



February 15, 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 (absent)

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, Community Services Coordinator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Rustie Ackland 48265 Commercial Street- She is here on behalf of the Chamber, she is the new Chamber President. They will have their general meeting on the 19th at the museum and they will be rebuilding their website and she wants to show all of the members before they go live, she is inviting all of you to attend their meeting to see it. They hold their meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 P.M. at the museum. The Side by Side Festival is scheduled for July 6-8, they are expecting to have as many riders, if not more, than last year. The first day of the Festival will also be the first concert in the park, it will be a busy weekend. She gave the councilors a flyer about the fireworks, they have decided they do not want to do this again, it is something that they really don't want to put their energy in to. The Casino trip is coming up, it will be on March 10th and the cost is \$20.00 to ride down there and back.

Kevin Martin 47713 Commercial Street – He is here for the school board, they have it down to two finalists for our new Superintendent. There will be a meet and greet at the high school auditorium on the 28th.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey said he attended the Cascade West Council of Governments meeting in Corvallis with Brenda Wilson as a member of the executive committee he was asked to go. What it is is Lane, Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties are coming together to form a regional economic development group. There was also talk about public safety as far as events such as the subduction earthquake.

Councilor Holston and the Mayor were invited by the Forest Service and a friend of theirs, Michelle Emmons, who will be opening a business downtown, to update the Oakridge/Westfir Trails Plan that was created in 2008. This is how to maintain what trails we want etc., it has been 10 years and it's time to revisit it and renew it. They began the process as a steering committee for that. In the next few months we will be seeing a new trails plan, maybe the latter part of the year.

We had a meet and greet on Tuesday, it was well attended. We are still compiling the data from the survey. We got a lot of good information and we will be discussing this topic this evening.

Mayor Coey got back today from Portland, he was at an Oregon Outdoor Symposium that was put on by the Governor, Travel Oregon and State Parks and a few others. As part of the Outdoor Initiative there was a new post created in the government on how we manage outdoor recreation.

Mayor Coey just received an invite to speak at the Oregon Bike Tourism Summit next month up in Portland. This is people from all over the State coming together to figure out a better way to market the outdoors.

Councilor Holston wanted to make sure that everyone knew that our Mayor received an award on Saturday at the Lane Council of Governments Appreciation Dinner. He received the award for Outstanding Elected Official of the Year for Lane County. Councilor Holston has the remarks that were made and she will turn them in for the record. This keeps Oakridge on the map and in the conversation and we thank the Mayor for doing a great job in keeping us in the mix, that brings us money and that brings us notoriety and hopefully it improves the economy.

Councilor McMillin asked if he could attend the Governor's Conference on Tourism?

Louis said if there is no objection with the council he does not see an issue.

Councilor Rowland asked when that is?

Louis said it is April 29th through May 1st.

There was no objection by the council for Councilor McMillin attending, they have it in the budget to cover this.

Councilor Rowland said last Friday herself, Louis and Planning Commissioner Jackie Taylor attended the Small Cities Meeting in Brownsville. They met with the new League of Oregon Cities Director, they were

able to talk with him quite a bit. The biggest thing they talked about with him is recording the breakout sessions and putting them on their websites so they can go back and look at them because there is so much information.

They haven't figured out where the next meeting is going to be, but she would like to do it here in May at Greenwaters Park. We need to figure out what we want to talk about.

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.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Louis said they have a bike event on May 19th, Louis and the Public Safety staff will meet with the promoter on Tuesday, it is called the Sasquatch Duro.

Louis said the City of Oakridge is a member of the Regional Fiber Consortium, back in 2001, 2002 he believes, when the middle of the highway was opened up to put in fiber optics. The Regional Fiber Consortium consists of just about every city in Lane County, Klamath Falls, Drain and Yoncalla. We have a number of leases as a fiber consortium with companies such as Level Three and they are the ones who actually put the fiber through and the issue at hand is, and it may end up a legal issue, Century Link just bought Level Three and most of us know how Century Link can be. The issue at hand is that they are trying to force the consortium to not renew the leases that we have. They are being very heavy handed. We are trying to work through with Century Link to not really tie our hands.

Mayor Coey said he heard Emerald is having issues getting some sight lines, two friends of his haven't been able to hook up because there are too many leaves.

Rick said that is true, they are starting off with the sight lines, when they get well established through town then they will go with a different frequency that will go through the leaves and trees and that will hopefully pick up everyone else.

Councilor Holston asked if the city has cleaned up the 900 band or 500 band so they are only using the smaller band?

Rick said apparently Public Works is sharing a similar bandwidth as Emerald and when they turned on our water system basically turned off, we had alarms going off everywhere and our guys were having to do

everything manually. The Automation Group, Emerald and our City Engineer Ed Hodges are all trying to find an answer.

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report

Susan presented the Financial Report to the Council. They all received copies of the reports in their boxes at City Hall previously.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved to approve the City Recorders Financial Report as presented. Councilor Forcum seconded the motion.

Councilor Holston said she has some questions about this and asked Susan if she could come in tomorrow and talk to her.

Susan said she could come in and talk to her.

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

6.3 Ordinance No. 927 An Ordinance authorizing the operation of Class IV All-Terrain Vehicles on Streets Located within the City of Oakridge, Oregon, But subject to the provision of ORS 921.200 (1), and providing A penalty for the violation thereof.

Chief Martin gave a quick background on this. The City Council asked them to look into a side by side ordinance. In 2016 they held the first side by side festival.

Mayor Coey said we would be the only city on the West side of the State that will allow this. This is something that they think will be beneficial to the Community and Economic Development. They can run on City streets and they can cross the Hwy, but not run on the Hwy. He has talked to the County about giving us access to some of their roads, but he hasn't heard back from them.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved to that we read Ordinance 927, an Ordinance authorizing the operation of class IV all-terrain vehicles on streets located within the City of Oakridge, Oregon, but subject to the provision of ORS 821.200 (1), and providing a penalty for the violation thereof by title only. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Councilor Holston asked if we have a decibel meter?

Chief Martin said we do have one that we have used for Concerts in the Park

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

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we adopt Ordinance No. 927 an Ordinance authorizing the operation of class IV all-terrain vehicles on streets located within the City of Oakridge, Oregon, but subject to the provision of ORS. 821.200 (1), and providing a penalty for the violation thereof in one meeting. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

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

6.4 Oakridge Community Survey 2017, Next Steps Discussion

Louis wanted to ask Mayor Coey about the Oakridge/Westfir Trails Plan, is this an individual commitment from him and Councilor Holston or is this a commitment from the City to where there is going to be staff time on this?

Mayor Coey said there will be an invitation going out to Rick because of the connection from the City trails to the Forest Service trails.

Louis asked Rick if he was ok with this.

Rick said he is ok with this.

Louis said Rick is getting very good at working with Survey Monkey and he is going to let him touch on some of the next steps on what he is looking to bring back to the council.

Rick said the analysis is going slow, he has gotten through question one, all three parts. Right now he is reading every one of them and categorizing the answers. Once he has the whole thing done he will bring it back to the council and we can try to redo our five year strategic plan.

Louis said we would give the council a timeline when Rick is feeling more comfortable with the progress.

Councilor Holston asked Louis if at their next Admin Meeting they can have Rick join them so they can talk about this?

Louis said yes he can.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Rick had an update that he wanted to share from Ed Hodges on Well #7, the analytical testing has been done and it all looks great.

They are now boring under Salmon Creek and they are going from North to south just down from the park. The drill is down right now due to maintenance issues, but they feel once they get those issues ironed out with the new drill head they should be across by next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Laskey Clifton will be starting on the retainer walls for our driveway access to our new tank on February 19th and we are hoping to have that completed in a couple of weeks unless the winter becomes really wet.

On March 5th we will start to bore underneath the railroad tracks at Rogers Lane.

We did receive the Small Cities Allotment Grant for \$50,000 which will help in repaving Berry Street, this should cover about a third to a quarter of the cost.

Louis said we are hoping to do this in July or August.

Mayor Coey asked about the wood smoke inspections.

Rick said they have about 11 left to do, they are the ones holding out. Rick wants to talk to each person in person, not through the mail, there are still a lot of old theories that we are going to steal their woodstoves so he'd rather talk in person.

We will put an article in the paper explaining this. We did give out an information packet, but the ones who got it have been inspected.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin gave his report.

The Officer in the Academy is at the top of his class and doing well.

Councilor Holston said at the Meet and Greet someone said to her that it would be nice to have 24/7 police coverage, she thought we already did have that.

Chief Martin said when the Officer gets back from the Academy we should be able to have 24/7 coverage again.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Martin gave the report for Chief Hansen.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

Meeting adjourned 7:53 P.M.

Signed: _____

James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____

Susan LaDuke, City Recorder