



March 6, 2014
City Council Regular Session
Willamette Activity Center- Room 8
47674 School Street
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Present: Gerald Shorey, Mayor
Rayetta Clark, Council President
Glenn Fortune
Jim Coey (absent)
Ernest Baszler
Les Biggerstaff
Christine Slaven

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator (absent)
Dale Scobert, Chief of Police (absent)
Albert Alcalde, Fire Chief
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Karon Tiller, River Road Oakridge – Is having a work party at the property on Highway 58 next to the Trailhead on April 1, 2014.

Sandy Price, Oakridge – Chamber needs to reach more of the community, they will be having a town hall meeting for business members and non business members. Will keep us posted with the date.

Mayor Shorey said the Chamber is looking for input from business owners in Oakridge.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

L. Biggerstaff (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Susie LaDuke reported for Louis.

The locks on the Atherton building have been changed.

The City Engineer has assured us that on March 7, 2014 our TGM Grant Application to revive the HWY 58 revitalization plan will be submitted.

No changes on the Salt Creek Canal.

Highway 58 pedestrian study, as previously reported, ODOT design staff is still working on placing a crosswalk between Rock Rd and Rainbow Rd separate from the pedestrian study, more to follow.

The Northwest Youth Corps is requesting a grant to assist in the maintenance of some of the cities trails and the construction of new parks.

Well #6, the refurbishment is in process and should be done soon. The pump repair has taken longer than anticipated. The repairs should be done by the end of the month.

DEQ fish testing, Louis emailed the report to the Council; this will be on the agenda for the March 20, 2014 meeting.

Amtrak Station, as council knows we have received a letter from UP stating that what they believed would be required for a stop in Oakridge. They are having a meeting on March 26, 2014.

CNA Bond for Gordon Zimmerman, Louis completed a counter offer back to CNA surety in the amount of \$94,983.65.

Million Gallon Tank and Well, the Mayor has signed the agreement with IFA for the feasibility study and the City engineer will get the study completed.

Low Impact Development Ordinances, the Planning Commission is reviewing some of the revisions of our zoning ordinance to accommodate Low Impact Development techniques during commercial or residential construction projects. This is an ongoing project.

Recertification of the OIP, the OIP was re-recertified last week. Any edge that the city can get towards economic development is huge. Good job to John Milandin and Lane County Economic Development Department.

Teller Road Construction Project, the City received the \$50,000 Small City's Allotment Grant towards the construction of Teller Road. The City Engineer is doing the preliminary drawings of what the project might look like.

Way Finding Committee, the Way Finding Committee had a meeting on 3/3/14 to discuss sign design and to get consensus from the group, prior to formulating a final plan.

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report

Susie gave the financial report to the Council.

Susie and Tim spent quite a number of hours working on the Safer Grant and closing out a couple other grants through the Fire Department, we should be seeing a rather large deposit coming in to the Safer Grant.

Susie gave the Council the daily reconciliation.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

E. Baszler (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.3 FY 14-15 Budget Calendar

Mayor Shorey said in your packets there is a copy of the 14-15 budget calendar; this has to be passed so we will have something to work on.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we adopt the FY 14-15 Budget Calendar. Councilor Slaven seconded the motion.

R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.4 Fill Library Board Position

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we appoint Andrea Mae Bartolovich (An'ya) to serve in the vacant Library Board Position. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

Mayor Shorey asked An'ya to stand up and tell us a little something about herself.

Ms. Bartolovich said she is an author and feels she could bring poetry and art to the Library.

Mayor Shorey asked if she is aware of what the position entails.

Ms. Bartolovich said yes she is aware.

E. Baszler (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.5 Authorization for Mr. Theodore Combis to access and remove personal belongings from Lot 30, Oakridge Industrial Park

Mayor Shorey said we had to bid on our own building to get it back, which was just a formality. Then we got it back and it was foreclosed on on the 3rd of March, that's the issue at hand. We don't know what is in there; Louis has changed the locks so he can't get in there unless he is escorted by a City Employee.

Mayor Shorey said on the 3rd Mr. Combis' attorney sent in a request to our attorney asking for a two week extension until the 16th of March to remove his stuff. Mayor Shorey's feeling on this is we have had a six month delay on being able to sell this property because of his dragging it out, he thinks he was dragging it out intentionally to make it hard on the City, that is my personal opinion. This is one more delay; he has been able to bamboozle the judges and everything else. In talking to Louis and the attorneys is that he be able to do that up until the 16th. The Mayors feeling is we give him until the 16th and on the 17th we will be there and remove what is in there and put it in storage and he can pay the fees. Mayor Shorey said he doesn't even know what is in there. He has personally run out of patience with whole thing.

Councilor Clark said she is way out of patience with this, he has had how long to get his personal belongings out.

Mayor Shorey said he's had at least two years.

Councilor Clark said he has paid no storage, no rent nothing.

Susie said they foreclosed on the property, the contents were not mentioned. Susie said what could happen if we tell him no is that he could file a lawsuit to get his possessions back, he would have to pay to file that, at which point when we are served with the papers we can say he can come during normal working hours to get his stuff. We can make him jump through a few hoops and put out a little money. We won't need an attorney to represent us on something like this.

The other option is that we can have the contents inside appraised and if the amount is less than the threshold for small claims we can petition the court to not have it done by attorneys and then he will have to file through small claims court. Susie can handle all of that because she knows small claims inside and out. It's all up you if you want to grant permission for him to enter the building, it should be during business hours.

Mayor Shorey said he agrees with Susie up to a point. We have the ability to allow him to enter the building until the 16th; we don't have to agree to allow him to enter the building after the 16th.

Elizabeth Barclay said she knows what is inside that building; she bought three quarters of it. The General Store bought some of the contents also. The items that are in there that were left behind are card stands, a couple of pallets of cards without envelopes, his father who imports and exports from

China, there were a lot things like pens, boxes of staples, it's junk. If she estimated maybe \$200 or \$300. The one thing we haven't picked up on is A, she is in the storage business herself and going through situations where people have left, it is abandonment. He hasn't abandoned because he had the opportunity to get it out when he owned the property but, what he is asking for is his personal items, she doesn't think pens and cards aren't personal belongings.

Mayor Shorey said he needs to make a list of what is in there, because we don't know, and then we will know what it is that he is taking out. This is just another delay tactic. This has gone on for six months.

Councilor Fortune said as of March 2nd it became ours, including what is in there.

Mayor Shorey said this should have been filed all together, including the contents; it didn't get filed that way.

Gary Carl said he agrees with Susie, deny them and let them file and turn it into small claims, they are a corporation so they will have to hire an attorney and Susie can represent the City, just make this cost them as much as possible.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that the Council not allow Mr. Theodore Combis to lot 30 to remove his belongings. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

6.6 IGA with Oregon State Police 76248 Industrial Way, Unit #1

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that the Mayor sign the IGA with Oregon State Police to Lease Unit 1, 76248 Industrial Park Way and agreed upon parking. Councilor Biggerstaff seconded the motion.

Councilor Slaven stated for the citizens in the audience that this is a ten year lease with the Oregon State Police out at the Industrial Park; we will get \$1,500 a month so this is a good thing.

Mayor Shorey said the State Police have wanted to do this for about almost a year now. They were previously out at the Fish Hatchery and it wasn't big enough for them. This will work out better for them.

L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Junk Amnesty 2014

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we accept the fee waiver from Lane County Waste Management. Councilor Biggerstaff seconded the motion.

G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

Mayor Shorey said to go to City Hall to sign up.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Susie gave the report for Chief Scobert, he is in training with Louis at the Northwest Leadership Conference, and these credits they are receiving are needed for them to maintain their certifications.

They did make an arrest that closed a number of identity fraud cases.

Troy is working on having people move their boats and RV's off the street. He is also working on hazardous/dangerous buildings.

Access to Lane County CAD will be up and running on Monday. CAD stands for Computer aided dispatch.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde handed out the February Activity Report to the Council. They had 58 calls for the month of February; 55 of the calls were medical related and three were fires, one of the fires was out at the Westfir Water Treatment Plant, fortunately it was the building, it was a travel trailer. It was of a suspicious nature so he called the investigator out to do an investigation.

Of the 55 medical calls 37 were transports. There was an accident about 8:00 a.m. today, they were able to respond quickly and get traffic moving quickly.

They will be holding an open house to recruit volunteers.

Hazardous waste removal on March 15, 2014 at the Fire department.

There will be a blood drive on March 17, 2014.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked if there is any way to bring the cost of transports down.

Chief Alcalde said this is a nationwide problem. This is a challenge everybody is facing, not just Oakridge.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked if it would help if everyone in town had FireMed.

Mayor Shorey said it would help some.

He has heard of other towns where the City through taxation or water bill, has come up with paying at least half of FireMed for the town to give to the Fire Department.

Chief Alcalde said he can ask the billing department if it will make a big difference.

Councilor Fortune said he thought if you were Medicare or Medicaid patient and you were transported you couldn't go through FireMed.

Chief Alcalde said it doesn't matter if they have FireMed or not.

Susie said you should have FireMed if you have other insurance.

Councilor Slaven said we should look into increasing our FireMed outreach.

Mayor Shorey said there area bout 1300 households, that is the most we are going to get out of FireMed. There are ways to raise money for the Fire Department; an Ambulance Service District and not take assignment.

*****Strategic Plan**

The Strategic Plan was approved in September or October, at that time we also picked the four of five priorities that we wanted to start working on. The first one was Highway 58 Beautification. Mayor asked Louis where we are on the inventory for that. Louis is going to work on that when he gets back. He is going to have someone take pictures of properties along the Highway.

****Biomass**

Regarding Biomass, we have been trying to deal with a company that wanted to come here, OEDAC, Louis, the Mayor and the Forest Service met with them, it was determined that they could get a long of volume in pre commercial thinning stuff, stuff that is not really valuable for anything but needs to be thinned out for fuels reduction and spacing.

The Mayor will be in Washington DC on the 22-26 and he will be meeting with the Congressional Delegation for American Legion stuff but he can always double dip there.

He has already contacted DeFazio's office and Wyden's office; those two are working on a Forest Bill.

10.0 Reports from Boards and Committees

Public Safety Committee - Had a meeting on March 4, 2014. They discussed the cattery, they have a local contractor that is finishing up another job and then will attempt to complete the cattery.

Officer Martin is still working on the vehicle grant; they have an opportunity to buy a 2011 car from The Dalles.

The Police Department has four cadets in the Police Academy right now.

Councilor Slaven is working with the Fire Department and Police Department for their websites.

Councilor Slaven said there is a group of citizens that want to become a real Tourism, Development and Promotion Committee. At their last meeting they worked on Bi Laws and structure of the committee. They think they have their fiscal umbrella agent which is the UWCDC; they will be meeting with them later this month. There will be a press release and applications for four at large members to be part of the committee; at least one from Oakridge, one from Westfir and then they will have ex officio members from the Forest Service, Travel Lane County, Oakridge City Government, Westfir City

Government and The Chamber of Commerce. They will also have representation from GOATS and UBRA.

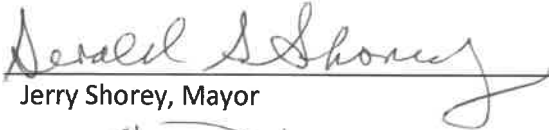
Gary Carl said last year Travel Oregon made a video that was selected and won an award in New York City, and now it has been picked up by National Geographic.


Councilor Fortune said Mr. James Affa is looking into having a riding lawn mower race at the OIP. There are some people that are going to come up here and look and see what the viability of doing it here is.

The Chamber is interested in sponsoring this event.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council March 20, 2014

Signed: 
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: 
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder