

MINUTES

QLife Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2010
The Dalles City Hall, 313 Court Street
2nd Floor Conference Room
5:15 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:20pm by President Dan Ericksen

Roll Call

In attendance: Erick Larson, Bill Lennox, Dan Spatz,
Nolan Young, Izetta Grossman, John Amery, Brian Adams, Keith Mobley,
The Dalles Chronicle Reporter: Rodger Nichols
Absent: Brian Ahier

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Lennox to approve the Agenda as submitted.
The motion carried unanimously, 1 absent.

Approval of January 2010 Minutes QLife Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Spatz to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2010 board meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 1 absent.

Financial Reports

Young reviewed the financial reports, noting that the 1st Street LID project used the line item; however, he doesn't see any issues. In answer to a question, Young explained that the East Gateway utility moves were paid for under the Urban Renewal Plan, the 1st Street LID was not. This is consistent with how the City treated all utilities.

Discussion Items

Wi Fi Grant: Young reviewed memo, explaining that the City would be looking for assistance with the long term maintenance of the Free Downtown WiFi system that the City received a \$100,000 grant from Google for the installation and 3 year maintenance. Young explained that getting the longest maintenance agreements on the hardware was the most frugal move. There could be the need to negotiate locations with property owners for the pods. There will need to be a Historic Landmark review of the project, as it is covering the Historic Downtown area. After the 3 year grant period the system could evolve to some added value elements. Staying within the QLife mission, QLife could allow ISPs to provide the added value services. Larson asked if QLife had the available fibers, Amery said yes. Lennox moved to Authorize the QLife President to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Aristo, to provide services for the the Wi Fi Grant RFP, and authorize the expenditure of up to \$20,487 for the Wi Fi project, further authorize the City use of at least two pair of fiber for completion of the downtown Wi Fi system. Spatz seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously, 1 absent.

Young reviewed a Google Broadband initiative where they are asking for Requests for Information to communities regarding a 1-gig power internet to households. They want a variety of communities in the test. Rural areas are excellent. Spatz commented that there is an outside chance to do a regional effort. It was the consensus of the board to have Young move forward with a RFI to Google.

Reports

Aristo Management Report Amery reported still working on the south route issue. The scope of the issue should be done this month. He had no cost estimate. With the better weather, they are revisiting the redundancy issue, there are two theories:

1. Bad installation that created fold overs and cracked the outer sheath.
2. Extreme heat/cold shrinks the sheath creating cracks.

Next Meeting Dates:

Work Session with Budget Committee Board Meeting March 23, 2010 3:30 pm

Adjourn

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm

Respectfully submitted:

Izetta Grossman
Recording Secretary

Attested:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erick Larson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Erick Larson, Sec/Tres