQ from a citizen in town. When they get the engineered plan completed, there will be a stocked area outside the mulching area for people to come get the material for free.
- Is there any time when there will be more put in than taken out? Answer: Public Works Director Tabor said no. They average of about 2500 cubic yards of leaves.

Public Comments:

Brent Strasser, 580 E. Gloucester Street asked what has changed in the community that now there is a cost to get the gardening material. Answer: Public Works Director Tabor stated the cost is minimal. The City has purchased a three-screened product. Years before they stockpiled it and didn't do anything with it; however, there was a lot of material there and they would be in violation of EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and DEQ. The leaves are now being mulched and turning it so it is mulched down a lot quicker, taking ditch tailings and screening them to utilize the top soil and aggregate, and utilizing the sweeper tailings by aerating them and using them for top soil. They are recycling to save money for the benefit of the City and Gladstone citizens. They don't sell it, they give it away.

18. City Council Guidebook. City Administrator Boyce reported at the last meeting there was some discussion about the guidebook. Input was received from Councilors Reisner and Martinez and between meetings Councilor Busch has given suggestions. Staff is asking Council for direction on how to proceed with the guidebook.

Councilor Nelson moved and Councilor Reisner seconded a motion to authorize a legal review of the Council Guidebook with the amendments provided by the Councilors Reisner and Busch.

City Attorney Martin suggested Council get the guidebook in final form, adopt the manual, and revisit the document on a yearly/or as needed basis for additions and corrections.

Vote on the motion to authorize a legal review of the Council Guidebook with the amendments provided by the Councilors Reisner and Busch.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

- Councilor Mersereau attended the Fire Department meeting. He commended the Fire Department and Association for the growth and effort they are making to make the Fire Department even better yet.
- Councilor Mersereau announced in November 2011 he was appointed to the Council and one of his goals was to see Council and the Planning Commission work together more. He proposes the Council meet with the Planning Commission to agree on what needs to be done to move the City ahead. City Administrator Boyce stated he will work with the Planning Commission on a date for a joint meeting.
- Kim Sieckmann, 145 West Dartmouth reported the City Planner has suggested the Planning Commission look at reviewing the Comprehensive Plan before making code changes. The amount of staff time and expense to do this project may be an issue. The Planning Commission is trying to decide whether to do what the City Planner suggested and move forward with spending lots of money on reviewing the Comprehensive Plan prior to doing what Council has requested to review the code. Mayor Byers would rather see the Planning Commission do some code review and then find out what is needed for the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan review can take years and making code changes will help determine what changes need to be made to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Last year Council approved an electronic billboard change from standard to electronic on Highway 205. It looks very nice. The Fire Department can put information on the sign also.
- Council talked about a joint meeting with the school board.
- Councilor Nelson attended the Fire Department meeting with Councilor Mersereau and 3 firefighters went to Seattle and did the stair climb this year; two of them made the climb of more than 40 stories.
- Councilor Nelson has been part of a county team preparing a package, "Habitability," a policy, procedure, enforcement and implementation of rental units for property owners and renters. Each rental property will have to be certified in the county. Inspections will be done by code enforcement officers in every local police department. When completed it will be reviewed and approved by the County Commissioners.
- Mayor Byers reported the City will be receiving the annual Ethics Commission Statement. It is due April 15, 2013.

Adjourn

Mayor Byers adjourned the March 12, 2013 adjourned Council meeting at 10:15 p.m.

The next City Council meeting was adjourned to March 26, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor this 9 day of April, 2013.

Wade Byers
Mayor

Attest:

[Signature]
Assistant City Administrator