



May 1, 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
Ernest Baszler
Les Biggerstaff
Christine Slaven (Absent)

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

James Affa Garden Road, Oakridge – Commented on Vincent Larochelle comments and concerns from the last meeting regarding the Lawn Mower Racing. Mr. Affa did some research and Mr. Larochelle concerns were wrong on a lot of the concerns. Mr. Affa's research was from the EPA.

Pam Sakal Black Canyon Campground – She wanted to introduce herself and her husband, they are the area managers for American Land and Leisure, and they will be overseeing 17 campgrounds.

Elizabeth Barclay 47487 Hwy 58, Oakridge – As Council Members they have to support each business in Oakridge, it is their sworn duty. The City should help all businesses.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Clark wanted to remind everyone about Tree Planting weekend this weekend.

Councilor Coey responded to Elizabeth; they do support local businesses and community. One way they do that is through the Chamber of Commerce, he understands she has issues with that but, they do support the Chamber of Commerce. They all individually or corporately support local businesses. Can

improvements be made, absolutely. The meeting last week was very beneficial; there was talk about better communication, which has always been an issue in Oakridge.

Councilor Biggerstaff said the uptown started UBRA; maybe Hwy 58 can start their own group.

Councilor Coey said as the Tourism Alliance starts coming into play we are going to start seeing some more packages, plus when LTD comes into play with the Diamond Express and linking Amtrak through the bus and weekend trips, we will see a lot more packages. He hopes the Community will be involved in creating more weekend packages to get people here. He has got a lot of flack from the lawn mower races, but it is going to bring people into the community. They are going to shop and stay in Oakridge. The different groups in town need to have better communication.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Executive Session, 192.660 (2) (d) Labor negotiations

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda with correction. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

In regards to Lot 30, Public works did clean out the building and left the items that had some value. When we got the building back on the foreclosure we assumed something that it had, a liability, \$14,000 in back taxes. Susan is working with the County right now to see how we can spread out the payments.

Councilor Coey asked why we can't go after Atherton for that.

Louis said we can and we have discussed that, but we still need to pay the taxes.

Transportation System plan update and Highway 58 Refinement Plan, one thing that was discussed is that ODOT wanted to see a letter of support or a resolution; something from the Council showing they do support the Transportation System Plan and the updated Highway 58 Refinement Plan. That is in the packets tonight.

The Highway 58 Pedestrian Study and Crosswalk; we initially sent out letters to businesses that are directly effected by the crosswalk, next week we are going to send out 20 more and keep doing that until we have sent out the letters to all businesses on the Highway.

Well #6; the contractor is cleaning and flushing it out, tomorrow they will disinfect it and hopefully on Monday it will be fully operational.

DEQ Fish testing; they are working on getting some signs together. They identified certain ponds, now they are identifying the wildlife pond by Salmon Creek where the ducks hang out. He is not happy about this and is trying to get more information.

The Lot on Hwy 58; we don't have a second appraiser for this.

Strategic Plan; hopefully we can work on this tonight.

Orchid Health; seems to be moving along.

Amtrak; Resolution is in your packets.

Million Gallon Tank and Well; Study is done, IFA has listed us as 4th out of 36 submissions, we should hear something soon.

Low Impact Development ordinances; the Planning Commission is almost done reviewing those.

Teller Road Construction; as he stated in a previous meeting we are still going to just work on water, sewer and storm this year.

Way Finding Committee is still looking for money for phase two.

LTD meeting and discussion; he just got an email from LTD today, they are hoping after they do a new survey in regards to transportation needs for us, they are hoping to get us four trips a day and three on Saturdays.

St. Vincent DePaul is in the final days of closing on the Oakridge Mobile Home Park, they are purchasing the park, if anyone knows how they operate, if they buy property they clean it up and they have very strict rules for their tenants. They take out old trailers and bring in new ones. They bought the park on Clark Street and they own Ironwood Village. Once they took over, calls for service have declined almost to none. We are hoping that is what will happen with the Oakridge Mobile Home Park.

6.2 Finance Report by City Recorder

Susan said you should have received the Statements of Expenses and Revenues, they were sent out this morning via email. The Council approval reports were also sent out a couple of days ago.

Susan read the report to the Council.

