



October 6, 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
James Affa (absent)
Bobbie Whitney
Kathy Holston

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Mike Hansen, Fire Chief (absent)
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

John Cape 47776 W 2nd St – There is a house on the corner of Portal Drive and W 1st Street that is being rented out and they are always playing loud music, he constantly has to listen to loud thumping and they have a band that practices there. He hears it every day. He has had nothing but problems with those people. He didn't call the police until recently, he called dispatch about three weeks ago and a dispatcher said an officer would be there shortly and he never heard back from anybody. He explained his problem to an officer and the officer said he knows there are problems in that area, meth problems and a lot of the houses have been turned into rentals. He said there is not a lot they can do about it unless you can prove someone is selling meth. One officer told him that he needs to get other people in his area to support his claim of them making too much noise. Mr. Cape said all you have to do is drive down the street and you can hear it.

Kathy Pokorny 49153 Dunning Road – She read a letter she wrote to the Council regarding the Hazeldell quarry.

Troy Allen 76544 W 2nd Street – He was in Eugene one morning and ADT called him at 7:30 a. m. so he called the police department and was told someone would be dispatched out, but there was no one on

duty. Why can the Fire Department have 24/7 coverage, but the Police Department can't? Between 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. that is when people start in doing things.

Harry Rumor – He will be at the next City Council meeting regarding the Old Mill Raceway, he wants to take over the business.

Louis said we will get his information and bring it before the Council.

Dennis Patterson – Asked about the upcoming quarry meeting.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey said there will be a public hearing for the quarry on October 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. We have not responded to their request for a letter of support yet. We will address that tonight during the meeting.

There will be a Candidates Forum on October 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium at the High School. We have four openings on the Council. The Candidates will each have two minutes to respond to questions.

Several of the Councilors and the Mayor went to the League of Oregon Cities Conference last week.

Councilor Rowland said she enjoyed the League of Oregon Cities Conference, she learned a lot and the Councilors Forum was so much better this year than it was last year.

Councilor Carl said he is the head of the Public Safety Committee and wanted Mr. Cape to know that he hears him and he will follow up on his complaints.

Councilor Whitney said in the letter from Ms. Pokorny she said that Mr. Pfeiffer, the attorney for the quarry offered to write a letter of support and the offer was accepted, the offer was not accepted, and he did help us with the language.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

7.1 Proposal by Harry Rumor to lease OIP Space – Did not receive documents, will do at a later meeting.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the August 18, 2016 minutes. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

Mayor Coey (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), B. Whitney (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), K. Holston (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Capital Projects in Process/Complete:

Million Gallon Reservoir- Well- Transmission Lines- the Engineer, Louis and Chuck did a walk through where the Million Gallon tank is going to go on the North West side of TV Butte and they also looked at different sites for the Well. They looked at different areas for the transmission lines, it appears that we have a large amount of the lines in, the major connectors that we will have to hook up into the tank we already have them laid in the OIP.

Highway 58 Crosswalk Project – The crosswalk piece is just us finalizing any plans with all of the property owners and the last piece is having a meeting with them and letting everyone hash it out and then coming back to Council for the bidding process.

Councilor Carl said he was looking at the August 18, 2016 minutes and in Louis' report it said Tyco, LLC had ten more days to respond to us regarding the curb cuts and now it's October 6, 2016, this seems to be dragging on longer than we would like.

Louis said longer than all of us would like.

Louis said he is working with a third party and we were trying to give them the opportunity to give us plans for the curb cut so they would have had the curb cut now and not later. So where we are headed now is it will just be a sidewalk and they will have to cut their own curb cut.

Mayor Coey asked Louis if they have finished plans?

Louis said they are about 95% finished, close enough, the goal is to have finished plans within two weeks. He will try to have them before the next meeting, he has five people to try to get together, and he has to bring in the ODOT people also.

Community Center Project – We haven't heard from our consultant so once Rick gets back next week he will get a hold of Stan. He was supposed to present a completed plan to us and we don't have that.

