



December 6, 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: Judy Rowland, Mayor
Gary Carl, Council President
Josh McMillin via telephone
Paul Forcum
Kathy Holston
Kevin Gobelman

Staff Present: Phil Messina, Interim City Administrator
Mike Hansen, Fire Chief
Jackie Taylor, Assistant City Recorder/Assistant Planner
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder
Kevin Martin, Police Chief
Rick Zylstra, Community Services Coordinator

Mayor Rowland asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Councilor Affa.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephan Ball 76482 Cedar Street- Today he accompanied some of the newly elected councilors to the LOC training in Waldport. As a member of the media he will be reporting on this.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Rowland wanted to say that she is really sorry to hear about the passing of Councilor Affa.

Councilor Holston offered her condolences to Kandace Affa and the family of Councilor Affa. She will be attending the LOC training in January.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Councilor Holston asked if it was ok if the council starts talking about how to fill her vacant seat that will be open in January.

Mayor Rowland said we will do that in January when the seat is vacant. She introduced our Interim City Administrator Phil Messina. He will do a brief introduction when he does the CA report.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Gobelman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Mayor Rowland (aye), K. Gobelman (aye), G. Carl (aye), K. Holston (aye), J. McMillin (aye), P. Forcum (aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report-

Phil thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to come to Oakridge to lend a hand for a while. He has about 30 years' experience working in small towns between Washington and Oregon. He spent 10 years as City Manager in Central Point. He moved back to Washington to help his sister with their aging parents. He is trying to get up to speed on what is going on in town, there are a lot of pretty exciting projects that are coming along. He only plans on being here for about six months or until we get our next City Administrator. Most of his time is spent listening and that is what he has done for the most part this week. He invited anyone to come into the office and talk to him.

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report- No report

6.3 Ordinance 929, An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 845, an Ordinance establishing the Oakridge Economic Development Advisory Committee and Prescribing its powers and duties and repealing Ordinance 819.

Phil read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we repeal Ordinance 845 an Ordinance establishing the OEDAC and prescribing its powers and duties. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl asked if anyone else feels that this is so important that it can't wait three weeks for our new council to do. He would strongly encourage us to table this until they are here.

Mayor Rowland said these councilors have been working on getting this done and they'd like to see it through.

Councilor Gobelman said we are really not changing the OEDAC, but we are changing more the way it operates and how many members we have. His recommendation is that we vote.

Councilor Holston said the OEDAC Committee has been working on this four months and they have been working diligently and the committee has put a lot of time in looking at the wording sentence by sentence. It wasn't done in haste.

J. McMillin (aye), Mayor Rowland (aye), G. Carl (nay), K. Gobelman (aye), K. Holston (aye), P. Forcum (aye).
Motion carried 5-1

6.4 Resolution 11-2018 A Resolution creating the Oakridge Economic Advisory Committee

Phil read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we adopt Resolution 11-2018 a Resolution creating the Oakridge Economic Development Advisory Committee. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl said again, unless there is some overriding reason why this must be done tonight he would like to table this.

Councilor Gobelman said he recommends that we vote.

Councilor Holston said this is a process that we have been doing for a while and it allows OEDAC to continue in its function that as we move through chair people or members we have a consistent understanding of what this committee is for. She is more than happy to ask this council to vote on this.

Joy Kingsbury said it says that the meetings will not be open to the public, does that include the press?

Phil said part of the problem is the commission is often dealing with people who want to locate here with some form of business or industry in town and generally speaking they really want that information kept confidential for various reasons.

Councilor Gobelman said we are dealing with marketable information here, so that any premature public disclosure of businesses coming in here could have a great effect on what they are going to be paying. This is inside information.

G. Carl (nay), Mayor Rowland (aye), K. Holston (aye), J. McMillin (aye), P. Forcum (aye), K. Gobelman (aye).
Motion carried 5-1

6.5 Discussion of Planning Commission Section 32 of the City Code of Ordinances

Rick read the issue and Chapter 32 of the City Code of Ordinances.

Rick provided the samplings of his research for ten cities that are similar to Oakridge.

Councilor Holston thanked Rick for putting this together, the first and foremost point was that there was no limits in being in Oakridge or Lane County so technically anybody could apply for the Planning Commission. She asked about the City of Westfir sitting on our Planning Commission.

Mayor Rowland asked Rick if the City of Westfir has their own Planning Commission?

Rick said Westfir's City Council functions as their Planning Commission.

6.6 City Attorney selection Committee Recommendations

Phil read the issue.

Phil said the members of the Evaluation Committee were Mayor Rowland, Councilor Gary Carl, Councilor Kevin Gobelman and him self. Mayor Rowland, Councilor Gobelman and him self recommend that the City Council invite representatives from two firms, Leahy Cox and The Local Government Law Group to make presentations to the City Council. Leahy Cox until recently was the firm for the City of Springfield and the Local Government Law Group are the city's current law firm. If the Council so desires we can ask them to come probably on the January 17, 2019 meeting and let the new council select the new firm.

Councilor Holston said she is glad it got boiled down to two firms, she is confused as to why we would rehire the one we already have, but she understands that there are multiple attorneys in those firms.

Mayor Rowland said they did contact Ross and he is willing to step away from Oakridge and he said yes.

Councilor Holston said if we make this motion to bring these people here, does that tie the council's hands in any way?

Phil said no, what he would envision is the council would listen to the two firms, if you didn't like either one of them you could ask the staff to do this again or you could ask them to negotiate a contract.

Councilor Holsten said that makes sense.

Councilor Carl said he was on the selection committee and he disagrees with everyone else, he would just like to tell you all, why he disagrees with everybody else. At the last meeting James Affa made a motion to terminate Ross Williamson's firm and hire and interim attorney. That was short circuited by Louis who said we have RFP's in hand and we can hire a new attorney, not consider our old attorney, a new attorney. James withdrew his motion to terminate Ross Williamson and go with the RFP's of the new attorneys, never suspecting that one of the attorneys was Ross Williamson, and we could have voted at that meeting to terminate Ross Williamson but we didn't do that because of what our City Administrator told us.

Mayor Rowland said you (Councilor Carl) tried to terminate Ross at the meeting before that and it didn't work, it was voted 4-3 not to.

Councilor Carl said whether it would've worked or wouldn't have worked we'll never know because it never came to a vote when James did it.

Councilor Carl said he talked to James and said you know the last time we tried this it didn't work and James said tonight I think it will and what he needed was four votes. He doesn't know if he talked to Paul

Forcum, he didn't talk to me, but he knew how he would vote, and he didn't talk to Kathy Nichols, but he knew how she would vote and he knew how he would vote so he was hoping for a fourth. He withdrew his motion based on the assumption that the Williamson firm was gone. He respects that the committee went through a selection process and they added up the points and they had this and they had that, but you cast aside Luvaas Cobb who is probably the best law firm in the county. Thorp, Purdy, who he also favored, has a senior member of their firm who has property here and one of them shouldn't even be in the running, and we are inviting them to come talk us? Big mistake, we should go to them to see what their office is like, see what their library is like, see what their staff is like. We should go to them, the whole council doesn't need to go, three or four of the new council should go.

Councilor Gobelman asked Councilor Carl if he scored the firms based on the RFP requirements?

Councilor Carl said no he didn't. He scored them based on what he knew of them.

Councilor Holston said while she appreciates the argument that is going on, because it makes us think of other things that we didn't consider. We have an obligation to move forward, we have asked for an RFP and firms have made the effort to respond to our RFP and that is not something that we should take lightly. We should move forward with this, and go ahead and invite the firms to come to us, she wants them to come to her, and she is the customer. It may be at that time that we decide to fold it all in and start over, that is an option that the council has.

Motion: Councilor Gobelman moved that we invite representatives from Leahy Cox and Local Government Law Group to attend the January 17, 2019 City Council Meeting to give presentations on their ability to provide legal services to the City. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl recognized Mr. Hadley who will be on the council next month.

Donald Hadley spent all day today at the LOC meeting, so many things have been done wrong in this council and after reviewing this all day why is there a big rush to do this right now? Why can't you just table this and let us as councilors do what you haven't done and that is run this city properly.

J. McMillin (aye), K. Holston (aye), K. Gobelman (aye), G. Carl (nay), Mayor Rowland (aye), P. Forcum (nay).
Motion passed 4-2

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Monthly Well Report

Rick gave the monthly well report. Public works have been monitoring the wells and the entry points in the drinking water system.

7.2 Fee Waiver request for Bus Fair at Greenwaters Park for June 8th 2019

Rick read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we approve Mr. Butterfield's fee waiver request for the Bus Fair on June 7, 8 and 9th 2019. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Mayor Rowland said she talked to Brock and he is willing to come down to \$1,000 and he is willing to make this a two day event having a half a day on the 7th and half a day on the 9th.

Councilor Carl asked if this precludes Mr. Butterfield for asking for additional RTMP or TRT funds, can he get additional assistance?

Susie said he can apply for RTMP funds.

Councilor Holston said this is an event that will be something new for Oakridge, this will be well advertised. Mr. Butterfield has a wide audience, so the draw will be huge. The economic impact to Oakridge will be significant and he has some good plans on involving the businesses.

Mr. Butterfield said he came to Oakridge because he was traveling in his converted school bus. He had a request by his followers on line to put on an event like this and he wants to do it here, in our town. He will be reaching out to businesses in town to get them involved.

G. Carl (aye), K. Holston (aye), J. McMillin (aye), Mayor Rowland (aye), K. Gobelman (aye), P. Forcum (aye).
Motion carried 6-0

8.0 POLICE SERVICES-

Chief Martin gave his report.

8.1 Surplus Items

Chief Martin read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that the Oakridge Police Department surplus the items on the attached list. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Chief Martin said the firearms will be traded, so they will use that for new equipment and usually with the vehicles they put the money back into vehicle maintenance.

Councilor Holston said so all of that money will be put back into the police department.

Chief Martin said yes, it will go into the police department.

Amended Motion: Councilor Holston moved that the Oakridge Police Department surplus the items on the attached list with the firearms to be traded with approved dealers and the other be put back in miscellaneous police fund. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

K. Gobelman (aye), G. Carl (aye), P. Forcum (aye), J. McMillin (aye), K. Holston (aye), Mayor Rowland (aye).
Motion carried 6-0


9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Hansen gave his report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES- None

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 P.M.

Signed: 
Kathy Holston, Mayor

Signed: 
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder