



February 4, 2016
City Council Regular Session
Willamette Activity Center, Rm 8
47674 School Street
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Present: Jim Coey, Mayor
Judy Rowland
Gary Carl
Amy Buchmeier (absent)
Dwight Chitwood
Dawn Kinyon

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Mike Hansen, Interim Fire Chief
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder
Kevin Martin, Police Chief
Rick Zylstra, Assistant to the City Administrator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Rayetta Clark 76514 Locust Street – She is the President of the UWCDC, she read a statement concerning the condition of the WAC building. She knows the staff is working very hard to help alleviate some of the issues, but is not sure they know how serious they are.

Dennis Patterson PO Box 190 – Hazeldell Quarry, we get some pretty good wind coming through right now, it could get worse if they flatten out land at the East end of town. We know how sound carries in this canyon, he wonders how people are going to be when they step outside and hear crushing rock in the distance. He does not see where this is a big enough benefit to our community that we should throw our support behind this, he thinks it might harm us more than help us.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gretchen Stewart from the EPA was here this week, she is part of the education and outreach with the EPA, the non-regulatory side. She met with the School district, St Vinnies, both clinics, Sarah Altemus Pope and the Police Department. She said everyone she encountered was very receptive.

Every year LCOG has a dinner in February and every year the LCOG Board votes a Public Employee of the Year, Community Member of the Year and few others. This year our very own City Administrator has been chosen as the Public Employee of the Year. This is on February 26, 2016 at the LCC Culinary School, the cost is \$35.00.

Mayor Coey received a thank you today from the quarry people thanking us for allowing them to do their presentation.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Louis said just the additional Executive Sessions that he gave him.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Crosswalk – The City Engineer and ODOT are finalizing the final plans. As soon as they get all of that down they will sit down with all of the property owners again.

Teller Road – We received the paperwork to submit for the reimbursement of the \$50,000 for the completion of Teller Road.

Strategic Plan – We will set a date to meet with Stan Foster after he returns to finalize conceptals.

Councilor Carl wants to get together before we meet with Stan to get a committee put together.

Louis said we can set something up, it would be good to have the committee together when Stan is here so he can explain to them what the end goal is.

It was agreed that they will meet on the 20th of this month from 9:00 A.M. – Noon in the conference room at city hall.

Transportation Plan update – We have submitted at least 3-4 times to try and get funds to do a Transportation System Plan update. Rick will call ODOT and ask them what we could do better to try and get our grant application to go through. Rick and Louis went to a grant writing class today. They want to make sure they do this right for the bridge across Salmon Creek.

6.2 City Recorders Financial Report

Susan gave the financial report.

We received the preliminary audit and Susie is going through the numbers. We should have the audit to us by the end of the month.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we accept the City Recorders Finance Report as presented. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

J. Rowland (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.3 Fee waiver for Greenwaters Park Easter Egg Hunt

Louis said the Kiwanis has asked for this waiver for at least 16 years, this is for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Park.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to approve the fee waiver for the use of the Greenwaters Park by the Oakridge Kiwanis Club and transfer from the TRT funds for grounds maintenance. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

D. Chitwood (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.4 Resolution 01-2016 A Resolution creating Transient Room Tax Block Grant Program

Louis said he thinks some of the council were around and some of the citizens were around the when the council discussed having a Block Grant of some type for owners of property in the C3 and C2 Districts. The Admin Committee kept this a little broad when discussing this with the standpoint of using the term properties vs businesses because there are some homes within the C3 District and they didn't want to be specific to businesses. This is a dollar for dollar match, maximum is \$500 from the property owner and \$500 from the City. The council set aside \$5000 for this program.

Louis read the requirements and the steps to take when seeking reimbursement.

Mayor Coey said we need to specify if it has to be the owner of the property or if tenants can do this.

Louis said we will go to the owner, if there is a tenant it could be their responsibility to bring the owner in.

Councilor Kinyon wanted to add the word exterior to the wording.

Councilor Carl said he doesn't understand what it means that capital projects are not included in this program.

Louis said anything \$5000 or more.

Councilor Carl said so if someone spends more than \$10,000 we don't want to reimburse them.

Louis said our max is \$500 so it wouldn't really matter if it was a capital project or not. They would still need to bring in receipts.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved that we approve Resolution 01-2016 A Resolution creating Transient Room Tax Block Grant Program. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.5 Resolution 02-2016 A Resolution Establishing Procedures for the Filling of Vacancies

Louis said we have been talking about this over the last year, having a standardized way of filling vacancies for Council, Planning Commission, boards, committees and volunteer vacancies.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we approve Resolution 02-2016 Establishing procedures for the filling of vacancies. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

Councilor Chitwood said at some point we have to have special committees, would we want the same rules to apply to a committee that is only temporary as we do a permanent committee.

Louis said this covers the permanent boards and committees.

Councilor Kinyon asked why it was added that you must be a registered voter.

Louis said he spoke with the Mayor and Councilor Buchmeier about this and what tends to happen with folks is they tend to leap frog into council positions from time to time, to be on council you must be a registered voter.

Councilor Kinyon said she wants this removed, if someone isn't a registered voter and they want to participate we should be open to that.

Mayor Coey said it shows him a dedication to the process if they are a registered voter.

Councilor Kinyon said some people can't be registered voters if they aren't a citizen of the United States.

Councilor Rowland said they should be U.S. citizens if they want to be on committees.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved that we propose an amendment to remove that line from this document. Seconded by Councilor Carl.

D. Kinyon (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), J. Rowland (Nay), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 4-1

Original motion:

J. Rowland (Nay), Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye). Motion carried 4-1

6.6 Old Hazeldell Quarry Discussion

Louis said this can be just a discussion, there is no real rush, and it's up to the council. A big issue he has is with surface water retention, that they need to insure that this is taken care of. He also has an issue with them if they decide they want to peel all of the trees off of the West side of the hillside.

The Mayor and Council decided as a whole that they aren't ready to make a decision on this and would like this to be for discussion only.

Councilor Carl said it is important that the citizens of Oakridge understand that this is not a decision that the City Council is going to get to make. The City Council does not make the decision on the quarry. Everything we're talking about is whether we endorse it or don't endorse it, or like it or don't like. He was impressed with their presentation, they brought in their attorney to tell us what to do about various issues that might be a concern to us. For example, the trees, he is also concerned about the trees. They can voluntarily agree as part of their Conditional Use to the County that they will not cut the trees, he thinks it is important that we ask them for that.

Susie has the steps to go through to go to them directly if you have something that you want that is important to you.

Mayor Coey said there are conditions that we can write into this, we can say our endorsement is based on A,B,C....these are our conditions that we will give our endorsement for this. If you go through this process and say it goes to the land of appeals before it goes to the state, you have no chance for recourse unless you've responded through public testimony or through written conditions, you have nothing to say at that point. They will look at our recommendations.

Mayor Coey agrees with not cutting the trees but, he is really concerned about Ingress and Egress with fully loaded trucks pulling onto the highway and turning left from the highway to Fish Hatchery Road.

Councilor Carl said if he lived on Dunning Road he would be really upset. It is a balance, these people know what they are doing. He wants to see them be a part of our community, they want to be a part of our community.

Councilor Carl said he asked Chuck Kurnick if he saw any problems with the water and he does not foresee any problems.

Louis said if they mitigate it properly he doesn't have an issue with it either, but he'd like to have it as a condition.

Councilor Carl asked if we can incorporate them into the city?

Louis said yes, it would take us a while, 3-5 years, but it could be done. They are right outside of our UGB, which is why it would take so long.

Councilor Rowland said there is already a quarry here, right in the middle of town, there has been forever and she has not heard one person complain about that one. No one has complained about the 50 trucks that go up and down Rock Road.

Mayor Coey said they are two different types of quarries, this is a dig quarry and the Hazeldell will be blasting.

Susie said the blasting will probably happen once a month, but the crushing will be daily.

Conditions:

- Trees
- Water Mitigation
- Ingress/Egress on Hwy 58
- Trail System
- Saturday Work day

Councilor Carl said his experience with seeing man extracting from the earth there is an opportunity for abuse, this is a beautiful area and he would hate to see our beautiful area ruined by extraction.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Willamette Activity Center Update

Rick gave an update on the WAC roof repairs, a number of the rooms at the WAC leak considerably, mainly the food box distribution room, we had someone up there patching and repairing the leaks.

Louis said in regards to asbestos, there is no asbestos. All we can do right now is to try to stop the leaks. It would be a complete tear off to redo the whole roof and we don't have the money to spend on that.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin gave the stats for January, they had 356 calls for service, 50 case reports, and 32 traffic/warnings.

The Chief broke down the stats by officers.

The house on Commercial Street is almost completely down.

They had a stabbing call Sunday, the call came in that it was at Osprey Park, but the subject had walked down there from the home. Eugene PD graciously sent down a K-9 to help track.

Officer Larsen and Mikal are putting together a Cadet Explorer program, they are trying to get funds from the Boy Scouts of America.

There is a \$1500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the people or person committing the crimes in Oakridge.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Hansen reported that they had 81 calls for service, 74 were medical related. They transport 50-55% of their calls.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Community Services Committee – They are going to give street updates at every City Council meeting. There are many factors involved with the streets. They are making a list of streets that need repair.

Chamber – They have their chamber membership meeting on the 15th where they are going to have a guest speaker from the Oregon Chamber to talk about a measure that is coming up on the November ballot this year which is called IT28 which is a \$5 billion tax hike increase for businesses in Oregon.

Treeplanting – They meet twice a month, the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the Pub from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. They need lots of help from anyone who wants to help.

Library – They are receiving new books, Shari is going to go down and load up her truck. This should happen within the next two weeks.

Louis said he has been asked by a couple of citizens on how many lead transmission lines we have in the city, we have none. Chuck feels maybe 25-30 houses may still have a lead goose neck connections, they are not an issue, we do test for copper and lead and we haven't had any issues.

Adjourn for executive session 8:39 P.M.

Executive session in 8:47 P.M.

ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct labor negotiations on behalf of the government body. ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. ORS 192.660 (2) (f) to consider information on records that are exempt by law from public inspection and 192.660 (2) (h) current litigation or litigation likely to be filed

Adjourn executive session 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council February 18, 2016

Signed: _____

James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____

Susan LaDuke, City Recorder