



May 5, 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
Dwight Chitwood
Dawn Kinyon
James Affa

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Vince LaRochelle 76536 Walker Street – Since he has lived here he has noticed an increase in the mountain biking and tourism and he is afraid that the quarry will cause a lot of people to go somewhere else and not spend their money here. He is concerned about the noise and the air and water pollution. His concern is why you would want to support these kind of people that might cause us trouble later on down the line. He urges the Council to oppose this and not support the quarry.

William Maxwell 48473 Jasper Drive – Passed

Megan Knapp 47638 Hwy 58 – She feels that what we are doing with the sidewalk is wrong. In January of 2014 the City secured funding for a crosswalk, in May of 2014 they sent out letters to affected businesses. She discussed events leading up to the placement of the crosswalk. On April 2, 2015 the Council received the 30% plans and without discussion the Council voted to accept them. She talked about The Ridge and We B Video losing parking spots.

Dan Barclay 47501 Hwy 58 – In the organizational structure of the City of Oakridge, who works for whom? When Councilor Carl motioned and the Council approved the current ballot measure to repeal term limits enacted in 2012 there was not extreme turmoil, it was busy.

Viki Burns 46822 Sunset Ave Westfir – She is here on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce because they have applied for money for the Side by Side festival. She would appreciate the support.

Sandy Edds 48251 E 1st Street –She wanted to turn in a request for money for the fireworks.

Mayor Coey said we will do that at the next meeting.

Kim Allen PO Box 581 – She is asking the Council to send a letter to the Lane County Planning Department about the quarry and to do it while it matters.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey said they received the Bike Tourism Studio Grant, he sent out an email earlier today. This is helping connect East Lane County. What this does is help connect on gravel roads and we have a lot of participants in that.

Mayor Coey had a meeting with LRAPA and the EPA today, it was the monthly stakeholders meeting. There are several funding sources coming up and he has a task force meeting next week.

The Forest Service will be burning along the North Fork Road 19 area. He does not expect any impact in the City limits.

Councilor Carl said thanked the Cascade Motel and Denise Cater for the beautiful flowers out in front of their businesses.

Councilor Carl wanted to respond to Mr. LaRochelle and Ms. Allen that they both know that whether we endorse or don't endorse the quarry, the decision about the quarry is going to be made by Lane County. He agrees with some of the stuff they said and he disagrees with some of stuff they said, but it is not going to be his call.

Councilor Carl said there are a lot of emotions and citizen involvement about the crosswalk and sidewalk. As he understands it that property where the sidewalk is going in is owned by the State.

Councilor Affa asked Ms. Allen and Mr. LaRochelle if they have written letters to the Lane County Planning Commission.

They both have written letters.

Councilor Affa asked Ms. Knapp if she could email him what she just read.

Councilor Affa asked Viki Burns how they came up with the Side by Side Festival.

Viki explained how they came up with the idea for the event.

Councilor Rowland said everybody complains about this new quarry that wants to come in and nobody says anything about the quarry that has been here right down the street that does everything that this other quarry is going to do. She lived a block and a half away from it for seven years. If you don't support them they aren't ever going to support Oakridge. They are a business and whether we support them or not we have no say in it, they are in the County.

Councilor Rowland said Friday night is the Talent Show and Coronation and Saturday is the parade. There will be the Theater Shows and Quilt Shows. Come out and support the town.

Councilor Chitwood asked Councilor Affa if he received information that he requested concerning the recommended disbursements of the RTMP funds.

Councilor Affa said he has not received that information.

Councilor Kinyon wanted to request that the Oakridge City Charter be updated or revised to match the verbiage in the 2012 measure that amended the Charter, specifically sections 7 and 28.

Louis said she could make a motion from this Council to do this like they did the last time.

Councilor Kinyon said she has done a lot of research on the crosswalk. She read a document that she typed up that she thinks we need to talk about.

Louis said we can discuss this at a work session. What he is hearing is that she wants to set a process on when we and how we give notices, those types of things, how we keep the citizens engaged and informed when we are doing projects.

Louis said section 7 is the form that is turned in to the elections office to do the measures, those 20 words are your section 7. In 2012 we went from no term limits to term limits, section 7 this time is we want to go from term limits to term limits. Louis said he needs to make a phone call to the City Attorney about this to help sort this out before he comes back with an answer, he doesn't want to give bad information.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Add 6.6 Oakridge/Westfir Chamber TRT Request
Add 7.5 Friends of the Theater

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved to approve the consent agenda with correction. Councilor Affa seconded the motion.

J. Rowland (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), J. Affa (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Transportation Systems Plan Update - Louis and Rick will be doing a review and submitting a grant prior to June 6, this is their fourth year in a row, and ODOT feels that their application is pretty strong.

DKS Bike/Ped Study – We are hoping to present this to council at the next meeting.

Community Center Visioning Process – The consultant just needs a date towards the end of the month that council will be available to sit down with him. Louis spoke with him about changing kitchens and those kinds of things, he felt that was premature. That is something we can adjust when we get to 25-30% plans.

The council will have a work session for the Community Center on May 25 at 5:30 at City Hall.

OIP – After almost two years they have finally reviewed the final copy of the sales agreement at 76276 Industrial Park Way. We are on the final trek to getting this done.

Million Gallon Tank – The City applied for a Special Use Permit through Lane County for the Million Gallon Tank that is on property that is owned by the Old Hazeldell Quarry because of an agreement that was done back in July of 2011.

Councilor Affa asked about the river front property that we sold.

Louis said because of the easements we are requesting there are a lot of caveats to this. Louis met with Matt and Chuck yesterday down at the property.

6.2 City Recordors Financial Report

Susan gave the financial report.

Susan had a discussion today with Mayor Coey and they went over the payroll taxes for the first quarter. She had a few issues filing because of the program she must use for the State to file the payroll taxes. They were filed on time. That is quarterly discussion her and the Mayor have.

Susan would like to bring up a discussion that is on the website regarding the City Attorney talking about term limits and whether they are appropriate or not. In 2012 she had not had any experience with elections officer. She spent many conversations with the City Attorney and one question she asked her was whether or not this was good, bad or indifferent regarding the term limits. She was told that term limits is not something that she would recommend for any small city because historically small cities have trouble finding people that want to serve. If you have people that like them they can re-elect them, if they don't then they can be voted out so technically, we have term limits. Susie has that email, that email was never requested. Several weeks ago Mr. Barclay made a request, they were emailing back and forth and most of the information he had, she told him yes, that is what was presented to council. She asked him through email if there was anything else he requested and he said no. About a week ago he came in and she asked him if he received all of the information he wanted for his public records request and he responded that he did. The date and time was recorded when she asked him.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved to accept the City Recorders Financial report as presented. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

D. Kinyon (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), J. Affa (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.3 Request for TRT Funds for Fat 55

Louis said the Fat 55 recently changed Directors, the records show they have applied for RTMP funds in previous years and each time received \$2,000. This year the deadline was missed and Mr. Coyer is requesting funding be used from TRT funds, the Fat 55 is a possible income generator for our local businesses bringing in around 150 racers for this event.

Motion: No motion was made

Councilor Carl asked how much was left in the TRT fund?

Councilor Buchmeier said about \$5200.

6.4 Old Hazeldell Quarry

Louis sent his thoughts out to the council, his thoughts are strictly to spur discussion. He wants to see what you may or may not want to do.

Mayor Coey said he thought the letter should be sent to the newspaper as an editorial, it is not necessarily a personal opinion it's a staff position. It gives some facts and understanding of what we are having to deal with here.

Councilor Carl said there is a long and torturous process that the Quarry has to go through and all of the folks that are opposed to it need to plug into the process. They need to know when the meetings are, where they are, attend the meetings and have your voices heard. The next meeting is May 10, 2016.

Mayor Coey said they have had 3-4 meetings here and in his opinion it wasn't very well attended at any of the meetings. Mayor Coey heard over the weekend that there were secret meetings between the Council and Old Hazeldell and that is absolutely incorrect. Mayor Coey also heard that Old Hazeldell has changed their plans, they have not changed the plans and they are on display at the library.

