



February 1, 2018
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, Council President (absent)
Josh McMillin
Paul Forcum
Kathy Holston
Kevin Gobelman

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, Community Services Coordinator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Rowell 76372 Willamette Way- He would like the city council to change the code to include OHV's on roads. Huckleberry Flats was built in the 1970's and 1980's by Oakridge citizens, they are motorcycle enthusiasts looking for places to ride, they have maintained all of the trails and these people are the reason that Oakridge is an OHV destination. In 2016 the Oakridge Side by Side club approached them, John Omlin is the leader of that club. The Forest Service welcomes the side by sides, they started widening the trails to accommodate their wider vehicles. Since then there has been some issues with sharing the trails with the wider vehicles, they continue to manage and educate the users about where they can and cannot go.

Mr. Rowell asked the council why a local re-elected city council is proposing to make a radical change to the city code to allow, mostly wealthier, and he says wealthier than your average Oakridge resident, from outside of city to have a privilege that is not being considered to be granted to the Oakridge residents that made Oakridge an OHV destination. This consideration by the council doesn't seem to respect or maybe the council isn't aware that there is this history of hard work, perseverance and volunteerism by local motorcycle riders. He would like to be able to ride his bike from his house to the closest OHV trail instead of having to load it up each time.

The city will have to ensure that the vehicles will be safe on the street for example, the definition of a class 4 vehicle didn't say anything about lights and obviously lights are needed to be safe on the streets.

Steffen Bolin 77812 Brock Road-He is asking that both class 3 and class 4 vehicles be included in the ordinance. Motorcycles and dirt bikes are pretty much already on the road. He passed out pictures of bikes that are legal and not legal. There is very little difference. He is asking that class 3 motorcycles and class 4 side by sides be legal on the city streets. He has been racing bikes pretty much his whole life and he has been to many towns like Oakridge that have legal motorcycles, quads and different OHV's on the road. They just secured the final round of the Oregon Motorcycle off Road Racing Championships Series here in Oakridge at Huckleberry, he is sure that will go great.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey confirmed that they will be deciding on the side by sides at the February 15th meeting.

There was a RAIN meeting at the Pub, 52 people showed up to pitch their ideas. Five people were selected to pitch their ideas and the winner received \$250. This is a network that has been funded by the state to help Entrepreneurs create their businesses get up and running. They take you through and help you get educated on how to build a business plan and how to present your pitch. The Mayor and Louis have contact information if you are interested.

The survey results are in, there was a 10% turnout and we are still compiling the data. There was a lot of support for the Amtrak Station and The Community Center. There will be a meet and greet at the Community building at Greenwaters Park on February 13th at 6:00 P.M.

Councilor Rowland asked what the difference is in the motorcycles on the handout that Mr. Bolin handed out to the council?

Mr. Bolin said the differences are the mirrors, lights and there are no turn signals, but they are pretty much the same.

Councilor Holston said they reached out to her about this last weekend, when they heard about what was being proposed, they educated her a lot and asked some really good questions. She actually thought she knew a lot more than she did. One thing she would like to remind council is that we agreed that we wanted to do this on a trial basis and that we would review it in one year. She thinks that is a good time to let the class 3's in, so that we can also review it at that time and see what happens. That would be a good way to honor what has already been occurring in Oakridge, she didn't know that there was all of these people and they are not a rowdy bunch. The bad part is they didn't have the opportunity to come and pitch their ideas as John did and he did a great job.

Mayor Coey asked if she is suggesting that we add class 3's at this time or after a year?

Councilor Holston said she is suggesting we add class 3's at this time.

Chief Martin said if the council is changing their consensus, because his direction has been to do side by sides only, there is no way he can have something on the 15th to include motorcycles. Their current criminal case load is taking up so much time and he has to prioritize child abuse cases over ordinances.

Mayor Coey asked Chief Martin what his opinion is.

Chief Martin said his opinion is mixed because most of the people that have come to him are requesting four wheelers. He has had four wheelers and he doesn't necessarily want them on the roads and he doesn't necessarily want motorcycles on the road. The easy start for the police department to enforce would be to start with just the side by sides. If you want to include everyone in fairness, he is going to have to go back to the drawing board.

Chief Martin said as far the information he has been provided, unless Steffan or Kevin know differently and can provide him with something, no other city has allowed motorcycles.

Steffan said he can provide him with information.

Mayor Coey said to send it to him and he will forward it to the chief.

Mr. Bolin told Chief Martin that because there is so much existing state law that surrounds class 3's and really none of the other classes, he and Kevin would be willing to help him draft something up.

Councilor McMillin asked if since these are different classes, would it make more sense to draft separate city ordinances?

Chief Martin said no because so many of the laws with the different classes intertwine with each other.

Mayor Coey asked Chief Martin if we put this off, when does he foresee coming back to them with a plan?

Chief Martin said that depends on what they want included in the plan.

Councilor Holston said if they say they want to include class 4 and class 3 then he will just have to rework the ordinance so it includes class 3 as well as class 4.

Chief Martin said if they are going to include the motorcycles, they will have to include the ATV's.

Councilor Holston said but that is not what she is saying, she wants to include class 3 and class 4 and she does not want to include ATV's. Quads on the road are dangerous in her opinion. So, if we said just class 3 and class 4 and we directed you to do that, what would be your timeline?

Chief Martin said it would be a couple of months out.

