



July 27, 2015
City Council Special Session
Willamette Activity Center- Room 8
47674 School Street
6:30 p.m.



MINUTES

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Present: Jim Coey, Mayor
Judy Rowland
Gary Carl
Rick Zylstra
Amy Buchmeier
Dwight Chitwood
Dawn Kinyon

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Albert Alcalde, Fire Chief (absent)
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder
Kevin Martin, Police Chief (absent)

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronda Gardner – She is here representing the School District asking for a waiver or whatever they need so they can still water the track and the football fields. She is willing to negotiate water times and days for watering.

Gene Hilleman – Wants to know how to get his comments in after public comment during the meetings.

Mayor Coey said all he has to do is raise his hand and one of the councilors can acknowledge him to speak.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey asked Ronda how long it takes to get the field green?

Ronda said it is currently on an evening and morning water schedule and it is still not as green as it should be. The first football game is September 8, 2015. She is not sure how long it takes to get it green.

Celia Hilleman asked why they need the football and track fields.

Ronda said they use the track field as well so they don't tear up the football field so much.

Mayor Coey said as far as the Assistant to the City Administrator job goes, this is something that we have been talking about in work sessions and put into the budget for this year. Louis is wearing four hats and we need some help in there. We want to get an assistant planner, public works person that could take some of the pressure off and allow him to focus on his City Administrator duties and Economic Development.

Mayor Coey said he didn't see this post, but he knows he's had to deal with some posts on Facebook, he would hope that as councilors, you would get the facts before you respond to anything. He doesn't have a problem making comments, he's had to recently in defense of Oakridge, but just make sure you get your facts and find out what is going on before you comment.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Review and Adoption of Ordinance 913 City of Oakridge Water Curtailment Plan

Louis said we are working on document number three. The changes from number two to number three are highlighted.

Councilor Carl said he looked up OAR 690-19-030, all this does is give the Governor the authority to declare a drought, it doesn't say anything about the City Council being able to do this.

Louis said we are not declaring a drought, which has been declared already. We are declaring a water curtailment.

Louis went over the draft ordinance and the changes that have been made. There was discussion on some of the changes.

We need to define an emergency in the definition section.

We will be proposing the moderate alert level, Louis read that aloud to the City Council and citizens. We will be sending this out tomorrow in notices around town and on the websites.

There was discussion on the penalties and when the water should be shut off. How do we decide who gets their water shut off or not?

Louis believes there should be some discretion and there can be mitigating circumstances.

Councilor Carl said we may all be overlooking a basic point, unless we have had a water curtailment before, being surrounded by rivers, waterfalls and lakes, it doesn't look to him like we have a water shortage so it doesn't look like there's an emergency, if it doesn't look like that to him then he's sure it doesn't look like to that a bunch of other people. We have a job to educate the citizens as to why we are doing this.

Mayor Coey said we can see that Salmon Creek, Salt Creek and North Fork are way down. If you go swimming at three mile or salmon creek you know it's pretty low.

Councilor Zylstra said we have been pretty spoiled here, we need to put in some examples with our notices on how to conserve water. We have lots of water here, we don't know how to conserve water.

Louis said the city is going to lose money on this, probably about \$35,000- \$50,000.

Councilor Rowland said she lived in California in the 1970's when they had a water shortage and they really didn't have to worry about people watering their lawns because if you had a green lawn and everyone else on the street didn't, they would let you know. It was horrible, they couldn't hardly use any water at all.

Louis said there are about 40 people in town that have wells, there are no curtailments on using your own well water.

There will be scheduled days for watering gardens and plants allowing 20 minutes each day.

The fines will be as follows, 1st time you get a warning, 2nd violation is a \$250.00 fine, 3rd violation is a \$500.00 fine and the 4th violation your water may be shut off. There will be a \$25.00 service fee to turn water back on as long as fees are paid or they are on a payment plan with the court. It could be 2-3 weeks before they get the chance to go before the judge. It was agreed that water will be shut off for one week.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we adopt the Water Curtailment Plan as set forth by the City Administrator Ordinance 913 revised.

Louis asked Councilor Carl to read off the agenda bill by title only.

Councilor Carl moved that we read Ordinance 913 by title only and an emergency is hereby declared and exists and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage by the City Council of Oakridge with revisions. Councilor Zylstra seconded the motion.

D. Kinyon (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), R. Zylstra (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Session: 192.690 (2) (d) to conduct labor negotiations on behalf of the government body.

Adjourn for Executive Session 7:45 P.M.

Executive session 7:46 P.M.

Executive session over at 7:48 P.M.

Regular session 7:53 P.M.

Adjourn Meeting 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council August 6, 2015

Signed: _____
James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder