

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 25, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: E. Harmon, L. Goddard, M. Metz, J. Grant, P. Robison, R. Smolcic
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, Port Clerk K. Vinson, Harbormaster P. Shane
ABSENT: N. Achen
Chairman J. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2014 Regular Meeting

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION: M. Metz moved to approve the minutes as written. E. Harmon seconded the motion.
J. Grant said it was moved and seconded.

AYES: E. Harmon, M. Metz, J. Grant, P. Robison, R. Smolcic

ABSTAIN: L. Goddard

Minutes approved.

III. Correspondence

P. Murray reviewed email from Ray Bucheger. The President formally signed the WRRDA into law as of June 10, 2014.

P. Murray also reviewed email from Glenn Dolphin regarding boat wash stations. No funds available at this time. If and when funds do become available for a boat wash station we will be on a notification list.

J. Grant stated he would like to move Public Input to be after the Harbormasters Report.

V. Liaison Officer Report

J. Grant stated that the Harbor Commission's recommendation regarding increase of launch fees went to City Council. P. Murray did a memo to City Council showing the difference with the suggested \$5 fee and less MAP money versus the \$2 fee and the full amount of MAP money. City Council did not want to lose the SMB grant this year. Will be looking into a machine with envelopes and tear offs, having a receipt to display should increase participation. E. Harmon stated that signage as suggested would also help. Discussion followed on what kind of box, weather proof, electric, printing costs and the problems with enforcement they decided to try to get a better count. It was suggested to check with ODFW, they count boat launches.

VI. Harbormaster's Report

P. Shane stated that he finished all the repairs to dock#1, also did underwater photos of the pilings for dock #1 and reviewed, they all looked good to him. He has been assigning moorage, Class A waiting list has been cleared. Now he is looking for spots for bigger boats. It was discussed that P. Shane should hang the new safety ladders by the life rings. P. Shane said he would ask Brady to order two more ladders so all docks would have one. P. Robison asked P. Shane the status of the zincs; he feels they were good for another year. P. Shane stated he was having problem with people cooking crab in the parking lot. He feels signage is need telling people that it is prohibited. Councilor Dorinda Goddard
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asked that the Harbor Commissioners be given a copy of the piling pictures that were given to City Council at their last meeting.

IV. Public Input

Bill Spores, Park Commissioner stated he was working on harbor history signs and was seeking the Harbor Commissions' approval for placing in harbor area. J. Grant asked how many signs and Bill Spores reported that it would only be one now, maybe one later, placed in the grassy area by the Coast Guard, east of the seawall. All Harbor Commissioners were in support of the idea.

Tim Goffrier stated he has moored a 23' & 24' and now a 25' boat. The 25' puts him in a different category. When signing up on the waiting list, he was asked to put in the full length, so his boat is 28'. Tim Goffrier stated that looking at the waiting list some of the boats listed as 24' he believes they are longer. J. Grant asked if the city looks at certificates for length and width. P. Murray stated that the City does not use cert length or width. All applicants are informed that the actual overall length included motors and dive boards. P. Shane confirmed and stated that if he knows or questions any boat length to let him know and he'll measure it.

Lars Robison requested that the Harbor Commissioners come down to the docks and look at the loose cleats and the condition of the wood in some places. It was agreed that the docks needed more maintenance. J. Grant, E. Harmon and M. Metz agreed to talk to Brady Weidner and walk the docks.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. City Council Assignment-Matters of Harbor Finance

- Raising Fuel Prices

Dorinda Goddard, City Councilor wanted to know who was responsible for the Harbor Commission agenda, J. Grant replied that it was he and city staff. Dorinda Goddard asked where agenda items came from? J. Grant stated they came from City Council President and Mayor who tasked the Harbor Commission with trying to get in the black. Dorinda Goddard pointed out this was not assigned by City Council but only by two members. P. Murray read the section of the minutes from the April 15, 2014 City Council meeting where direction was given to the Harbor Commission. (See attached minutes) D. Goddard agreed with the record but stated it did not say anything about raising fuel prices. J. Grant stated that the Harbor Commission doesn't make decisions, only recommendations to City Council. We need to look at different things, if majority of Harbor Commission does not agree with the idea it will not go forward. Shouldn't the Harbor Commission at least look at it and discuss it.

J. Grant called for Public Input on Raising Fuel Prices:

Charter Boat Captains, James Pederson, Lars Robison, Dustin Couch, Billy Mills and Brad Haight came to speak to the Harbor Commission regarding the increase in fuel prices. All felt raising the fuel price by .20 cents would be detrimental to their businesses. They would not mind of the price was increased a few cents. Several felt the City should be cutting expenses not increasing profit. L. Robison stated that there were ways to operate more efficiently, and thinks that's what councilors Barbara Leff and Dorinda Goddard were working on, cutting expenses. He felt they should review a clear picture of costs before making changes.

E. Harmon suggested the City charge a credit card use fee, which would cover some costs.

D. Goddard stated that she doesn't want to give the impression that she doesn't think the Harbor Commission should be working on finances. She and Barbara Leff will bring their preliminary work to the Harbor commission.

Review of Spreadsheet:

J. Grant calculated that the City is @ a 5.8% loss; to reach break-even would have to raise gas by .207 cents per gallon. E. Harmon stated she didn't know how much we were really losing there are conflicting figures that don't add up, we need good numbers.

L. Goddard stated that there was an Elephant in the room, the harbor & fleet is providing a huge service to the City. It's Depoe Bay not Depoe Gift Shop. The harbor is the economic engine that drives this community. J. Grant stated he doesn't entirely agree, it is a benefit to a few at a cost to many. "Many" being the voting public of Depoe Bay and the majority that do not own a boat.

J. Grant asked if they come up with more accurate numbers would you support a modest increase. The response was that yes, a very modest increase.

M. Metz stated there is creative accounting going on here. An accountant can manipulate the figures in many ways.

E. Harmon felt we should start looking at adding a credit card use fee, it's a start. J. Grant stated they will carry on with that discussion after more research from the Council.

New Business

P. Murray announced the need for members for the "Harbor Master Plan Advisory Committee" applications are in the office.

Commissioner Concerns –None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

J. Grant, Chairman

Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary