

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 29, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: J. Grant, L. Goddard, L. Robison, P. Robison, R. Smolcic
ABSENT: M. Dowd, N. Achen
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, Port Clerk K. Vinson

Chairman L. Robison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2013 Regular Meeting and May 2, 2013 Special Meeting

MOTION: L. Goddard moved to approve the minutes as written. P. Robison seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION – None

Chairman L. Robison said it was moved and seconded. Minutes approved.

AYES: J. Grant, L. Goddard, L. Robison, P. Robison, R. Smolcic

Correspondence –

P. Murray reviewed e-mails from “Our Man in DC” regarding funding for dredging. Basically funding for Oregon small ports will likely not kick in until 2020 or beyond.

L. Robison reported that he took a picture of Jesse Neal standing @ the fuel dock at a minus 2 foot tide and sent the picture to Representative David Gombert showing the need for dredging.

L. Goddard reported that he was at the Coastal Caucus meeting in Salem and they are looking for ways to fund the Army Corps of Engineers to do dredging of Oregon ports.

L. Robison read letter from Jeurgen Turner regarding electric meters was read into the minutes. (Copy attached to minutes)

MOTION: J. Grant moved to respond to Jeurgen Turners letter. Thanking him for his input and that we are looking into the matter. L. Goddard seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

Chairman L. Robison said it was moved and seconded. Motion approved.

AYES: J. Grant, L. Goddard, L. Robison, P. Robison, R. Smolcic

Public Input – AJ Mattila asked the City Recorder to go over new figures to recapture capital costs of the electric meters. Chairman L. Robison asked her to wait till the agenda item came up under “Unfinished Business.”

Liaison Officer Report

L. Goddard reported that what occurred at the City Council meeting is mostly on this agenda tonight.

Harbormaster’s Report –

P. Robison reported that the finger piers have been started on Dock#4. Phil & Gary completed Dock # 1.

Unfinished Business –

A. Electric Meters

P. Murray reviewed handouts (copies attached to the original of these minutes), recalculation of capital cost recapture of electric meters. J. Grant stated he was at the City Council meeting on May 21, 2013 and he feels the mind set of city council is to recapture the expense of the electric meters. Maybe Harbor Commission can suggest a way to go, such as a percent increase for three years or a fee for three years.

L. Goddard asked that if we are paying for meters, will we pay for all capital maintenance costs. If moorage holders will be asked to pay, then there will be fewer moorage holders. L. Goddard also stated that the electric meters have been in the budget since the beginning of the project.

P. Robison asked why we are trying to recapture the cost so quickly (three years). Annual moorage increase of 3% is in effect.

L. Robison realizes it is a budget issue, City Council controls the budget. City council should look at its discretionary spending, where the city's money is spent, city parks, NFK, etc. L. Robison asked the Mayor what he wants from the Harbor Commission. L. Robison asked the Mayor do you want a recommendation on charging for meters tonight. AJ Mattila stated with all due respect to the commission, if you could come up with a recommendation this evening, it would be truly helpful.

L. Robison called for a recommendation to charge or not for the meters. L. Goddard made the motion.

MOTION: L. Goddard moved that the Harbor Commission not recommend to have a surcharge for the new meters to be passed on to moorage holders. P. Robison seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: J. Grant suggested rewording the motion to say "The Harbor Commission recommends to not have a surcharge for the new meters to be passed on to moorage holders".

L. Goddard and L. Robison accepted the amendment.

Chairman L. Robison said it was moved and seconded motion passed.

AYES: J. Grant, L. Goddard, L. Robison, P. Robison, R. Smolcic

B. Dock #2 – Pins

L. Robison stated he was disappointed the harbormaster was not here tonight. He has been asking for the pins on Dock #2 to be fixed and they are still not done. He will speak to acting City Superintendent.

C. Fish Carcass Disposal

● Report-Jerome Grant

J. Grant reported that every other port with fish has the same problem regarding fish carcass disposal. Alaska did an extensive study/report and the report provides some alternative solutions. We need to determine how many pounds/yards of waster we're dealing with to determine the scope of the problem. Options: grind and discharge to sewer system, put in landfill, ocean dumping, fish based compost (limited volume), fish fertilizer (could be an issue with selling sport caught fish waste) and bio-mass energy (rendering). J. Grant will find out volume here in Depoe Bay. P. Robison suggested asking staff how many dumpsters are used every year for the fish carcasses. J. Grant also reported that Newport's closed drain system; carcasses still go to the landfill and only liquid goes into the drain. J. Grant said he would get together with staff to determine volume, and then look at alternatives and costs based on that volume. Any of the alternatives will cost more than what we're doing now. J. Grant will bring a full report next meeting. L. Robison noted that sport boats are the ones using the dumpsters, charter boats take their carcasses out to sea,

New Business – None

Commissioner Concerns –

L. Robison stated that the fish carcass can by the fish cleaning tables stinks, can they be emptied on a daily basis to the south side of the harbor. The drain by the fish cleaning table needs to be worked on. P. Robison said that had been done about 10 days ago. L. Robison also stated that the life ring kits need to be installed on the docks. L. Robison asked if City Council would be working on the Port Leases to bring in more revenue. Mayor AJ Mattila stated that the city attorney needs to take a look at it.

P. Robison had notes to the harbormaster that boat pulpits hanging over docks, lots of fish baskets and storage boxes on dock should be cleaned up.

L. Goddard agreed with P. Robison, also the finger piers need to be installed. There is a 2 year old punch list for the harbormaster and it is still unfinished. Councilman S. Olsen asked why is it not done, where is the disconnect? L. Goddard stated that the harbormaster has been made aware on numerous occasions and has spoken to the City Supervisor. S. Olsen said he would look into it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Lars Robison, Chairman

Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary