



May 4, 2017  
City Council Regular Session  
Willamette Activity Center, Rm 8  
47674 School Street  
7:00 p.m.



# MINUTES

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## 1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Present: Jim Coey, Mayor  
Judy Rowland  
Gary Carl, Council President  
Josh McMillin  
Barry Taylor  
Paul Forcum  
Kathy Holston

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator  
Mike Hansen, 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

None

## 3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

One of the things the Mayor has been working on in Salem is House Bill 2725 which would fund us and other communities around the state of Oregon who are on the verge of non-attainment or in non-attainment for our air quality issue.

Something else that came out of this was House Bill 2748 and out of that we were able to come up with language that moves the DEQ from thinking woodstove change outs is the solution to this problem when we have proven over the last two years that it is not.

Senate Bill 634 has to do with when the State does a remodel or reconstruction on a new building 1.5% of the cost has to go to green energy, whether it's geothermal or solar. This has passed through the senate many times, but it always dies in the house because one of the representatives who happens to be from Lane County has a large constituency that is in the solar industry, so it always ends up dying.

Councilor Rowland reported that the Treeplanting festivities are ready to begin. They will have the quilt show on Friday and Saturday and the talent show and coronation on Friday. The parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday and the mini Olympics will be Saturday. There are many other events going on throughout the weekend.

Councilor Holston said the Chamber has a lot going on right now, we are starting the fundraising for the fireworks. Look for the donation jars for the fireworks show.

Councilor Holston asked the Mayor if there is anything the Council and Community can do to help those house bills and senate bills move forward?

Mayor Coey said to send letters of support to Senator Prozanski or Representative Hayden, emails are always good.

#### **4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

J. McMillin (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

##### **6.1 City Administrators Report**

Louis gave the council and audience copies of his report. We are trying to minimize the amount of time we spend on this report by getting them out early to the council and having copies for the audience.

Councilor Rowland said she likes how he is doing this now, she was able to come in to city hall and sit and talk to him before the meeting.

##### **6.2 2017 RTMP Proposed Distribution**

Susan said the requirements are set by Lane County, she did not bring those with her, and we have went over them before within the committee. The money we received from the previous year was \$15,860, we had \$4,350 that had been designated last year that was not utilized by the people who requested it so that brought this year's total up to \$20,210.00. Susan explained the formula they use to divide the money up between applicants that former Councilor Slaven came up with a few years ago.

Susan presented the distribution list to the Council.

Mayor Coey said he was part of the committee and so was Councilor Holston as the Chair of the Admin Committee, Councilor McMillin was there, Susan and Louis were there and we had one community member, Susan Davis.

**Motion:** Councilor Rowland moved that we approve the distribution of RTMP funds as recommended by the RTMP Committee. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl said he wants to know the criteria, Susan says she has them but he doesn't see them. His second comment is that it doesn't always go well, last year a considerable amount of money was recommended and allocated by the committee with the approval of the Council and in his opinion it was wasted. Thousands of dollars went right down the hole thanks to the committee's recommendations. For example, the lawn mower racing got thousands of dollars and they aren't even around anymore. Councilor Carl asked Susan who else got money last year that isn't around anymore?

Susan said the Ukulele Festival requested money, there was also money put forth toward the Dam Marathon.

Councilor Carl said \$5,000 went to the Dam Marathon and it isn't even going on this year.

Susan said it did happen last year, they spent the money and turned in the required receipts. She doesn't think any of the money was wasted last year, the money for the lawn mower racing went to the fireworks, it is the same group that requested the money.

Councilor Carl asked if it was possible for the Council to take a look at this and see how the town will benefit the most from the allocations of these funds, what would best benefit the City of Oakridge with these funds? The Council is completely abdicating all responsibility for that and we don't even get a chance to talk about it because it is presented to us as take it or leave it and he objects to that.

Councilor Holston appreciates Councilor Carl's concern, there are Council members who sit on the committee and the public sits on the committee and this is the formula that we've come up with that works really well. It gives an opportunity to groups who want to contribute to the cultural events in our community. She is not exactly sure why you are complaining, if there is something you think should have been funded that wasn't or that you think we shouldn't fund any of our cultural events at all and you think it should all go to sidewalks, she is not sure.

Councilor Carl thanked Councilor Holston and said he appreciates her comments. This is not a complaint, it is a concern and his concern is that he doesn't know what the criteria are. He should know the criteria.

Councilor Holston said there needs to be a level of trust in that all of the applicants filled out the questionnaire and we read through them, they only had to meet one of the criteria. They provided background material and budgets. What she hears is that he doesn't trust her judgement.

Councilor Carl said that is not what he is saying at all, what he is saying is what is the criteria? For example, we have an Economic Development Committee in this town that is supposed to benefit this town overall. Could legitimately some of this money go to that, no, but he doesn't know that, all he gets is the presentation of what the committee evaluated.

Susan explained that they go by the criteria set by Lane County. She will forward them to Councilor Carl.

Mayor Coey mentioned some of the criteria for example they have to create overnight room stays, they have to advertise, are they doing anything for the slower seasons, are you doing state or international advertising, those are some of the criteria. As for the Mountain Biking Events, there won't be a Fat Tire Event this year and they didn't apply.

Councilor Carl gave an example of what he is talking about, in the allocations you have the Chamber Website improvements that is not fully funded, this is an opportunity to reach outside the community through website development to reach all those people who might want to come here.

Mayor Coey said he does not disagree with that.

Susan said the process they have in place is fair to everyone, it just depends on where your interest is to where you want that money to go. We do advertise this every year for several months in the Dead Mountain Echo and on our website. If someone doesn't apply, they aren't going to get funded.

Councilor Carl said he is not suggesting that the process is not fair. What he is saying is it is the responsibility of the Council to see that the money is allocated in the best way possible for the City.

Louis said you have to stick with whatever processes you set up and the original RTMP Resolution that we did about four years ago.

K. Holston (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **7.1 Temporary Alcohol Permit**

Rick presented the issue.

Councilor Rowland asked if this was a big enough event that they need a license from OLCC?

**Motion:** Councilor Rowland moved we approve the alcohol permit for the private event for Eugene Cathcart to be held on June 24, 2017. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

Eugene Cathcart 76589 View Ct said they will not be selling liquor, the event is being catered and they have an OLCC permit.

P. Forcum (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

## **8.0 POLICE SERVICES**

Chief Martin gave his police report for the month of April.

OPD, OSP, and ODOT worked together on a commercial vehicle enforcement detail. OPD and OSP stopped the trucks and ODOT performed the inspections.

The Police Officer testing is in progress, they have completed the physical, written and oral boards.

The dispatch testing is in the background phase. We are hoping to know within the next couple of weeks.

## 9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Hansen gave the activity report for April.

## 10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

Meeting adjourned for Executive Session 7:54 P.M.

**Executive session: ORS 192.660 (2) (a) To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.**

Five minute recess

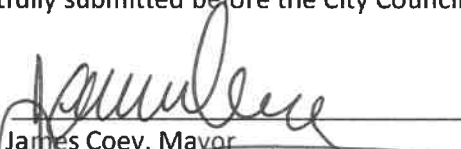
Executive session start 8:00 P.M.

Executive session ends 8:36 P.M.

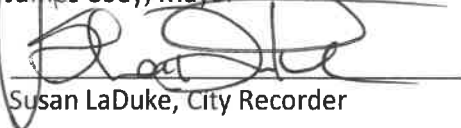
Adjourn meeting 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 18, 2017

Signed:

  
James Coey, Mayor

Signed:

  
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder