



May 15, 2014  
City Council Regular Session  
Willamette Activity Center- Room 8  
47674 School Street  
7:00 p.m.



# MINUTES

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## 1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator  
Dale Scobert, Chief of Police  
Albert Alcalde, Fire Chief  
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary (Not present)  
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Benjamin Beamer 76438 Maple St, Oakridge – Talked about GOATS, it is true that there are a lot of mountain bikers in GOATS, but he wants to remind people, like there is no I in team, there is no mountain bikers in GOATS. They have a lot of Mountain Bikers, Hikers, Equestrians and a lot of great people that do a lot of great work.

Ben is also involved in tourism; he has been working with the Rural Tourism Studio. A bunch of them went through nine days over the winter to create a vision for the community when it comes to tourism. Over that last year they have been trying to put together these other groups they ended up calling the Oakridge/Westfir Tourism Alliance. Ben explained what the Alliance is doing for the Cities.

Sandra Edds, Oakridge – Gave an update on the Lawn Mower Track; the clay is ready. She also thanked the RTMP/TRT Committee. We need industry here in Oakridge and we need to repair the Canal.

Dan Barclay 47487 Hwy 58, Oakridge - In February of last year he asked Louis for some documents regarding TRT/RTMP funds. He voiced his concerns about the TRT funds and distribution of the funds. He is against wasteful spending; especially when it is public money. He is not anti chamber, he just chooses not to belong and pay the dues. He doesn't waste his time coming to these meetings and he

doesn't waste his time going to Chamber meetings. He doesn't email the Council to consult, he does it to inform.

Eugene Cathcart 76589 View Ct, Oakridge – He submitted the Fat 55 in conjunction with Mtn. Bike Oregon and Cascade Cream Puff; his thought was that if they advertise together and pull resources together they will be able to do more and have a broader outreach. He understands that there are some reasons they are not good candidates for grant funding, but he is not totally clear on this. He is asking they consider the Fat 55 as an individual event. He would really appreciate that if they could reconsider and whatever happens he hopes to see everyone down there on September 13, 2014 and thanks for your support.

Sandy Price, Oakridge – She responded to Dan's comment about the Chamber meeting not being well attended, she thought the meeting went really well and was well attended. They didn't even get through all of the introductions. By now everybody knows that Randy stepped down from his position. They don't know what they are going to do at this point; they aren't going to hire an executive director for at least six months. They usually take the summer off but, they know they have a lot of ground to make up so, they are all dedicated to get through this summer. Matt who does their computer work is now the Vice President and Gary Carl is doing an awesome job as Secretary and he will be putting out a newsletter. What they heard from everybody at the meeting is that they want better communication.

Rob DeHarport PO Box 377, Westfir – He wants to speak about RTMP money and the Chamber. There are so many good people applying for RTMP money for good events and causes. The Chamber needs to advocate more with the Forest Service for more active timber management, he has no grand illusions that the timber industry will come back with 400 people working at a mill. He apologized for an email tiff that he got into with Randy and he used a metaphor that was unfair, he used the word extortion and that wasn't fair.

Sandy Price announced the Chamber is having their annual soup, salad and bread for \$5.00 at the Forest Service, everyone is welcome, please come and support the Forest Service.

Matt Altemus, Oakridge – The Chamber is not going to die, he is the Vice President now, he wants to help out and volunteer his time. He sees a lot of new things for the future.

Matt showed the City Council an application that he turned in to for TRT funds and for some reason it got lost or removed, he's sure it was an accident. He wanted to at least share this information since he put it out there. It is called the Mountain Fest, like the Country Fair in the mountains with many activities. This event will change the whole view of Oakridge. He is also having the Dam Marathon and if anyone wants to be involved they are welcome. The Chamber should continue to get money whether he is involved or not, he is just here to help.

### **3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Coey responded to Sandy Edds comments about the water, we had a study done by the City Engineer, and the Canal was just going to be too much. We decided to go with the reservoir above Dunning Road; it serves several purposes and allows us to supply water to the Industrial Park. We did not give away the water right.

He is excited about the Lawn Mower races coming to the OIP. They did a tour the other day with an interested party but, the information is confidential as this time.

Councilor Clark said that just because someone says they send her an e mail doesn't mean she gets it. She wishes people would stop bickering back and forth.

Councilor Slaven she knows we will get to this later when we discuss the TRT/RTMP funds but she wanted everyone to know that no actual decisions have been made yet, they have a committee that provides recommendations to the Council and then the Council takes the recommendations and they move forward. They still have another meeting coming up and a lot of information was distributed a little too early and they need to talk to the committees about how to handle this sort of thing.

Mayor Shorey said the canal is not there to provide a water source to the OIP. It was meant to fill up the ponds and keep the fire ponds full. If we were to repair the canal they would probably have a mini slide because it is near the Highway where they are having problems.

There is lots of turmoil at the Chamber and lots of things going on. He has always believed that from conflict comes consensus so we should be reaching consensus one of these days.

We have held the Chamber pretty tight on having to turn in their marketing plan, every three months they have to submit a report on expenditures and they have to have their budget in in advance. The Chamber runs on a calendar year and the City runs from July through June. This makes a little bit of a problem for the Chamber, we are having issues with this but the City staff is trying to work through the bumps. We don't have enough TRT money to fund everybody, he wishes we did.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked for clarification on the Chamber and the Tourism Alliance, are they working together or are they separate?

Sandy Price said they are separate but in the past Randy went to the Tourism Alliance meetings.

Ben Beamer said this is all relatively new, the Tourism Alliance is more long term project oriented. The Chamber has always handled a lot of the day to day stuff that comes in. They do want to work together; they worked together on the Oakridge Guide.

Councilor Coey said they had \$47,000 worth of requests for money and they had \$28,000 to give out, it was quite a chore and they were there for three hours.

#### **4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**Executive Session per ORS ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to discuss real property transactions**

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda minutes for May 1, 2014. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

L. Biggerstaff (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **6.1 City Administrators Report**

Louis wanted to respond to Matt; the guy who lost his document was him and it will be on the agenda for the 19<sup>th</sup>. The only thing he would suggest is patience and don't throw stuff out until you can talk to somebody.

Well #6 is done.

There are no real changes on anything from his report at the beginning of the month.

Lot #30, he checked with the City Attorney on the back taxes and told him he didn't want to pay them and he suggested the same thing.

We have sent out the majority of the letters to the Highway business owners to let them know what the Council's intent is.

### **6.2 Finance Report by City Recorder**

Susan gave the financial report to the Council. The LGIP statement is attached.

The auditors are setting up an initial visit in July.

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

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

Louis gave the council a heads up; we will need a supplemental budget due to the cost of the Well. We will need to hold a special meeting for this.

### **\*\* RTMP/TRT Discussion Chamber of Commerce**

Louis said the primary reason for putting this on the agenda is because as stated before, there was no application turned in for the Chamber and so the Council is the governing body that runs that committee so he is bringing this to them to see if this is something they'd like the TRT/RTMP committee to look at.

Councilor Coey said if we do this the money is going to have to be juggled. He would like to see us split the money and possibly give \$1,000 the Tourism Alliance and \$1,000 to the Chamber. That would leave about \$425 and he would vote to give the Fat 55.

Councilor Slaven disagrees; if we are extending the deadline we should open it up to everyone else. We have spent so much time coming up with the rules and holding everyone to the same standards. It would be a horrible idea to slide backwards with special exceptions.

Mayor Shorey said the reason it is a special exception is because it was the understanding of the Chamber board that an application had been submitted when it really hadn't. This wasn't discovered until Monday night. The special exception would be due the error or turmoil; whatever you want to call it that they are not going to have enough money to continue to function beyond a couple of months.

Councilor Coey understands what Councilor Slaven is saying; what they did on Monday was a vast improvement over the past. They had some things come to light and tweak, they knew this coming in that this wasn't going to be etched in stone. We have this issue here and instead of putting it back on the committee we just leave it on the Council. Ultimately, we are the ones who decide where the money goes.

Councilor Slaven understands what happened with the Chamber and it is very unfortunate, even if it hadn't happened we would have had to do something different. She thinks we should grant an extension to anyone who wants to do it for two weeks, maybe a week. The Chamber should bring in a proposal.

Mayor Shorey said he thinks the Chamber decision right now is to not fill the Director position at this time.

Councilor Fortune asked that we not get into this discussion right now, people lobbying for what they want unless they are going to do it at the committee meeting.

Mayor Shorey said the meeting will be held at 5:30 at the conference room at City Hall.

Councilor Slaven said she agrees with Councilor Fortune and since we are not going to make a decision tonight it would be appropriate to wait.

Louis said he would agree with Councilors Fortune and Slaven; the only questions that needs to be answered tonight is A) we are going with the original applications and B) we finalize on Monday, that is what he is hearing. If you didn't get one in, then you didn't get one in. Another question that came up was that if there was a group of two or three, do they go as one or separate.

The consensus at the time was if they are all on one then they go as one, they are considered together.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked what we will do if a group comes to them in June and wants a fee waiver for the use of the park do we rent it to them.

Councilor Coey said we kept \$5,000 of that for fee waivers and things like that. Louis made a comment that we go with the applications we have and he is not opposed to that but, Councilor Slaven had an idea that has a valid point in this season. There are a couple of groups here that need to submit an application that should be considered.

**Motion:** Councilor Slaven moved that we open up the \$2,425 remaining room tax funds for interested groups to turn in by 5:00 Friday. Seconded by Councilor Coey.

Louis asked if we could change the time to 2:00 Friday.

Councilor Slaven made a friendly amendment to change the time to 2:00.

Councilor Coey rescinded his second.

Councilor Slaven went back to her original motion; 5:00 tomorrow (Friday). Councilor Coey seconded that motion.

R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Nay), C. Slaven (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye).  
Motion carried 5-1

Gary Carl said in his opinion it is not a good idea for the applicants to attend the meeting to lobby for their position is not a good one in his opinion as Chairman of the committee. They have already spent three hours on this without any lobbying.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **7.1 After Party for Marathon Alcohol Permit Amphitheater**

**Motion:** Councilor Coey moved that we approve the Amphitheater Facilities/alcohol permit for the Dam Sports Fest Marathon. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

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

## **8.0 POLICE SERVICES**

No report

## **9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chief Alcalde was contacted by the organizers of the Larison Rock Hill Climb that is happening on July 6, 2014 to help with the event. They will be involved in the medical and fire prevention. The Fire Department looks at events differently than most; they look from a safety stand point. He invited people to contact him about events.

## **10.0 Reports from Boards and Committees**

Public Safety Committee – Met on Tuesday; they had two citizens there in support of the Hwy 58 Beautification. The Police Department is down two officers, they are still providing 24 hours coverage for us.

OEDAC – They have a potential source of income that will help with some of our projects out there. They had an on site visit with a potential client that they took on a tour. John Milandin has spent a lot of time putting together an extensive portfolio on what we have available.

Area Commission on Transportation – There was presentation by the Oregon Health Authority and ODOT; they are working towards a safety program by a coalition to look at better ways to lesson fatal

crashes and highway incidents. There was also a presentation by ODOT about what they are doing by beltline and I-5.

Rural Rehab Housing – They are working on getting two new parts of Lane County to join the consortium and once that is done they are going to start putting out for loans again. Surprisingly Oakridge seems to have the biggest need.

**Adjourned 8:29 P.M. to Executive Session 9:17**

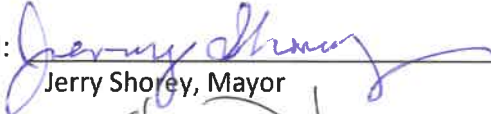
**Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (f) to review records exempt from public inspection and ORS 192.690 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with governing body on Labor Negotiations and ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to discuss real property transactions.**

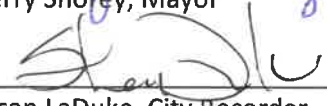
**Adjourned Executive Session 9:17 P.M.**

City Council Work Session Retreat on May 17, 2014 at Greenwaters Park from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Council adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 5, 2014

Signed:   
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed:   
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder