



February 18, 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

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

Floyd Staley, Oakridge- When Wes Hare was here he told him that 60% of the population in Oakridge is senior citizens, he is representing Marge from the Sr. Lounge. The City is charging them \$200.00 a month to enjoy their bingo. It should not be that much money for Sr. bingo.

Mr. Staley said Gordon Zimmerman is the reason we don't have a truck stop.

Gene Hilleman, Oakridge- He has an opinion and it's a personal thing for him, he spent 22 years in the Navy, he honors the flag, most of the people in here do. If he was in another country he would do the same thing, he would stand and represent their flag.

Louis said the City Attorney has said this is not a discussion we can't have in the council chambers. We can have it outside of the chambers.

Elizabeth Barclay, Highway 58 Oakridge- Resigned from the RTMP Committee

Trudy Hammond, Berry Street Oakridge- Would like to start animal services in Oakridge, she wants to know about zoning for such a business. She would like a large amount of property that is accessible to the public.

Mayor Coey said he will address that when they go into Mayor/Council comments.

Jody Allen, Cedar Street Oakridge- He has lived here all of his life, he has received letters from city officials, he is cleaning it up and will continue to do so until it is all done, but he continues to get visits from city officials. He is wondering when this will stop.

Sandra Edds, Oakridge- For the last two years we have had tire slashing's, windows being shot out, arson galore and now she had no response to a 911 call. She would like to know from the Chief of Police or council what we as citizens can expect and what are you going to do about it.

Louisa Hammacheck, Cedar Street Oakridge-She was at Mr. Allen's house last week when the police showed up to inspect his house for the charges, it was going to be \$500 a day if he didn't comply. He is one of the most law abiding citizens that she knows, it shook up his whole family with the constant return of the police and acting really thuggish.

Mr. Staley thanked the City for fixing the leaks in WAC roof.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey said he thinks there is something in the works regarding the senior bingo rent and we can address that.

Rick wanted to let everyone know how we ended up back at \$210.00, he met with the ladies at the bingo room on two occasions. They are in there three times a week, we offered them a rate of \$100 a month with stipulated hours and days and they refused that offer, they wanted to stay at \$200.

Susie said when someone rents the senior lounge other than the seniors, the money they pay for the room is credited to the senior lounge rent. The more people that rent the room, the less their rent is at the end of the month.

Mayor Coey said in regards to the animal issue, she can call city hall and Mr. Gomez can get her the code for what she is proposing.

As far as the truck stop that is not up to us it is up to someone else to want to bring one in. It is something we would love to have. We do pitch it out and that is all we can do.

Mayor Coey was in Salem this week, he went to see Senator Prozanski and they had a conversation about Amtrak and other transportation and funding.

Councilor Carl asked for Trudy Hammonds contact information regarding the animal issues.

Councilor Kinyon wanted to talk about the Police Department and Code Enforcement complaints.

Mayor Coey said we will wait until 8.0 Police reports.

Louis said we need to get specific dates and times, especially the 911 concern, that bugs all of us.

Sandra Edds said it was Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M.

Louis said they are going to look into this along with other concerns that Councilor Chitwood was given. He will scan them and send them out to the council and we can take some time to discuss this Saturday when we have the Strategic Plan meeting.

Councilor Chitwood said they are here to listen and represent the citizens.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Coey (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Transportation System Plan – They have a meeting next week and each committee member is presenting to the committee their top ten roads, in their opinion, that need to be repaired or prioritized for repair.

Highway 58 Pedestrian Study/Hwy 58 Crosswalk – DKS Consultants is hoping to have the final product done by March 2016 to present to the Council that will also include the 6th crosswalk that they asked for. Some final drafts are being done by the City Engineer and ODOT for the crosswalk. Once that is done Louis will have final copies so he can sit down with the property owners and the Council.

Empty Lot on Hwy 58 – He is back and forth with the CEO, he asked some questions and Louis sent his answers back. He asked Louis what the City might or might not do if it was lease option versus a sale initially. Louis told him it would be temporary stuff that could be removed if we didn't get to

Strategic Plan – The Community Center funding campaign strategy meeting is February 20th from 9:00 A.M. until noon at city hall. If you have names or you have people that are interested in helping with that if you could get them to come to the meeting that would be even better.

Economic Development –Focus Construction completed some conceptual drawings for us at the Industrial Park along with the cost to build and provide the required infrastructure.

Amtrak Station-The Mayor spoke with Commissioner Leiken and some other folks trying to revive that, trying to get some more interest into looking into the Amtrak Station again.

Million Gallon Tank and Well – That is before you tonight with the \$4.07 increase to pay the loan back and the \$4.50 where we would put .43 cents into a reserve fund during the budget process.

Teller Road Construction Project- We have received our \$50,000 grant reimbursement.

LTD Meeting and Discussion – It appears that Diamond Express will have a mid-day run, it is still in discussion with LTD. Part of this agreement is they must stop at Amtrak, which is part of the funding requirements.

Franchise Agreement- The City Attorney has a final draft for the Charter Franchise Agreement and it is ready for the City's review.

Ford Foundation Grant- That is where we got the majority of the funds to work on the conceptals and to work on the campaign strategy list.

Louis is completing an intake document for the Infrastructure Finance Authority so they can do an initial review for funds for inflow and infiltration.

LRAPA- We are still dealing with that and we are having monthly meetings with them to figure out ways to reduce wood smoke.

Transportation System Repairs- When we start going at these repairs do we do crack seal project and seal all of our viable streets first before we put a lot of money into rebuilds. Most of our streets haven't been crack sealed in at least six years.

OWTA Camera Project- They are trying to get their cameras programmed before they put them back up.

6.2 City Recorders Financial Report

Susan gave the financial report.

They received the audits, she will disperse them out to the council at the next meeting.

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

J. Rowland (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

6.3 Resolution 03-2016 A Resolution adjusting the fees for water charges

a) Staff Report

Rick read the staff report

b) Open Public Hearing

7:46 P.M.

c) Statements in Favor

Loren Hogue thinks this will improve our water system and sanitary waste system.

Louisa Hammacheck said it is crucial to get the water organized and she likes the part about the water rights, we have such good water around here.

d) Statements in Opposition

Don Hadley has been around here for a long time, he remembers when we built the water tank up on the hill. He can't even drink his water, when Kevin Urban was here he asked why his water tasted like chlorine. He has a commercial building, he can't afford the water bill, and he has one toilet and pays \$80.00 a month for that. All of the businesses here in town have the same problem, it is costing them. We need to be able to have water that we can drink.

Elizabeth Barclay said she has 14 rooms in her hotel, is she supposed to just give her guests a bucket of water or raise the rates and put herself out of business?

e) Statements in General

Patrick Selman said he would like to see people be civil when they come to City Council meetings.

f) Close Public Hearing

7:51 P.M.

g) Commission Discussion

Motion: Councilor Carl moved to adopt Resolution 03-2016 to adjust water rates to a base rate of \$29.17, with an effective date of October 1, 2016. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Councilor Kinyon asked about the commercial rates, do the rates increase by the size of the line.

Louis said that is correct.

Rick explained how they came up with the numbers for the rate increases.

Councilor Carl called for the question, there was not a second.

Mayor Coey adjourned for a five minute recess.

Louis said the standby fire protection monthly service charges are only for the places that require an additional line, for example, the Uptown, they have an extra 4" line strictly for sprinklers.

h) Commission Action

D. Chitwood (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.4 Old Hazeldell Quarry Discussion

Louis read the Agenda Bill.

Councilor Kinyon made a motion to table this until we have a conversation with the quarry about our suggestions and see what their response is.

Mayor Coey said that is not necessary, they have already stated their intentions, they are asking for a letter of recommendation. In our meeting they said there is five criteria that they had to comply to as far as the State goes. There was conditions that we could respond to within those five criteria, so that is what we are doing.

There was no second for the motion, motion denied.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that the Council approve a letter of support for the Hazeldell quarry with the following conditions 1) The west facing slopes of Tax Lot 21-35-15-00 01900 and Tax Lot 21-35-22-99 00502 remain untouched, aside from necessary forest health, 2) Any surface water runoff be properly mitigated, 3) No weekend operations of quarry, 4) Safety concerns with ingress and egress on to Highway 58, 5) A multi modal trail constructed to navigate visitors to the area off of Dunning Road with safety in mind. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Councilor Kinyon asked if we draft a letter with these conditions does that mean that the letter won't be submitted until we agree to the conditions?

Mayor Coey said their attorney said if we have any complaints to this that the process as this point, because it is County land, is that we submit it in person in a public hearing or in a letter to the Planning Commissioners or County Commissioners as the process goes through.

Councilor Kinyon said then so in the letter of support it will say we support this with these conditions?

Mayor Coey said yes, that is what this motion reads, we will endorse it if they meet these conditions.

Councilor Carl said that the lawyer gave us the steps to follow if we wanted to contest this, but Old Hazeldell Quarry might voluntarily agree to these conditions and then there won't be an issue. Why go above Old Hazeldell Quarry's head and take an official action when they have been so forthright to us, the least we can do is contact them and ask if they would be willing to include these items in their proposal.

Councilor Carl said we should table this and see if Old Hazeldell is willing to voluntarily agree to what we want. He does have some issues with some of the conditions. Condition #1 says the west facing slopes will remain untouched, what does that mean? We mean that it will not be logged, why don't we just say that.

Louis said all of that will be spelled out.

Councilor Carl said condition #3 no weekend operations of quarry, what we mean is no blasting or rock crushing activities and #4 safety concerns with ingress and egress of Highway 58, what we should say is their traffic plan should be inspected or approved by ODOT.

Louis said this is just a motion and the letter will address all of this.

Councilor Carl said if we are going to vote on something then he wants to see what the language is going to be, he's not going to approve something that may be changed to a different language at a later time. He strongly feels we should present this to Old Hazeldell and give them an opportunity to agree to this.

Mayor Coey said three of these five conditions they have already said they plan to do. We are just making sure we tie them to those plans that they have. The other two are things that we added as far as discussion. As far as the Highway ingress and egress, we don't determine that. ODOT is the one who will address that and put in the language.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to amend the motion to table this until we have discussed this with Old Hazeldell Quarry to see if they will meet the conditions.

Louis said you already have a motion and you had discussion, if you want to move towards a table you're going to have to have to vote on this motion.

Councilor Carl asked if he can amend his motion.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved to amend his motion to table this until we have a chance to communicate with Old Hazeldell Quarry which should be done before the next meeting. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Surplus of Playground Equipment

Rick read the Agenda Bill.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved that we surplus the old Dairy Queen Playground equipment located at the well field storage area. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

A. Buchmeier (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin said they are bringing back the Peer Court with our own funds. We were the last City in Lane County that had funding for that, the Department of Youth Services took that funding from us last year.

They recently got five kids signed up for the cadet program. They will be the ones doing the Peer Court and they got some training from Sgt. McPherson.

He said to start a complaint against an officer someone needs to put pen to paper, we cannot start an internal review without a signed complaint. He received a lot of complaints on the Code Enforcement Officer, so far they are all invalid. We are using body cameras now, he has reviewed those complaints and she is polite and courteous, people just don't like being told to cut their grass, get your garbage out of your yard etc....

Councilor Carl asked about the vandalism and arson investigations?

Chief said they have arrested a suspect, but on different charges.

Councilor Buchmeier asked the Chief to respond to the failure to appear to the 911 call.

Chief said he will have to check on that. He said that doesn't happen very often, but it's going to happen with their man power. He explained that when there is only one person on duty and they are out on a call or transport there is no one to answer other calls. They try to put people on call, but if they don't have anyone there's nothing they can do.

Mayor Coey said if people want to be a pain just write them a ticket, we are trying to help people and we don't have any choice.

Councilor Carl said we used to have a local and deal with 911 calls locally, now we don't have that, we have to call Central Lane and the dispatchers no longer know the local landmarks. He had a personal experience with that a while back, he was on the ground and they didn't know where he was. He inquired into reinstating 911 he found out it would be very expensive. We never should have given it up in the first place.

Louis said we could do dispatch, but we can't get 911 back because the State wants each County to have only one 911 center.

Chief said he is begging for reserve officers, he only has two right now.

Rustie Ackland said as a mother of a police officer she doesn't understand how the City can get away with only having one officer on duty, we need to have two to respond. She sat on the budget committee and she knows money is tight, she remembers sitting in the meetings and people saying we don't need them. Why can't we find money somewhere so we can have two officers on duty?

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Hansen said the Fire Department has the same system as the Fire Department. Twice last week the crews had four calls a day, each call takes three hours so they were gone for 12 hours. They are better off than the police department because they have 22 traditional volunteers that live in the area and nine volunteers that don't live in the area, but come out to help us. They had a house fire this morning and they had five people show up, typically to do a house fire safely we need 10-15 people.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Tree Planting- Meets Monday night at 6:00 P.M.

Community Services- Meets Tuesday night at 5:30 P.M.

Adjourn for executive session 8:45 P.M.

Executive session in 8:53 P.M.

Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Adjourn executive session 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council February 18, 2016

Signed: _____

James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____

Susan LaDuke, City Recorder