Councilor Kinyon asked if we should decide tonight if we are going to give a letter of support or not since the meeting is next Tuesday?

Mayor Coey said it is the second of three meetings so yes, we can decide tonight what we are going to do. There has been a lot of back and forth and where we stand on this.

Councilor Carl said it doesn't make any difference if we endorse it or not, we don't make the decision.

Mayor Coey said for it to go forward to the County Commissioners the Old Hazeldell Quarry has to agree to the conditions, they don't have a choice. Are we ready to make a decision tonight to support this or

not support this? Again, it comes back to the legalities that this is not our dirt, we don't have any legal stand with this, and this is Lane County's Land.

Councilor Buchmeier said she thinks what the citizens are saying is that our letter to the Planning Commission will hold some weight if they see how the City feels about the Quarry.

Mayor Coey has had many conversations with people about this because obviously it is the hot topic around town. We have to talk about the greater good of the community and we have a lot of response favoring the quarry. It is jobs, it's creating jobs for people who lost their jobs when the mills closed. So far the response he is hearing is in favor of the quarry.

Councilor Kinyon said we as a council has not heard anyone in the audience supporting this.

Louis said the City does have some jurisdiction on parts of Fish Hatchery Road and Dunning Road because they are within the City limits.

Councilor Rowland said she only sees a few people in here complaining about the quarry. She is out and about a lot and there are a lot of people in favor of the quarry. People whose son hasn't had a job in three years and their unemployment is running out.

Celia Hilleman asked where all of those people are?

Chief Martin is the Sergeant in Arms and the Mayor has asked him to intervene, he would ask everyone to be polite and calm down. He understands the issues, but we need to handle this correctly.

Mayor Coey said there were four public meetings in Oakridge and only two of you were there and the rest weren't. We are only going by what we hear from the community and participation. It is kind of late in the game to be showing up and complaining about something we have zero control over. He recommends going to the Planning Commission meetings and make your voices heard.

Councilor Kinyon said Mayor Coey was suggesting that we were going to write a letter with conditions and things we wanted to see happen and he was using some verbiage she doesn't understand, are you saying we will support this if they (inaudible)

Mayor Coey said we should write the recommendation based on these stipulations, at the last work session he was shot down on that because they weren't fitting the goal 5 criteria. So, if we aren't fitting any of those then this is our recommendation based on these conditions and if they don't meet those conditions then we will not give them our recommendation and we will send it to the Planning Commissioners and County Commissioners and we go on from here. We have no say in this. Period.

Councilor Kinyon said we can submit a letter stating the things we'd like to see happen.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved that we submit a letter to Hazeldell Quarry that lists our conditions that we have without endorsing or opposing the project. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

Councilor Buchmeier said we should be sending this to the Planning Commission, not Hazeldell Quarry.

Councilor Chitwood says he sees no reason to endorse this or not endorse this project because it is not up to us.

Councilor Carl said if we write this letter on City letterhead it is different than if one of us an individual is writing the letter. He wants to remind you that when we ask the city staff to write a letter on our behalf of the City it carries more weight than if one of us writes one as an individual. We have already contacted Old Hazeldell and their response in his opinion was unsatisfactory. He agrees that we should write to the Planning Commission and tell them what are criteria is and why.

Mayor Coey said we have given specifications and our stipulations have not changed.

Louis said he will write the letter and get it to the Mayor and the Council will see it before it goes out.

Amended Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved that we submit a letter to Hazeldell Quarry and the Planning Commission that lists our conditions that we have without endorsing or opposing the project. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

Councilor Chitwood abstained.

G. Carl (Aye), J. Affa (Aye), J. Rowland (Nay), A. Buchmeier (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye).
Motion carried 5-1

6.5 OLCC application for Deep Woods Distillery

Motion: Councilor Chitwood moved that we recommend approval of Deep woods Distillery's OLCC Liquor License Application. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Louis said Cynthia Noblett and Michael Garvin are requesting a recommendation from the City Council to OLCC for their Liquor License application so they can serve alcohol at the Deep Woods Distillery. They have a mini distillery and would like to serve alcohol there and at local events.

Councilor Carl said he would like to speak in favor of this, they have been neighbors and he has attended all of their functions that they have put on and they are very well run and he recommends that we approve this.

J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), J. Affa (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.6 Oakridge/Westfir Chamber Request

Louis said one of the things they set TRT money aside it was for unknown events such as the Side by Side event.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved to approve in the of \$2,500 to the Oakridge Westfir Chamber for the use of offsetting costs associated with the “side by side” festival. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Coey said they had a meeting Saturday, there has been a lot of back and forth on this, and the permit has not been finalized yet. The actual budget was \$3500 and they have received some more pledges. They are advertising outside the area and they do fit the criteria for TRT funds.

Councilor Rowland asked why the Oakridge logo is not on the sponsors list.

Mayor Coey said because it just got sent in, it will be put on there.

Councilor Rowland said the registration fee is \$50 per person, where does that money go?

Viki said it will go to expenses they will incur and to a scholarship.

Councilor Buchmeier asked where the \$1,000 donation money came out of?

Louis said part of it came out of TRT and part came out of Community Events.

Susan said when they started researching this so they could put together a staff report she saw that Bi-Mart is sponsoring it and the City of Westfir was sponsoring. When she asked Viki about it she said the City of Westfir had a sponsorship. We hadn't heard about that, we have just been asked for money, so Viki sent Susan the sponsorship papers. In order to get the City of Oakridge logo on all of the advertising which is where the bang for the buck is we would have had to have it in by May 1. This was not mentioned in the request when the request was made, Susan just stumbled across this.

Councilor Carl said we have already given them \$1000 and they are asking for \$2500 that is \$3500, he recommends reducing the grant to \$1500 with a total of \$2500.

Amended Motion: Councilor Carl moved to approve in the of \$1,500 to the Oakridge Westfir Chamber for the use of offsetting costs associated with the “side by side” festival. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Coey (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), J. Affa (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Concerts in the Parks Alcohol permit Request and Fee Waiver 6-25-16

Louis said Concerts in the Park have been putting on their events for about nine years now. This committee used to be a city committee.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to approve the alcohol permit and fee waiver for the Concerts in the Parks events for June 25, 2016 and July 9, 2016. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

There was discussion the facilities and alcohol permits that were handed out and turned in. The alcohol permit is an old form. We need to make sure the forms are signed when turned in.

Mayor Coey (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), J. Affa (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

7.2 Concerts in the Parks Alcohol permit Request and Fee Waiver 7-9-16

Approved along with 7.1

7.3 Pioneer Picnic Greenwaters Park Fee Waiver

Louis said this has been going on for many, many years and this is something we should continue to support.

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved to approve the park fee waiver for the Oakridge Pioneer Museum for their annual picnic on July 10, 2016. Councilor Affa seconded the motion.

G. Carl (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), J. Affa (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

7.4 Fat 55 Alcohol Permit for Amphitheater for Awards Party

They are requesting the use of the amphitheater for their awards party. It is open to the public and they will have a band there.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved that we approve the alcohol permit for the Fat 55 to have a beer garden on June 11, 2016 for their awards party, with the beer garden to be ran by the GOATS. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

A. Buchmeier (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), J. Affa (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

7.5 Friends of the Theater

Louis said they do this every year for the citizens of Oakridge and Westfir, they do not charge admission.

Mayor Coey suggested they apply for RTMP funds since they are doing this for three days.

There was confusion on whether or not we are waiving this fee or transferring it. There is a big difference.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we approve the Park fee waiver for the Friends of the Theater and Arts for July 14-16, 2016. Councilor Chitwood seconded the motion.

J. Affa (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin gave the stats since they skipped them last time. For March they had 393 calls for service that resulted in 47 case reports and 47 written citations and warnings. In April they had 338 calls for service which resulted in 33 case reports and 39 written citations and warnings. They have been pretty busy.

Starting June 1st the police department won't have radio communication with the county, they will only have their own radio system. They are trying to figure out a plan.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Hansen said they have had 140 calls for that last two months, 34 were EMS related and 6 were not. They got another ambulance that is a year older but with less miles.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

Adjourn Meeting 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 19, 2016

Signed: _____
James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder