



April 19, 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
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

The 2018 Tree Planting Princesses gave their speeches.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Loren Hogue 48319 E 1st Street – He is here to comment on the new well, the new well did test the first time at 6.5 PPB and a second test was done and it tested at 4.9 PPB. One thing about tests is that they are only good for that day, that time and that place. This can be considered a cross connection if put into the water system. The state says you will provide protection for the water from exotic materials by placing double check valves or RP (reduce pressure) devices. Each person should learn about this, tetrachloroethene, just read about it, the more information you have the better equipped you will be for what could happen.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey said he has had a lot of meetings since our last meeting. He was at an LCOG executive committee meeting concerning budget season. He attended Lane Act about transportation, as far as that goes the ODOT money they got from the legislature last year is still filtering out. The projects are not even done yet and they are trying to hire people to cover the projects they got the money for. Mayor Coey and Rick went to an Oregon Solutions meeting.

Mayor Coey went to Lakeview Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for Travel Oregon, on their dime, doing an outback studio. He also met one of the County Commissioners and they want him to come and teach them about PM 2.5 and on their dime.

Mayor Coey will not be attending the next city council meeting, Councilor Carl will be officiating that meeting.

Councilor Rowland said she is on the Library Board and they will be putting on a tea party on May 20th at 2:00 at Greenwaters Park for kids ages 4-10 (recommended). They will have sandwiches and pastries and each child will get to take home a tea cup and saucer. This is open to boys and girls, they have 40 places open this year. The volunteers are all going to dress in Alice in Wonderland costumes. You need to register through the library.

Councilor Forcum said Tree Planting Weekend will be on May 4th, 5th and 6th. He announced the dates and times of the events for the weekend.

Councilor Holston asked Mr. Hogue if he was going to stay around for the Engineers presentation if they have any questions about what you said.

Mr. Hogue said he will be here.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Coey said we have a presentation from the Justice Court, we will put that at 6.3 and the RTMP will be 6.4

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Holston moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections. Councilor Forcum seconded the motion.

**One of the corrections that Councilor Holston recommended was reviewed by Jackie and Leah and it was found that the minutes were correct, Ms. Kinyon did say "contract" not "evaluation", so the change was not made.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report- No report

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report

Susan gave the financial report.

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

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

Mayor Coey read the declaration for Child Abuse Prevention Month

6.3 Presentation from Greater Lane County Mediation Services

Graduate students with the University of Oregon School of Law and current interns for the Lane County Justice Court were here to present their mediation program that they are working on. They are working with Judge Rick Brissenden to design a mobile mediation program.

They are currently interviewing residents and surveying the incorporated cities in Lane County to prepare residents and community leaders for the piloting of this mobile mediation program.

6.4 RTMP Allocation Recommendations

Susan said the RTMP Program rules are set by Lane County, so we have to have a program in place that ensures that the funds are allocated in line with the standards of Lane County. A number of years ago we developed a program, to fine tune the program so that we could move it forward so that it was fair and equitable, so there was no bias because a lot of residents felt in the past it had been biased. This year they had eight groups apply for this program. The Snowflakes did apply, but they pulled their application and they will be funded through the TRT Program.

Willamette SxS Festival	\$2,000
Sugar Plum Festival	\$596
Keg & Cask	\$2,901
The Dam Marathon	\$2,901
Visitors Guide (chamber)	\$2,901
Tree Planting Festival	\$2,901
Concerts in the Park	\$2,901
Total	\$17,101

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved to approve the distribution of RTMP funds as recommended by the RTMP Committee. Councilor Forcum seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl asked if there was any consideration or distinction made between the applicants, for example, the Keg & Cask Festival operates to the benefit of four different entities, the Dam Marathon, who do they benefit?

Susan said it could benefit the whole community by bringing so many people to town. Susie explained that all applicants must meet at least one criteria in order to receive funds. They have tried to treat all applicants the same so there is no bias because that was seen in the past. Susie explained how they come up with the numbers.

Councilor Carl said so there is no attempt to assign merit to the applicant, they are all the same?

Susan said yes, they want to be able to tell the public they did this without personal bias.

Mayor Coey said for instance the marathon, this will be their last year of funding because they are a for profit company, if they decide to be a nonprofit they could apply again. Mayor Coey said he has been doing this for years and this is the fairest way to split this money.

Councilor Carl said he disagrees with the methodology, he thinks that there may be, in the future, events that you want to give funding to greater than other applicants, because if there is no distinctions made they are all considered to be the same for the purposes of appearing neutral or fair. What if you have an applicant that is going to provide a far greater benefit in terms of tourism than another applicant who also meets the qualifications, do you understand what I'm saying?

Susan said she does, however with our strategic plan and some of the comments from our community, not everyone sees tourism as the best thing. Some people see health care as a better thing or sporting events are a better thing. It is subjective to what you feel is important.

Councilor Carl said this is tourism dollars being divided up to support tourism, it doesn't have anything to do with whether you think tourism is a good idea or not.

Susan said the money comes directly from hotels, some of the largest generators for hotels at this time are the logging crews and helicopter pilots staying in town and the railroad crews, they generate overnight stays. This money is directly from overnight stays. The criteria that the county says is this money should only go to groups that are promoting something that brings people to our town. If you are a runner you would say the marathon should get more, if you are a crafter you would say the sugar plum festival should get more because that is something you are interested in, if you are a bicyclist then you would say that the mountain biking should get more credence. The reason we are doing it this way is because the community was in an uproar that this money was being directed directly toward narrow little pursuits that only some people were interested in, this ensures that the money is going out to promote events within our community that everyone might enjoy.

Councilor Carl said it is not supposed to be events that everybody might enjoy, the name of the program is the Rural Tourism Marketing Program (RTMP) for tourism marketing.

Mayor Coey said if you want to see a different focus on this then you should come up with a plan and present it to council on what you think is a better idea moving forward. Being in this group for over six

years this is the fairest way to distribute this money. These all bring people to town and generate room stays.

Councilor Carl said he understands the attempt at fairness or the desire to reach fairness and not be discriminatory, but he is just thinking in the future that there may be situations where you want to be discriminatory and the way it's set up there is no room for that.

Mayor Coey said this goes back to the application that the county establishes to make this non-discriminatory, they have a form that anybody who applies for this money fills out and if they answer one of nine questions then they qualify.

Councilor Carl said then what you are doing is you're saying this is the fairest, easiest way to allocate this and we don't have to think about it, we can just divide it between the numbers of applicants.

Mayor Coey said then he suggests if you want to do this, then the council becomes the RTMP Committee and you sit in a work session and you hash this out because what you are asking now is that volunteers show up and do this and bring you a recommendation.

Councilor Holston asked if there is a cap on how many years a non-profit can ask for this money?

Susan said no. She wanted to comment on what Councilor Carl was saying, in the past this money was awarded to an event, to a person who said the event was going to bring 600-700 people to town, it was awarded to Randy Dreiling over and over again. We now sit as a city with a small claims against him because when we stopped giving him money he never paid us. This money was going to one event, the same person over and over and all the others weren't getting a slice of the pie, even with that, they were still going on.

Louis said to Councilor Carl's thoughts and concerns one thing we need to remember is that during the budget process we always set aside \$5,000-\$10,000 of TRT dollars for other events or projects that the city may want to fund. So, that option is there.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Engineer of Record Water Project update

The City Engineer, Edward Hodges, handed out his update for the 2017 Water Systems Improvement. He is here tonight to discuss the progress on our ongoing water project. For those of you who are not aware of the scope of the project he will give a brief summary. The project is approximately 2.7 million dollars of work, it consists of a new Well and Well House, they are doing a boring under Salmon Creek, there is a new Pump House in the industrial park and there is a New Million Gallon Storage Tank. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask him.

There are really no updates on the Reservoir and Transmission Main Projects and the Railroad Bore, they have been held off because of weather.

The new well was drilled on the north side of Salmon Creek, it was completed in February. The well itself in capacity was a bit of a disappointment to him, he had hoped to give us a well that would have had the capacity to pump 600-700 gallons per minute. At the end of the day the well has the capacity of about 300 gallons a minute. It is still a good well, but it is not in the area he was hoping to provide for the city.

Mayor Coey asked if Well #4 is in need of repair?

Mr. Hodges said no #4 is in pretty good shape. Well #2 is your big producer well and will be the next one that needs work.

Mayor Coey asked if we can take the \$54,000 change order and put it into well #2?

Mr. Hodges said what he has discussed with Louis and Robeart is taking the savings from reducing the scope of this well since it doesn't produce as much and looking at what is the biggest priority of the well field. We could also put in a new generator at well #6 because that well currently has no emergency power at this time.

Mayor Coey said he remembers several years ago when all of this began in conversation that when we began the conversation with the quarry about relocating the location of the reservoir which was farther up the hill, there was going to be a substantial savings in doing that because the piping was going to be going less distance. We were talking about a \$300,000 savings and because we had to go up the hill the road construction has eaten up that money?

