



February 26, 2018
City Council Regular Session
City Hall Courtroom
48318 E 1st 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 (absent)
Rick Zylstra, Community Services Coordinator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments

Councilor Rowland asked Mayor Coey what day he will be speaking?

Mayor Coey said he will get there on the 6th and he will be sitting in on it on the 7th. There will be more sessions on Thursday and he flies out that evening.

Louis asked if everyone was ok with receiving Councilor Carl's comments.

Councilor Holston asked if there was a draft agenda anywhere that Larry Brockman attached to his email?

Mayor Coey said there was an itinerary for the three days.

Councilor Forcum said he pulled his up on line.

Rick made more copies for the councilors.

Councilor Holston said she wants to register that she is not at all pleased that we are accepting written comment from Gary Carl because we can't discuss his opinions with him.

Louis said that is fine, it is something we have done in the past, we have given them out before so it's not uncommon.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

None

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report- No report

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report –No report

6.3 Request Approval of funds for Mayor to attend EPA Workshop and the Hearth Patio and Barbecue Association in Nashville Tennessee

Louis said he doesn't have to say a lot, it's all in his report. There is some indirect benefit to the city and yes the program that the Mayor and the rest of the staff and city have spear headed is a good program so he is not disputing that. However, the folks that do get a benefit from this are the attendees and he still stands by his staff report that he does not see any direct benefit to the city, even if it's \$100 or \$50, other people's money has been put into this and he is glad for that and that is where he has stood from the beginning was to try and use other agencies dollars and not ours. Ultimately it is the decision of the council.

Mayor Coey said let's talk about some of these facts, first of all Louis mentioned in there that there is personal gain for the Mayor, there is no personal gain for him.

Louis said no, he said there could be a perception.

Mayor Coey said Louis sent him an email telling him there would be more benefit to him than there would be to anyone else. He will have to lose three days of work to attend this. As far as attending the home show, that is a complete fallacy as well. He is very upset about this because the conversation they had on Friday the 16th in Louis office, he was very adamant that this would be beneficial to the city, he did mention that someone else should pay for it, but, that doesn't mean we have to get that money up front. We do have money in the budget to pay for something like this, plus you have a discretionary fund that you don't have to get council approval to do something like this. Those are all correct.

Louis said somewhat.

Mayor Coey said no, those are all correct based on the conversation you and I had in your office. You said do you want to send a letter or do you want me to send a letter.

Mayor Coey said it would be better to come from Louis and on Tuesday when it hadn't been sent he went ahead and sent it because it was time sensitive and to get the appropriate flight. He lost that flight and had to pay another \$60. Whether anybody likes the EPA or LRAPA doesn't matter, they don't like any of this that we are doing, but we've done it because it is the right thing to do. We, the leadership of this community had to take the steps to put this plan in play because we had to. It doesn't matter if anyone supports LRAPA or the EPA, it doesn't matter, we don't like it and he doesn't like it. The leadership of this community have taken a stand to make this problem go away and we have.

Louis said can he respond to his comments?

Mayor Coey said let (me) finish. Meals, \$50 a day, it won't ever be that much, it will probably be more like \$30 a day. As far as mileage there won't be any mileage because he won't be renting a car, he will have taxi service from the hotel to the airport, he thinks is about \$25 so there is \$100 in taxi fees plus tips. So, there would only be about \$100 to \$200 in incidental costs and you still have \$50 left over from LRAPA. He is very upset that the interpretation of our conversation from Friday to Tuesday completely changed and he wants to know why.

Louis said he believes he is inaccurate on some of the things that he has said. Your word nor my word, they are even. He has no reason to lie, he did say that there would be some benefit, but he did say it needed to be other people's money, he never said we should use our money and he does not recall saying he would contact the council which could constitute an illegal meeting, why would he do that?

Mayor Coey said he has done that before, you asked the council information and they sent it to you. He sent an email that Louis hadn't sent, because he expected it to be sent that we were going to get a response to you from the individuals.

Louis said he doesn't remember all of that, bottom line is now, we are asking the council if they want to approve dollars. He didn't hear it exactly how you are saying it, he doesn't recall saying it that way. We are going to have to beg to differ here.

Mayor Coey said again, this isn't a home improvement show.

Councilor Gobelman said there are going to be times when members of this council are going to be on city business for events happening that are of interest to us on a personal and professional level. Whether we attend those or not is not to be substantiated here. What the Mayor has been asked to do is speak at a workshop that is held in the same building as a home show. This expo is not relevant to this discussion.

Mayor Coey said plus we are going to need woodstoves, this gives him an opportunity to find some wood stove manufacturers. Do we have a count yet on how many stoves we will need?

Rick said we don't.

Mayor Coey said based on the count we did two years ago it was 25 stoves. Trying to find a vendor in person, he thinks would be extremely beneficial to this program.

Louis said that he thinks he should take a handful of Rick's card with him so that the vendors have a point of contact since he is your staff lead.

Councilor McMillin asked how much money is in the budget that is intended for these types of workshops?

Louis said for this work shop directly there isn't any, however, you do have your travel and training line, it's there. The only issue he had was, is there enough benefit, but that is up to you all.

Councilor Gobelman said the only comment he has on that is does this bring us into a more national stage with the programs we have initiated here and added visibility here to a wider audience, Lane County may provide us with more contacts to do us some good. Maybe some of the people doing manufacturing this equipment will be interested in setting up shop here, who knows. He would say that we have found funding from another source, we have found funding from the EPA, the question is do we want to spend money to make up the difference?

Mayor Coey said it would be approximately \$200.

Councilor Gobelman said you have done the due diligence and solicited money from an outside source, the EPA is paying for the hotel room, we might have some small incidentals that are remaining and he thinks we should allocate the city funds to make the difference from whatever funds we have whether it's training funds or what.

Mayor Coey said or the wood smoke fund.

Councilor Rowland asked if they have any of these meetings on the west coast?

Mayor Coey said according to Larry this is a national show and they incorporate the work shop around the show.

Councilor Rowland said it would cost a heck of lot of money to ship a wood stove from the east coast.

Mayor Coey said it is a national show.

Councilor Rowland asked who is paying for the wood stoves?

Mayor Coey said the funding we are trying to get, once we get the DEQ funding, which should be imminent in the next three weeks, we applied for a \$75,000 grant from the DEQ to pay for a project coordinator that will go out and start soliciting these funds, some grants have already been sent in.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that the city expend any necessary funds for the Mayor's travel to the EPA Work shop at the Hearth, Patio and Barbeque Association Expo in Nashville, Tennessee as per his invitation from the EPA. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Councilor Holston said she thinks it's important that we recognize the progress we as a community have made in our wood smoke issues. Because of the notoriety or the publicity or just being in the spot light that we have received from the Mayor reaching out to County, State, Government and Federal agencies. We can assume that we will see a benefit again from reaching out into a national stage, especially since it is something we have been invited to speak at, because we have accomplished so much as a community to make this work so well together to make this wood stove and air quality mitigation out in front of everybody's attention.

Councilor Rowland asked what the amount Mayor Coey is asking for?

Mayor Coey said if you want to put a dollar amount on it he would say around \$200-\$250.

Louis said he likes the idea of having a cap.

Amended Motion: Councilor Holston moved the that the city expend city funds up to \$250 for the Mayors travel to the EPA Work Shop at the Hearth, Patio and Barbeque Association Expo in Nashville, Tennessee as per his invitation from the EPA. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Councilor Rowland asked where the money would be taken out of?

Louis said it would be taken out of Council Travel and Training.

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

Louis said the practice we have been doing in the past to where you would all respond to him one at a time by email, he was advised by our attorney that we can't even do that. All of this has brought out new learning opportunities, because it is still considered a meeting because even though it is individually, a decision is still being made, unless it is an administrative item and he is making the decision we are good. Otherwise it will have to be special meetings and those kinds of things in the future.

Councilor Holston asked if she can still send the councilors information that she has found?

Louis said as long as no decision is being made and it is information only.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

None

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES


None

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

None

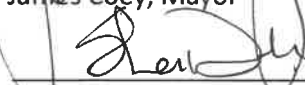
Meeting adjourned 7:30 P.M.

Signed:



James Coey, Mayor

Signed:



Susan LaDuke, City Recorder