The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Toms at 7:00 p.m. and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken:

Council members: Sandy Toms, Marc Rogelstad, Brenda Profitt, Neil Livingston and Art Kegler

Absent: David Jones (unexcused)

Staff: Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Joanna Dahm-Recorder, Barry Beyeler-

Community Development Director, Chief Stokoe and Jackie McCauley

Audience: Dean Kegler-Interim Chamber Director

Councilor Profitt moved to approve the minutes from October 7, 2014. Councilor Livingston seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1(absent) 1 vacancy

INTRODUCTIONS

City Manager Pettigrew introduced J.R. Cook with Northeast Oregon Water Association.

PREARRANGED PRESENTATIONS

J.R. Cook addressed the Council to give them an update on the 2013-2015 NOWA Performance Goals-Columbia River Effort. He stated that goals 1 & 2 had been completed.

- 1) Complete a Subscription Effort of three regions to identify cost thresholds and willing customer & cost share entities
- 2) Complete Infrastructure Designs and Options

Mr. Cook then explained the NOWA's remaining 3 goals to complete.

- 3) Build Projects
- 4) Develop, Defend and Drive an Equitable Cost Sharing Protocol
- 5) Work with OWRD and Basin on how to apportion new water

Mr. Cook stated to the Council the NOWA would like to lay pipe line from the Columbia River for irrigation purposes to those out further in the County whom don't have access to water. Mr. Cook explained to the Council the ultimate goal is to get the Farmers and Ranchers using the surface water for irrigation instead of the ground water, that way the aquifers can naturally replenish themselves. Mr. Cook explained to the Council the economic benefit of this project. He explained the full build out project would provide 300 construction jobs with prevailing wages and a total of 3,000 jobs which would greatly help our area.

Mr. Cook explained to the Council another benefit of this project is the NOWA would help the City secure their water certificate from the state. Mr. Cook stated the NOWA has created a package which maximizes the return on public political, financial and resource (water) capital to the environment, as well as social and economic benefits. They also will facilitate the ability for the basin to afford large mitigation and up-stream restoration projects in return for the Columbia River water. NOWA maximizes accessibility by both large and small farmers and facilitates basalt groundwater recovery to enable municipal growth without conflict.

REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Police Report

Chief Stokoe stated everyone is aware they have been helping the transport company in the movement of the equipment from the Port out to the Coal Fire Plant out on Tower Road. He said that since Monday's fatality accident the operation has been put on hold. They will be going over the safety process and hopefully will begin with the moving of the remainder of the equipment on Thursday October 23, 2014. He stated there is a process to move this equipment due to the size of the equipment and the traffic. Councilor Profitt asked what time the equipment is being moved. Chief Stokoe stated it has been moving at 7:30 a.m. Councilor Kegler

time the equipment is being moved. Chief Stokoe stated it has been moving at 7:30 a.m. Councilor Kegler asked about the cause of the accident. Chief Stokoe stated it is an ongoing investigation and will not comment at this time. Councilor Livingston stated he was told the equipment could not be moved at dark. Chief Stokoe stated the permit would have to be altered with ODOT in order for the equipment to be moved in the dark, however, so much can happen in the dark and the equipment weighs 52 Tons so it is better to move it in daylight.

Councilor Profitt asked how much area the equipment is taking up and if it stopping traffic. Chief Stokoe stated the equipment takes up a lane and a half of traffic. He stated when they get to where they need to pull off the interstate they pull over and allow traffic to go by. Then there are rolling road blocks done by the flagging company which slows traffic and gives them time to get across the interstate. Chief Stokoe stated the traffic is never stopped, it may be moving very slow but ODOT does not want the interstate closed down.

Committee

Mayor Toms reported the Christmas Committee had met the previous week and had some good discussion. They are thinking of taking over the Christmas Tree Lighting, they feel they can do it and would like to do the street lighting at the same time. She said there is going to be another meeting on October 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Bank of EO. She reported they are planning on having two more snowmen, two more Christmas trees and would like to put the two snowmen in the circle in front of City Hall. She said Shari Stokoe is looking into hanging Christmas decorations to hang from our street lights and if they are too expensive then we will just hang lights. Councilor Rogelstad stated Jeff brought him the application for funding from Portland General and his suggestion is to match what the city is putting up. The City is putting up \$2000 and Portland General will donate \$2000 to match. Mayor Toms stated they want to turn on the lights on the 1st of December.

Councilors

Councilor Profitt asked City Manager Pettigrew if she had a chance to speak with the lawyer on the water bills. City Manager Pettigrew stated Barry Beyeler, Jackie McCaulley and herself are planning on working on it in the morning. Councilor Proffit said she had a chance to look over the list and was wondering if anyone else was wanting to sign up for the Community Collaborations. She stated the deadline is October 24, 2014. She said they change the dates to November 1st and December 5th & 6th. Councilor Profitt said she was approached by some people stating that the flashing lights in the school zone is wonderful, however, they were wondering if they can come on a little earlier and stay on later. She stated she came to work at 7:30 a.m. and they were not on. Chief Stokoe stated the times for the flashing lights were given to him by the school district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interim Chamber Director Dean Kegler announced to the Council the Chamber has a lot going on right now. He stated Chief Stokoe was at the ribbon cutting at the VA and it was a very nice event. He said the Career Day went very well, there were 104 people for lunch at the Port and there were 60 students and 43 businesses that participated in the event. He said they received some great comments. He said the Halloween party is coming up the Kiwanis puts on. Mr. Kegler also stated the government is giving money for economic impacts from the freezes early this year. There is an opportunity there for small businesses to receive money. Mr. Kegler also stated the Chamber will be posting for the Chamber Director Job position soon. He announced the kick off for the Shop Local Campaign is November 18, 2014 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Sage Store. He stated it will catered by one of their Chamber members-Country Gentlemen.

Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sandy Toms-Mayor

Joanna Dahm, Recorder