Mr. Hodges said also back then and up until the Old Hazeldell Quarry submitted their permits, our road was just going to be the existing logging road that starts at the old dump site. It would have been a very small amount of money to just throw some rock on that. That changed due to the requirements of the people who own the Old Hazeldell Quarry, the other thing that came in to play is the cost of that bore underneath the railroad. That pretty much took away the cost savings.

Mr. Hodges said when you construct a municipal well you are required by law to do extensive testing for the well. We did this water quality testing at the end of February, when we got it back right away he was pretty unhappy that there was this industrial solvent, tetrachloroethylene. He agrees with what Mr. Hogue said about this, it is not something you want in your water. This compound has shown up twice at very low levels, but it was always there. He immediately retested the well and the results came back at 4.9 PPB, the original test was 6.5 PPB. The US EPA has done toxicology studies on a number of these compounds, they have established concentrations that are considered the safe level. If you are below this concentration, then it is safe to consume this drinking water for your entire lives without incurring more disease. Is that correct or not, he's not going to say, but that is the mindset that he typically uses when he's looking at these situations. What he would say to you now is we've had two sample points, it definitely seems to indicate that it's there. The question is, what would you like to do, he has some recommendations.

Councilor Carl asked if this is a substance that occurs naturally.

Mr. Hodges said no, it is from pollution.

Councilor Carl asked if there was any way to know where it is coming from, did it come from the mill years ago?

Donald Hadley asked if it is coming from the industrial park, years ago he tried to get that tested.

Mr. Hodges said tetrachloroethene has a number of uses, it is widely used in the commercial industry. The one though that comes to mind is a degreaser used on heavy equipment.

Councilor Holston said her concern is in forty years this has shown up in trace amounts twice and so we have a well that has it in there all the time and your suggestion at this point is dilution? You are saying we just need to test this more. She was told that our water is tested monthly, is it tested for this monthly?

Mr. Hodges said no. There are a number of other things we can do and the one the state approves and is the most common is to blend or dilute it. Theoretically the water is safe.

Councilor Carl asked if there was a way, economical or not, to filter that water out?

Mr. Hodges said there is a substance, a carbon, and that is charcoal. It might cost another \$50,000, but he hasn't crunched the numbers. You don't even need to put it into the drinking water system, you can just run the well and have a testing program and get a better idea of what the concentration of the contaminants are. The one thing that has given him a certain feeling of security about your drinking water is these compounds are very mobile, they move around, so if there is more of it and it wants to go somewhere, and if there was a problem and it was coming your way let me tell you, you would have it now. Instead of seeing two samplings in forty years that were at the very minimum, it would be coming into your wells. He said it doesn't seem to be coming into your well fields.

Councilor Rowland asked what the amount would be with treatment?

Mr. Hodges said it would be zero, this type of compound binds to carbon very well.

Councilor Carl said so this is a very minimal amount and it can be filtered out with charcoal and then it would be zero. At what level would you say is just too much?

Mr. Hodges said he'd be concerned if it was 30 PPB, you could probably go as far as 40 or 50 PPB.

Councilor Gobelman asked if this is a heavier than water compound?

Mr. Hodges said yes it is.

Mayor Coey said it sounds like the consensus of the council is to find out what the cost of the filtration system is going to be.

Mr. Hodges apologized for not having that number right now.

Louis said what you guys are asking the engineer to do is going to take his time and Louis' time to figure out the dollars and additional costs. He would like a motion from the council so they can bring something back that is solid.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved to ask the City Administrator to work with our City Engineer to determine the cost of the filtration system options and any other appropriate steps we should consider. Councilor Gobelman seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Coey asked Mr. Hodges if he had anything extremely pertinent right now or should we continue this after we find out what that cost is and have you have come back down and finish your report?

Mr. Hodges said he does have one change order. The Salmon Creek bore has been going on since February and it's been kind of heavy sliding. The contractor is making it all the way across the river and then something will break and they have to pull the whole 300 or 400 ft of drilling rod out of the ground and then go back and try it again. We just had a meeting yesterday and he said this has been going on for a while now. Mr. Hodges asked them what they are going to do about this? So, now they have two drilling rigs on either side of the river and they are drilling and they will meet in the middle.

The industrial park pump station is being constructed and there are really no issues with that.

The reservoir access road in general has gone very well, he wasn't that worried about the landfill. The only issue that has arisen is having to go up the side hill 20%, in the side hill as they dug into the foundation to start building the walls they hit two springs, there is a lot of water coming off of that hill. These were buried springs and there is a lot of water coming out. What needs to be done is they need to be over excavated and then put down 3" rock and a drain system, nothing fancy and then fill it back in. That will cost \$17,000, he would request that the council approve that change order.

Mayor Coey said on the back page of the report it says "amount monthly per user water rate to fund overage at 1 percent for 30 years" and that is .59 cents. Are you talking a rate increase?

Mr. Hodges said yes, you will have to increase your rates, if you had to pay that full amount right now at one year 30% that we are over from our original loan and grant package it will cost the users of this city approximately .59 cents a month.

Louis said we set aside .43 cents and we did not utilize the full increase, it is in your budget, we set aside .43 cents per household.

Mayor Coey said he thought we put a dollar in knowing that .43 cents was going to go to this and it left some extra just in case.

Louis said he does know we set aside approximately .43 cents per household and that was that five thousand and some odd dollars that is in your budget. That should cover part of that.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we approve a change order for road improvements in the amount of \$17,000 for the reservoir access road drainage issues. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Westfir Police Services IGA

Chief Martin said the issue at hand is the City of Westfir wishes to continue their Inter-Governmental Agreement for Police Services with a 10% increase from last year's contract. We have been doing this since 2002-2003, over fifteen years.

Louis said one of things he will commend the Chiefs on is that we do have the cities making the increases at 10% and that gets us a lot closer to where we need to be.

Mayor Coey asked if we are at least breaking even?

Chief Martin said in Westfir I do not believe so, in Lowell we are.

Motion: Councilor McMillin moved to authorize the City of Oakridge to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Westfir for Law Enforcement Services. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Councilor Holston asked why do we continue to not break even, I get that 10% is getting us closer, but what is this idea of just getting us closer, why are we using money to give out a service out that we could charge more for?

Louis said one of the things that Westfir did for us initially is we were able to get a cops grant with Westfirs help and they helped us for about four years.

Councilor Holston asked how long ago was that?

Louis said that was about nine years ago.

Councilor Holston said so we paid our dues.

Louis said they helped us get from four officers to six and then 2011 is when we went backwards again.

Councilor Holston said we are going in the hole by providing that service.

Chief Martin said the Westfir contract we provide 20 hours of routine patrol and respond to emergency calls each month. Lowell we just provide 40 hours a month patrol and if we go over they pay us.

Chief Martin said they wouldn't have law enforcement if we didn't do this and that is also going to affect our Oakridge lifestyle. There is crime that is tied together all the time.

Mayor Coey asked how much of an increase would you need to break even?

Chief Martin said he would have to go back and calculate that all out.

Mayor Coey asked when we have to approve this.

Chief Martin said they weren't happy with the services we were giving them, so they went to the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff's department said they'd give them the same services that we give them for a hundred and some thousand. Current services for one deputy right now is \$198,000 for a year. So do we charge them that amount?

Councilor Holston said no, she is just asking. The City Administrator stated that the 10% increases are helping us get to that point, what she is asking is where is that point?

Chief Martin said it is right at about \$90,000 and that will take a long time.

Councilor Gobelman asked if their level of crime is higher per capita?

Chief Martin said he'd say that goes in spurts, some of the people that commit crime live there for a while then they come to Oakridge, it's a vicious cycle.

James Affa said it might be time to consider going to Westfir and saying they should become part of Oakridge. We'd get a nice tax base and they'd get the services.

Mayor Coey said he has a lot people from Westfir ask him that question all the time and he said that is up to them. They'd have a better or more consistent water system and their taxes will go down and they would get more services and we would get more tax base.

Councilor Holston asked if it was possible for us, in approving this, we also direct Louis to open that line with a gentle letter saying we are approving this, but we are losing money on this, perhaps it's time to start doing an annexation.

Louis said he would recommend to vote, he does not know that he would go with a letter about annexation. In our contract it states that we have two members from our city and two members from their city, we should start by having a meeting with their two folks about our concerns with the public safety piece and then we may end up with the letter you are talking about.

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

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

9.1 Westfir Fire Services IGA

Chief Hansen said theirs went up 10% as well, we are doing ok and breaking even.

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved to authorize the City of Oakridge to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Westfir for fire protection services. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

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

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

Mayor Coey wanted to report on the side by sides, they were down here Tuesday afternoon, John Omlin was here. It sounds like they are going to go with the pilot program for one year. Some of the concerns were with liabilities and things like that. It sounds like the idea of Class three vehicles is not going to happen.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 P.M.

Signed: _____
James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder