

June 21, 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

Gary Carl, Council President

Josh McMillin Paul Forcum

Kathy Holston (absent)

Kevin Gobelman

Staff Present:

Louis Gomez, City Administrator

Mike Hansen, Fire Chief

Jackie Taylor, Asst City Rec/Asst Planner Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder

Kevin Martin, Police Chief

Rick Zylstra, Community Services Coordinator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

James Affa 76340 Garden Road- We need to follow Roberts Rules of Order and proper procedure.

Don Hadley 47696 Beaver Street- He recommends that we do not pass the budget until the budget committee reconvenes. He has done a little bit of research. Mr. Hadley handed out a statement.

Don Reesman 47738 Fairy Glen- He is asking if there is some kind of motion that you follow in electing an interim Mayor.

Melissa Bjornson 48251 Hwy 58- Wants to donate her 3 minutes to Chrissy Hollett.

Paul Bjornson 48251 Hwy 58- Wants to donate his 3 minutes to Chrissy Hollett.

Councilor Carl asked if anyone knows the procedure for this?

Louis said no, in all the years he's been here we do not donate minutes.

Councilor Carl said this puts us in a difficult spot, we have a rule of three minutes.

Scott Hollett 48370 7th Street-Wants to donate this 3 minutes to Chrissy Hollett

Louis said again, it has been the practice of the City that no, there is not donation of minutes, each person gets their three minutes.

Councilor Carl asked Chrissy to limit her remarks, he knows she has a lot to say and all these people tried to donate their time, but he doesn't think that is appropriate, but he will bend slightly and let her have five minutes.

Chrissy Hollett asked if everyone who signed up can read part of the letter?

Councilor Carl said yes, they can do that.

Chrissy asked if they'd let her know when three minutes has happened and she will pass it to the next person.

Councilor Carl said Jan Hooker and Dawn Kinyon were also signed up to speak.

Chrissy Hollett 48370 7th Street- Chrissy Hollett, Melissa Bjornson, Paul Bjarnson and Dawn Kinyon each took three minutes to read a statement that contained allegations against the Fire Department and City Staff.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Motion: Councilor Forcum moved to appoint Judy Rowland as Mayor.

Councilor Carl said after the last meeting Louis was going to look into the procedure.

Louis said basically the procedure is that you, the body can continue with the Council President or the Council can... (Louis was interrupted)

Councilor Carl asked if there was a second to the motion.

Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

J. Rowland (aye), J. McMillin (aye), K. Gobelman (nay), P. Forcum (aye), G. Carl (aye). Motion carried 4-1

Gerald Shorey said in the City Charter it states that in the event that the Mayor is absent, or sick or whatever, the position automatically falls to the Council President.

Louis said this was researched with the City Attorney and that this is allowable.

Councilor Carl said it appears that the body wants to have Judy Rowland to be acting Mayor which is fine because he doesn't have time to be acting anything. Councilor Carl wanted to say that the duties and responsibilities of the Council person are far less than the responsibilities of the Mayor and he does not have time to do that.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Updated version of Resolution 7-2018

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Gobelman moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Forcum seconded the motion.

P. Forcum (aye), J. McMillin (aye), Mayor Rowland (aye), G. Carl (aye), K. Gobelman (aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report- No report

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report

Susan handed out the employee wage report to the council that was requested previously by Councilor Holston at a Budget Committee Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Gobelman moved to accept the Wage Report. Councilor Forcum seconded the motion.

G. Carl (aye), P. Forcum (aye), Mayor Rowland (aye), K. Gobelman (aye), J. McMillin (aye). Motion carried 5-0

Susan said the wages include overtime, sick leave, vacation and stand by pay, they do not include any kinds of benefits. If you have any questions she can answer them.

Mayor Rowland asked if anyone had questions?

There were no questions.

Mayor Rowland said so we have people from the fire department making over \$103,000 a year?

Susan said those are gross wages with overtime.

Chrissy Hollett said that is for working 360 hours a month.

6.3 Resolution 6-2018 Resolution Adoption of the FY 18-19 Budget and Imposing and

Categorizing Taxes

Public Hearing-7:38 P.M.

Staff Report- Louis presented the Staff Report

Statements in Favor – None

Statements in Opposition-

James Affa 76340 Garden Road- He wants to remind the Council that this vote was taken illegally, we should reconvene the Budget Committee and vote in the proper manner and just do it the right way.

Mayor Rowland said this was brought to our attorney today and he said what we did was appropriate.

Dawn Kinyon 76113 Fish Hatchery Road- She is against the budget, specifically the fire department budget because it is not sustainable. If you can't explain how this budget is sustainable for the fire department then you should vote no.

Don Hadley 47696 Beaver Street- We as citizens also have concerns and we also talk to attorneys, so you may have an attorney that you think is smarter than everybody else, it's pretty bad when the citizens of Oakridge have to sue the city council over the budget.

Jerry Shorey 48192 McFarland Road- He is not in favor of this budget, it appears there have been a lot of problems. There has been a lot of problems brought out tonight that indicate to him that the process was flawed. He hears that there is \$110,000 or \$100,000 in the fire department that should have already been taken care of. As far as attorney's go he is going to ask in the future that all things from the attorney be distributed in writing.

Trudy Hammond –She served on the Budget Committee for a very short time and she didn't participate in future budget committees because she did not know what she was doing and she knew better to continue because she knew not what she was doing. But, she does know that she disagrees with what she is hearing.

Statements in General-None Close Public Hearing- 7:48 P.M. Council Discussion

Councilor Carl said being on the council, he was at the Budget Committee Meeting, it wasn't a lop sided vote, it was a very, very close vote and the first vote was against passing the budget.

Susan said the first vote was a tie.

Councilor Carl said it was tie, and then the second vote was taken. Now there is some question about the appropriateness of the vote, but the point is after the second vote was taken rightly or wrongly, it was still very very close. There are quite a few members of the budget committee who are not in favor of the budget.

Motion: Councilor Gobelman moved that we approve Resolution 6-2018 adopting the FY 2018-2019 budget in the amount of \$8,719,377 and making the appropriations and imposing and categorizing taxes.

The tax rate will \$7.1996 per thousand dollars of assessed value for permanent tax rate. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

K. Gobelman (aye), J. McMillin (aye), P. Forcum (aye), Mayor Rowland (aye) G. Carl (nay). Motion carried 4-1

6.4 Resolution 7-2018 Transferring Funds Between Funds for Appropriate Fiscal Balance of Expenditures.

Louis read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Forcum moved to adopt Resolution 7-2018 authorizing the transfer of FY 17-18 Budget appropriations within funds for appropriate fiscal balance. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

Mayor Rowland (aye), P. Forcum (aye), G. Carl (nay), J. McMillin (nay), K. Gobelman (aye). Motion failed 3-2.

Louis asked Councilor McMillin if he has any questions on the Resolution. It is basically just moving funds around to balance this current year's budget, that's all that was. Louis explained what they are doing with this particular resolution.

Motion: Councilor Gobelman moved to suspend the rules and he wants to reconsider the motion. Councilor Forcum seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl said he is opposed to the budget without the budget committee reconvening, so that's why he doesn't want to see money being moved around because he wants to revisit it.

Louis said the budget has already been passed.

P. Forcum (aye), Mayor Rowland (aye), J. McMillin (aye), K. Gobelman (aye), G. Carl (nay). Motion carried 4-1.

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K. Gobelman (aye), G. Carl (nay), Mayor Rowland (aye), P. Forcum (aye), J. McMillin (aye). Motion carried 4-1.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Rick said as you know a couple of months ago we had the unfortunate discovery of Tetrachloroethene in our brand new well #7. The council directed us to look into some options for that, the option they looked in to first of all was a GAC (Granular Activated Carbon) System, the installation of the GAC by the contractor who is currently doing the water project came in at \$278,000. At this point we are working with the engineer and we are going to pull that piece from the project. We are looking to explore another Well, that cost is close to the cost of the Granulated Activated Carbon.

Louis said these are pretty big decisions that we are talking about here, yes there may be some kind of a rate increase to make this happen. We don't know exactly what that number is yet, as soon as we know we will get that to council.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief announced that National Night Out will be on August 7th at Greenwaters Park from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Hansen gave his report at the last meeting.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 P.M.

Signed:

Judy Rowland Mayor

Signed:

Susan LaDuke, City Recorder