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**CITY OF CONDON
WORK SESSION AGENDA
FIBER COUNCIL
Thursday, August 20, 2020, 4:00 PM
CONDON CITY HALL**

1. Call the Meeting to Order & Roll Call of Members

Chair Rita Rattray called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Fiber Council Members Jan Stinchfield, Donald Jamieson, Elizabeth Farrar and Rita Rattray. Staff: City Administrator Kathryn Greiner.

Absent: Fiber Council Member Joshua Hendricks.

Guests: John Neys, Arlington TV Cooperative; Marcus Bott, Oregon Telephone Company; on Zoom - Andy Fletcher, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative; Dan Bubb, Gorge.Net; Steve Shaffer.

1.1. You may also join us in a via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81317795060?pwd=cUFFd1VFdWVSM2ltMFZBekpPZmUzQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 1779 5060

Passcode: 473656

2. Discuss Moving Forward On Dark Fiber Use



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2.1. Final Dark Fiber Lease

CA Greiner explained that due to COVID the requests for dark fiber use has been stalled. Farrar asked the providers that were present to give an update on their projects to see if they can use the dark fiber line.

Bott of Oregon Telephone Company (OTC) said that his company looked into using the Council's dark fiber, but due to pandemic and other construction projects, he has not revisited use of the fiber. Farrar asked is his company provided wireless to Lonerock which Bott said that they do and have customers at the airbase and looking to providing service in Mayville area.

Stinchfield asked if they vaults were going to be used in the dark fiber run from Arlington to Condon with Jamieson stating that they were owned by Windwave and CBEC. Neys said that they may be able to use a vault near the Rock Creek School house and near Mikkalo. Neys said that they would have 11 access points for wireless system.

Fletcher deferred to Bubb who is working on the system in Wheeler County and is using the dark fiber in Zayo's line that CBEC has access to. Bubb said that they have a federal grant from the CARES Act, which also must be completed by the end of 2020 that would provide access points on the line than spans through portions of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. He anticipates one site in Mayville that has a range of 3-5 miles and will have speeds of 25/25 mbps.

CA Greiner pointed out that none of these projects are using Council fiber. It was the consensus that CA Greiner reach back out to Link Oregon and cell companies to determine their need of fiber. Bubb stated that cell companies have contracts with providers and may be more useful to contact the providers for the cell towers. LSN, Windwave were both mentioned as possible contacts.

Jamieson stated that he would still like to see the City put out an Request for Proposals for an alternative broadband option in Condon. Farrar stated that with the current work in the county by three providers the county would wait until after the end of the 2020 year to see where the gaps are to see if there needs to be a county RFP completed. She added that the Council's fibers may be used for the PSAP (Frontier Regional 911 call center in Condon), Link Oregon and cell towers.

CA Greiner said that as a board member of the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation she wanted providers to know that there are loan funds available to businesses that must be distributed in the next two years, 3% interest and maximum of \$250,000 loan.

Shaffer asked if the City's proposed RFP was for an ISP. Jamieson stated that would be the intent and that the last one was open. Shaffer also asked by RTG was not contacted and CA Greiner said that she had not heard from them in several months, but she would add them to the list of the public meetings of the Fiber Council.

Neys stated that Arlington TV Cooperative (ATVCC) received a grant to provide wireless service to rural Arlington. He said that he would like to do wireless in the south end but needs enough customers to make it pay to expand. Farrar asked how far south in ATVCC was going to expand and was told to the Clem area. They have until the end of the year to complete this project or the money must be returned. Jamieson asked the cost and speeds of the wireless and was told by Neys that it would 30/30 mbps and cost \$78 a month.

3. Information

3.1. Sherman County Request for Proposals - 2018

3.2. Rates of Local ISP - Wireless and Hard Wired



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3.3. Condon RFP 2016

4. Adjourn

Chair Rattray adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.