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

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

6.3 Resolution 2-2014 Establishment of Amtrak Rail Passenger Service and Train Station

Motion: Councilor Coey moved to approve Resolution 2-2014 Establishment of Amtrak Rail Passenger Service and Train Station. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye).
Carried 6-0

6.4 Resolution 3-2014 City of Oakridge Council Support to update Transportation Systems Plan and the Highway 58 Refinement Plan

Motion: Councilor Coey moved to approve Resolution 3-2014 City of Oakridge Council Support to update the Transportation Systems Plan and the Highway 58 Refinement Plan. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

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

Councilor Biggerstaff said people were upset in the past and it would help if we had more communication this time.

Councilor Fortune said he takes exception to the statement that it wasn't transparent before, it was transparent, it went on for two years, and the community was invited to be a part of that. They just didn't like the conceptual drawing that the engineering firm came down and presented.

Councilor Biggerstaff said if you talk to everybody that was a part of that they didn't understand that was a conceptual drawing, they thought that is what ODOT was going to make them do and that's why everybody got all upset, nobody talked to anybody about the whole deal. The whole thing got blown out of proportion and everyone got ticked off at each other.

Councilor Clark said there numerous attempts to get the people involved. There were people there to answer questions but no one was asking the questions.

Louis stated that in some of the letters he has sent out to the business owners, the letter state some of the changes that have occurred since 2006-2014. Back in 2006 when ODOT said this is your curb cut, we are taking this one and this is all you get, that's how ODOT was doing business is 2006. In 2013 the Legislature passed a law that said if you have an existing curb cut they cannot take it from you. Louis has relayed that to the business owners.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Mardi Gras and Fat 55 Facilities Permit Revision

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we approve the facilities permit for Greenwaters Park for Concerts in the Park Committee event on September 13, 2014. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Scobert said it has been an interesting week at the High School, now they are just dealing with rumor control.

They had a house fire; Al will probably talk about that. They will probably be able to take that house down in the next few days; it is a very dangerous house. It will cost about \$1,000 to demolish and haul away. Dale had the City Attorney draw up the proper paperwork.

Councilor Biggerstaff said the home owner should be very happy because they are getting one heck of a deal.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde agreed that the burned building is a danger.

Councilor Coey added that we have a number of dangerous homes and homeless people; we need to address this in whatever way appropriate.

Chief Scobert said that now that we have this agreement contract created it is going to be a lot easier to add this to the other homes to approach the owners and say you are either going to go through a long and expensive process or let's do it this way, it's \$1000-\$1,500 for the City to do this.

Al met with our Physician Advisor, he has been doing it for several years now and he gave the indication that he may be stepping down and so they had a conversation, one of the issues is that person must work for an emergency room and he doesn't do that anymore and feels he doesn't fit the criteria anymore.

The Fire Department is going to start a new volunteer firefighter academy; this will be a 3-4 week academy. They will do a different approach due to budget restraints, There will be classroom testing and focus more on the hands on training.

They had a slight scare, they got word last Thursday that LCC was going to shut down the EMT Program, on Monday they found out that wasn't true.

Call volume is back up, transports are about the same.

10.0 Reports from Boards and Committees

LRAPA – They passed their budget, to be presented to the board.

Community Services – Talked about the bump outs by the Corner Bar and Grill. Louis said they previously discussed using temporary bump outs, the City Engineer to run by him and he felt it wasn't a good idea from a liability stand point. He recommended putting one in near maybe Oak Street and see what it will cost to do one there and give that a try to see if it will work out on our worst spot. There was discussion on different options. They have an Amtrak meeting on May 12, 2014. They want to try and do an on site visit with John Day as well.

Parks, Trees and Trails Board – The Community Garden Coordinator Elaine Wright attended the meeting. We reopened the vacancy for Community Garden Plots until May 22, 2014. No word on the reports that Keith was working on.

OEDAC – Had a meeting last week, George Custer has put together a power point presentation for recruitment. Biomass is dead in the water because of State guidelines and Environmental issues. OSP is now in the OIP at the Flexible Manufacturing Building.

Adjourned 8:03 P.M.

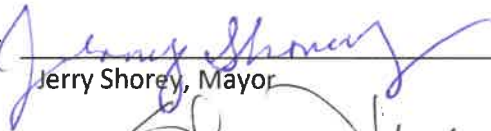
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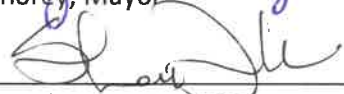
Adjourned Executive Session 8:27 P.M.

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 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 15, 2014

Signed: 
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: 
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder