



City of Donnelly

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City Council Meeting on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm Donnelly Community Center

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilor Stayton, Councilor Minshall, Councilor Davenport, Mayor Koch were present. Councilor Getto arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Public Comment: Eric Engberg requested that the City does not provide a dumpster at the boat docks during the 4th of July. People from Dawn drive were using it for their own personal uses and it became a public dumping ground overflowing with household trash etc. Suggest placing pack in, pack out signage or policy going forward. Most people do not have any issues with hauling their own trash. Also inquired on the lake wall repair.

Barry Johnson – asked how the City is able to enforce their Ordinances and if the City has money to fight them.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Minshall, 2nd by Davenport to approve Vouchers from June 27, 2016 through July 15, 2016, Motion carried. Attorney fees included the Ordinance Violation.

June 27, 2016 minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

AB 16-27 Proposed City Fee Increase – public hearing was published in the Star News on July 7 & July 14 to ask for public comment on the proposed City Fee increase effective October 1, 2016.

Opened at 6:13 p.m.

Callie Smith - owner of the Fly Trap Antiques – She has knowledge of the ordinances but was unaware of the sandwich board ordinance. Business owners like to see the walking traffic but are still struggling. Many are concerned about the cost of the signage. Hoping when ordinances are up to be viewed that there is a way to notify the businesses through email. Would be willing to set up an email list. Most people didn't know that there were fees

associated with the sandwich boards. Would like to see the businesses grow conservatively and in a manner to allow them to be informed.

Barry Johnson – Has been in the area for a long time, and has been the president and vice president of the Donnelly Chamber. When they first heard about the fee increase he walked around to the businesses and no one knew about the meeting. The business owners didn't know about the ordinance nor the fee. Many of these businesses need to be notified. This all starts in a small nucleus and is bureaucracy, it is starting to bother many people. Sometimes people sit around and just think that they need more ordinances. The City should represent the community. The town is starting to come alive now like it was before Tamarack. There are more people in town and all over. Not one person has an issue with the sandwich boards. They are not dangerous and what reason does the City want to begin charging for the sandwich boards. There are no problems for handicap or wheelchairs. The signs are quaint colorful and pulled in to the business when not open. Crouch has a lot of sandwich boards all over and is growing. All the struggling businesses do not need another fee. What was the criteria for this? Has anyone fallen or has anyone been hurt? Would like the ordinance be rescinded. Just harming businesses and costing more money. If we had more time a petition would have been done or at least it will if continued. He does not support the sandwich board petition.

Jill Layton - against the fees and sandwich boards.

Randy Priest - Council should support the businesses and on the verge of getting the new businesses established. Something down inside that doesn't feel good about the decisions.

John Lance - Lives off of Payette and works at Donnelly Club. There are a lot of business expenses and then there is another. It is harder to keep floating. Every little expense takes away from the business and it is hard to try to keep open for the winter. Were closed during April so that they wouldn't lose more money than keeping open. These extra fees don't sound like much but keep adding up. Signs help keep people into the doors and helps get more sales and tax revenue back into the City.

Ed Robinson - Lives on Halferty – His first issue is the width of the sidewalk. It is huge and has trees and lamp posts and has a larger area to walk on and a sandwich board is no more intrusive than the lamp post and tree are. There are houses for sale in town and if they saw the businesses were flourishing they would stop. There are still more places empty. Just like the gas station.

Ava Robinson - has not been involved in the businesses since living in Donnelly. She is in agreement with John Lance. The small businessman is raped and pillaged by the government. Would like to know the mindset of the city council on every thought they have to help improve the property instead imposing more fees. There are a lot of fees and it costs more to improve property in order to do more things with the businesses and homes.

Dale Fletcher – Owner of the Donnelly Club, said there is the business next to him and if there wasn't a sign out there they wouldn't be seen that they are open. Business on the side of the road and nobody sees their business. It won't hurt them because they can put the sign on their

property. But other people it would hurt them. When Randy puts his sign out they know that they are there. Maybe put stop lights at the 3 intersections to stop people or slow them down.

Emulate - The fee for the sandwich signs goes toward staff, does the City have a grant writer. Would the city be able to find these funds? First year for the commercial.

Eric Engberg - Ask him about the ITD sandwich board in their right of way. Says we are taxing an illegal item.

Bart Chisham - Purchased BC Chisham Saddlery, walk over to get businesses license and it was mailed to Jerome when his business is just across the street. Since he has been here the City has been impersonal.

Carol & Dennis Amburgy – (written) I live in the City limits of Donnelly and am against the City imposing sandwich board fees and for petes sake yard sale signs. I am also against you taking part of the Huckleberry Festival vendor fees. I want you to encourage and figure out how to promote business coming to this town. We need it!

Susan Dorris – (written) There is a hearing tonight to discuss banning or requiring a fee for sandwich board signs on the city sidewalk. As an owner of a business on Main Street in Donnelly, I would like to weigh in on this discussion. Obviously, sandwich board signs that are in the main walkway o the sidewalk are a nuisance and an obstacle course for the handicapped trying to shop downtown Donnelly. However, sandwich board signs that are between the trees (not in the main clear space of the sidewalk) are clearly informative and not an obstacle for pedestrian traffic. Local storefront businesses have a difficult time surviving in our very seasonal environment. Adding another burden or fee is not what Donnelly should be doing. The city already collects a portion of every business sale in the form of Local Option Tax. Reducing a business' ability to attract customers is counter-productive to the City's income and the business' ability to survive. Additionally, the businesses in the city already subsidize the residents' sewer and water bills by paying higher rates. We do not need an additional burden, regardless of how small it is.

Charles Hunter – New business owner in town. Setting up shop at the old West Mountain Grille hoping to open soon. Looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know people.

No further comments.

Closed: 6:52 p.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

AB 16-27 Proposed City Fee Increase

Davenport is willing to forgo the fee for the sandwich boards. There are costs to enforce the codes. Stayton would like to also forgo. Koch would like the permit to still be issued, however it not requires a fee. Minshall said there should be some regulation even though the permit is free. Staff will draft guidelines for the sandwich board permit.

Motion by Davenport, 2nd Getto to approve the City Fee increase effective October 1, 2016 with the exception for the sandwich boards – stating there will be no fee association to the permit, however guidelines for the permit will be set. Motion carried.

AB16-28 Local Option Tax Committee / City Council Presentation of Local Option Funding Applications.

Jennifer Dunmar – Little Ski Hill Buses kids from Donnelly Elementary to Little Ski Hill daily during the winter. There are approximately 36 to 17 daily riders just from Donnelly school. This program helps get kids outdoors and even helps families keep daycare expenses down. The program is for 7 weeks. The bus allows any child to ride for free, some kids receive scholarships and last year that was 6 just from Donnelly. They have a sponsor a skier program which goes to a large pool and try to help kids attend, staffing, insurance and training.

Paul Vawter – Donnelly Fire Department Fireworks Asked for \$5,000 for the fireworks. This is solely for the fireworks. Every dollar goes toward the fireworks, all the time, prep, etc is done by volunteers. The timeline is good and is feeling good for the price with the support of the chamber, donations and lot funds.

Treasure Valley Transit Asking for \$7,000 and has an extra 2,000 for a bus match. The green line is way past its expiration date with the mileage. The fares that they received cannot be used as a match amount. There is no state funding available. They get their funds through federal funding. Smaller bus was considered but since the ridership varies it would be harder. Sometimes they need a larger capacity and sometimes less. It has good ridership.

Rebecca Wallick – McPaws asking for \$3,000 that would go to the healthcare expense for the animals. Only 10% comes from the Donnelly area, not sure the exact number within the City limits. Currently seeing fewer dogs but more kittens and cats which seems to be a larger expense. More expenses going just towards cats. Donnelly area encompasses where they are coming from is just where the people say they live.

City Clerk – presented several capital improvements, maintenance, recreation, and improvements throughout the City.

Lot awards reflected on attached spreadsheet.

Motion by Davenport, 2nd Stayton to approve the local option tax awards for FY 2017. Motion carried.

AB 16-29 Proposed Capital Improvements

Clerk provided a list of Capital Improvements with rankings to council for their information.

AB 16-34 Lakeshore Disposal Service Agreement

Clerk presented the customer service agreement to council. Council determined that we need a full contract and will wait until they provide this.

AB 16-35 Temporary Vendor – Farm & Flower Market – Holly Houston

Clerk presented potential temporary vendor that will be selling fruits and vegetables. She will be set up at the old Food Pantry. The permit is for 6 months

AB 16-26 Surplus Offers Below Minimum Bid

The city received two bids below minimum. Received \$500 bid on Snow Blower (\$700) and \$100 on Sickle Mower (\$500)

Motion by Minshall, 2nd Getto to accept the lower bids on the Snow Blower and Sickle.
Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

New businesses in town, Pinecreek furniture and restaurant at the old West Mountain Grille site. Will open in August. Street lights are beginning to get retrofitted with LED, just waiting on Idaho Power incentive. Roads will not be closed for the parade this year.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Getto to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. until August 15, 2016.

Adopted: September 19, 2016
Mayor, Brian Koch
Clerk, Cami Hedges