Mayor Coey said because of time lines and that we need to continue the course of action that we have and work on getting the language can we add it in six months or three months and revise? Or would we do it one year?

Louis said the first thing that we need to hear is #1, is there consensus from the full council for us to modify the ordinance that he is working on to include class 3 and class 4, that is the first thing we need to know, is there consensus for us to go down that road?

Mayor Coey said he doesn't want to be caught with time lines. We are already in motion with the side by sides and he doesn't want to put that off.

There was consensus with the council to continue to move ahead with the ordinance for class 4 side by sides only.

There was also consensus to move forward on a draft for the class 3 vehicles to be included in the ordinance.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

J. Rowland (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), K. Gobelman (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Councilor Holston asked Louis how we are doing with the website?

Louis said we are going to stay with our current provider, we will have a custom website made and our current monthly rate will not increase. An upgrade to our website will be approximately \$4,000 and that is a custom website, not off the shelf and will include training. Louis will get input from council and others.

One of the actions you are taking tonight is to accept the \$20,000 for the Technical Assistance Grant so our City Engineer can do a review of a study for our inflow and infiltration. What that is is surface water getting into our sewer and what that does is makes our sewer plant work 10x harder than it should. On a rainy day it should be processing about a half a million gallons and at times we are processing as much as 2 or 3 million gallons, so it's pretty important that we get a handle on this. A new plant would cost about 10 or 11 million dollars that we don't have.

We are getting ready to go down the road on a Transportation Systems Plan, it's going to be about an 18-24 month process, this is in the report that he gave you. This will include some council members, planning commission members and ODOT members.

A big one that we've been working on is trying to expand Diamond Express, we are working with Travel Lane County, and they are helping us get some data so we can possibly expand to weekend runs.

Emerald Broadband are offering 50 mgs for \$50.00, that is a lot faster than what most folks can get up here. Just go on their Facebook page and you can get a phone number to get signed up.

Louis said the Mayor wants to go to the Governor's Conference in March. This is something that the Mayor usually attends. If any councilors want to go we can possibly send a couple of you that is up to you to decide.

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report

No report

6.3 Resolution 2-2018, Acceptance of Technical Assistance Grant for I & I

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we accept the Technical Assistance Grant to study the current infiltration and inflow of the sanitary sewer conveyance system and direct city staff to coordinate with the City Engineer of Record for completion of study. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

J. Rowland (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), K. Gobelman (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.4 Sustainable Cities Initiative Discussion

Louis said the reason he put this on here is because we are kind of on a short fuse to respond back to the U of O in regards to this program. He wants to have an official staff report and official response from staff to council on the 15th. At first blush from him in regards to this program, he does not believe we are ready for this school year, he does believe we will be ready for 19-20 school year. The other piece is that we should be very specific to the projects, maybe two or three.

Mayor Coey said they want a response by February 28th and he does not think we should wait until then to respond. He does agree that this would be extremely beneficial for us but, we should wait because we have too much going on right now.

Mayor Coey read an email from Councilor Carl.

Mayor Coey asked if we even need a staff report for the 15th, can't we just have a consensus of the council?

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved that we would prefer to wait a year for the 2019-2020 school year to participate in the U of O Sustainable Cities Initiative Program. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

P. Forcum (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Gobelman (Aye), K. Holston (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.5 Set FY 18-19 Budget Calendar

Mayor Coey announced to the citizens that we have open budget committee positions for anyone who lives in the city limits.

Louis read the staff report.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we adopt the FY 18-19 Budget Calendar. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

P. Forcum (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), K. Gobelman (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Contractor Selection for Waste Water Telemetry PLC Controls Replacement

Louis said this was something we did not budget for, however we did set aside \$100,000 for I and I which we will not be using this year and that is where we would get the funds from. We will be replacing a 23 year old system.

Rick said the system we are currently running is a combination of 90's technology and 2000's technology, the last upgrade was in 2004 and that was only a partial upgrade. This would be a complete replacement of telemetry controls which assist our wastewater operator to do his job. They also control and monitor the alarms that call out to our on call duty phones. This is an outdated system and we have the opportunity to upgrade so we should.

Mayor Coey said it keeps DEQ off of our back and keeps the people in Lowell happy.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we select TAG for the replacement of the Waste Water Treatment Plant direct logic controls for SBR 1 & 2. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), K. Gobelman (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin gave his report. He is very proud of his officers for the hard work they did on the homicide that took place over the holidays.

Officer Clevenger is at the Academy, on his pretest he was first in academics and third in the physical agility test. Code enforcement is busy with LRAPA stuff.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief will have his report on the 15th.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

Councilor Rowland said the Tree Planting meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, they always need new people to help.

Rick said the Parks and Community Services Committee and himself are working with the Tree Planting Festival and planting 65 trees out in the area known as OIP #3.

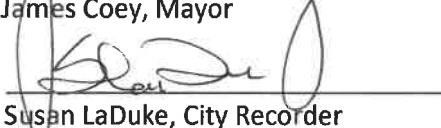
Louis said the Admin Committee met in early January, they are reviewing our maintenance ordinance. If you own a property or home you are supposed to keep your gutters up and paint the residence. They are reviewing the social gambling ordinance. The one area that is missing is Bingo, the State Lottery does regulate that.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 P.M.

Signed: _____


James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____


Susan LaDuke, City Recorder