Economic Development and Sustainment:

Realtor of Record – As you know the person we had withdrew. The question now is do we do a full RFP process, do we accept recommendations from community members and other cities, do we solicit for a Realtor of Record on our own?

Mayor Coey said all of the above.

Councilor Carl asked Joy Kingsbury if the Lane County Board of Realtors have a membership list?

Ms. Kingsbury said yes they do.

Councilor Carl asked if it would be hard to communicate with that group?

Ms. Kingsbury said no it would not be hard. She will talk with Louis about this. We want to stay in Lane County.

We are still working on the TRT Block Grants, we have four requests this year, and we had eight completed last year.

AMTRAK Station – We have a meeting set with Aaron Hunt from Union Pacific Railroad.

In Process/Pending Grants:

The City of Oakridge recently submitted a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant to fund the Way Finding Sign project. Louis explained what this was for so the people new to the meetings would know what this is for.

The City is in the process of completing a Small Cities Allotment Grant through ODOT that is for \$50,000 to assist on road maintenance.

Mayor Coey asked if we ever finalized the list of the roads?

Louis said we went through phase one and now we are going through phase two with Chuck.

A number of years ago we received an earmark from the Feds, Peter DeFazio's office, for \$400,000. It was called the IMBA Ride Center Grant, these dollars were to have been used to build kiosks and shelters in our local parks and do some trail work at our local trail heads. About \$225,000 of it was spent on engineering and other things which only left us \$160,000. Louis spoke with the Federal Highway Administration who has control of the dollars and they have agreed to let Oregon State Parks take over the grant and so they sent Louis documents and he is filling them out and will send back. Hopefully we will be able to get a shelter up possibly two, we have found some that are roughly \$40,000-\$50,000, the shelters they costed out were \$165,000 so we hope to stretch the dollars out more.

Community Center the Council just recently finished some conceptals and we are waiting for our final funding plan. We are looking at about 3 million dollars, it will probably take us two to three years to get that money together from primarily grants, fundraisers and donations.

Councilor Buchmeier said she hears stuff from citizens about the cost, what the city actually has to come up with is about \$300,000 after grants and other fundraising efforts. It's disheartening for her to hear all of grunts and groans. This building costs us thousands of dollars each year and it is not adequate for what we need and we are trying to put a community center together that will fit our needs now and in the future. The new community building is needed and it is going to be great and it is not going to be 3 million dollars.

Franchise Agreements – He has two right now and as soon as he gets them back from the attorney he will get them to the Council. He spoke with Charter Communications at the conference and asked them when they will bring their Spectrum stuff to Oakridge. They said they are just now going in to Baker City, they had the same system as we have now. Don't hold your breath until they get here.

CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) Funds – The Mayor got Louis connected with the people he needs to talk to. They have a meeting tomorrow afternoon. One of the things these funds can be used for is transit, so for example the Diamond Express, there is approximately \$600,000 available. We are hoping to get our hands on this so we can expand the Diamond Express, possibly to weekends that is the goal.

Web Site Review – There have been ongoing concerns with content on the web site. The staff and Louis have set some benchmarks to try and correct these issues.

6.2 City Records Financial Report

Susan gave the financial report to the council.

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

J. Rowland (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), B. Whitney (Aye), G. Carl (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

6.3 Old Hazeldell Quarry Letter of Support Discussion

Louis read the issue. Old Hazeldell Quarry has submitted their Land Use Documents to change the zoning of the property that they own off of Dunning Road. The Old Hazeldell Quarry representatives have stated that it could bring up to ten jobs.

Susan read from the City of Oakridge current Strategic Plan. There were four town hall meetings where citizens were invited to and they had a say in what was important and how to make Oakridge better. There was also a survey done and we got quite a few back. The Strategic Plan is meant to guide us. The number one thing on the survey was to bring in new industry and businesses to create new jobs.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that the Council approve the letter dated July 20, 2016 for the Mayors signature and sent to the Lane County Board of Commissioners once they place the Hazeldell Quarry Planning Commission recommendation on their agenda. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Mayor Coey read the letter.

Councilor Carl said how we got to this point is rather than us asking the County Commissioners to incorporate these requirements into their application, rather than take the chance that they would or wouldn't do that we asked Mr. Pfeiffer if he would write language that the quarry voluntarily would accept the resolutions to our concerns and he said he would and that is what he wrote.

Mayor Coey said in this letter was the five conditions.

- Trees on western hillside – visual and dust buffer
- Surface water mitigation
- Agree to have trail built through the OHQ property
- Ingress and Egress for trucks onto Highway 58 and
- Economic development/potential job creation

Councilor Carl said he can understand their point of view not wanting this company to come in if he lived where they live on Dunning Road. On the other hand there are a lot of folks who do want a successful company to move in to our community. It improves the overall economic environment. It's more than the number of jobs, its people coming and going and it's really a done deal. Mr. King has spent hundreds

of thousands of dollars and he has hired the best lawyers and the best public relations firm and the best engineers to make sure this happens.

Councilor Holston said she thinks everyone needs to have the opportunity to understand that the Council are all individuals and in this case she does not approve of this. She is willing to hear as much information that she can to make a decision, she also has to weigh the fact that there are plenty of voices out there who say that we should give an opportunity to any business that may come in. If this gives us a better platform to speak to the rest of the State of Oregon that says we really are looking for more business then that also has to be weighed. Does she want to say yes with open arms to something that isn't exactly what she wants, no. But, will she say if you are going to be here and run an operation then these are some of the conditions that I want imposed.

Mayor Coey said we are trying to put some stipulations on this that are concerns of ours. We have no skin in this game other than set some stipulations that we want to see.

Amended Motion: Councilor Carl moved that the City of Oakridge supports the Old Hazeldell Quarry with the aforementioned conditions submitted as part of the official record. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

B. Whitney (Aye), Mayor Coey (Nay), A. Buchmeier (Nay), G. Carl (Aye), K. Holston (Nay), J. Rowland (Nay).
Motion failed 2-4

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that the Council approve the letter dated July 20, 2016 for the Mayors signature and sent to the Lane County Board of County Commissioners as a neutral letter once they place the Hazeldell Quarry Planning Commission recommendation on their agenda. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

G. Carl (Nay), Mayor Coey (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), B. Whitney (Nay), K. Holston (Aye).
Motion carried 4-2

6.4 Discus amendment to Wood Heating Program Ordinance 914

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved that we direct the City Administrator to draft the section 7 revision of Ordinance 914 Oakridge Air Pollution Program. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

Louis said this is a PM 2.5 air quality issue. By the end of this year by the EPA the city is supposed to meet its air quality levels and if we don't we have to have a contingency plan on how we are going to get there. The Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority is asking the council if they would be willing to make the changes to our ordinance. The proposed changes to the Contingency Measures include a change to the Red Advisory Criteria section (1) 13 and that fire place use would be prohibited during yellow and red advisory periods.

J. Rowland (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), B. Whitney (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin addressed Mr. Cape's problem, he said if he calls and makes a complaint and signs the complaint he can take them through the court process. They have to have a signed complaint and the victim needs to be willing to testify.

Councilor Carl will address this at the next Public Safety Committee meeting. He understands being annoyed by an inconsiderate neighbor.

Chief Martin gave his monthly report. They are back to 20 hour a day coverage.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

9.1 Ratification of Union Contract with Local 851

Chief Hansen was absent, Susan presented the contract to the Council.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we accept and approve the Oakridge Firefighter Association IAFF Local 851 Employment Agreement effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

K. Holston (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye), B. Whitney (Aye), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

No reports

Adjourn meeting 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council October 20, 2016

Signed: _____

James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____

Susan LaDuke, City Recorder