



August 20, 2015
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: Jim Coey, Mayor
Judy Rowland (absent)
Gary Carl
Rick Zylstra
Amy Buchmeier
Dwight Chitwood
Dawn Kinyon (Telephone)

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey gave a brief outline of a meeting he had with LRAPA, EPA and DEQ at which they discussed the air quality of Oakridge and the possible solutions. Chief Martin, Councilor Carl, Councilor Zylstra and Louis and the General Manager for Lane Electric also attended the meeting. They toured Oakridge and were impressed with what they saw. They brought a contractor that works for the EPA that helps find funding sources so we will see if we can get any help there. We did find out about timelines, we found out we got an extension that we didn't know we got, it's is for the end of December this year.

Mayor Coey announced a town hall meeting that will probably be in September.

Councilor Chitwood thought we had a very lively discussion at the last meeting about term limits, he voted for the term limits at that time, but that is how he felt at that time. This is an ongoing process, he will continue to give ideas to the city when his term limit is up.

Councilor Zylstra said regarding the comment about if you can't get the job done in eight years then it's time to get out. This is a never ending job, he just wanted to voice his disagreement with that statement.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Items 6.3 and 6.5 were removed from the agenda.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

A. Buchmeier (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), R. Zylstra (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Crosswalk – The City Engineer is doing some final adjustments to the plan, one of the owners tied to OLCC wanted the crosswalk in the center of their lot, but the council is good with where it was at, just East of We B Video and he instructed the City Engineer that that is the spot and ODOT agrees with the Council that that would a lot better spot.

Empty Lot – Tyco LLC told Louis that they don't know if they want to do anything with the lot at this time. Louis will get together with OEDAC and they are going to put together some type of strategy and go back to them one more time.

Fiber– Orchid Health Collective were the first ones to work really hard to get high speed fiber for internet. Hunter Communications has taken some fiber down to the West end of town to Best Western.

Economic Development – Project TNT is still favorable.

Million Gallon Tank and Well – We received about three pages of questions that Louis and Susie need to answer for loan documents.

Teller Road – The bids were very favorable, he will be bringing them to Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Coey said they received an email from ODOT today and they are going to start chip sealing Hwy 58 from Dexter to about four miles west of the Westfir cutoff starting next week. They said depending on the weather it should take about a week, maybe two.

LTD/Diamond Express – They didn't receive the grant they were hoping to get to expand the Diamond Express to have additional trips on the weekdays and the weekends. Louis is going to get a hold of them to find out what the dollar amount was to possibly look at other avenues.

North Ash Street – The Council budgeted about \$35,000 for this project, it looks like it will come in at about \$33,500 or so. The contractor has to finish the stormwater ditch and everything else is looking ok.

Pedestrian Study - About a year and half ago they said we have pedestrian study dollars, then they came back and said no those are on hold, then they said to apply for them with our Transportation Growth Management Grant so we did that. Now he has been informed that we have \$50,000. We have received the money and they are working on the study. The consultant is working on the study, the hoses you see on the Hwy are traffic counters and are part of the study.

6.2 City Recordors Financial Report

Susan gave the Financial Report, she will put Councilor Rowland and Councilor Kinyon's copies in their boxes at City Hall.

We have a lot of new line items, things got moved around this year.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved to approve the Finance Directors financial report as presented. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

R. Zylstra (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), D. Chitwood (Aye), D. Kinyon (Nay), G. Carl (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Aye). Motion carried 5-1

Mayor Coey said he sent the link out to the council for Louis evaluation, he has got three of them back. He would like those back in as soon as possible.

6.3 Resolution 16-2015 Budget Adjustments for FY 15-16 Budget

Removed from Agenda

6.4 Reduction of Water Curtailment from Moderate to Voluntary

Louis said back on July 27, 2015 the council made a very difficult, but necessary decision to place the city on a moderate water curtailment. Since then the community has curtailed about 25% -27% which is very good. That is approximately 190,000 - 220,000 gallons a day, the city engineer and Chuck feel that that is very good and helped recharge the wells. Staff is recommending that we go to a low alert level, voluntary. He has checked with other communities that are on voluntary curtailment and they have been averaging 10% - 13% curtailment on voluntary. We will continue to do our daily checks. Water waste will not be allowed such as washing off sidewalks and letting water run down the gutter and spraying gravel lots for dust control. He believes the community would do well on a voluntary curtailment.

Motion: Councilor Chitwood moved that we reduce the water curtailment level from moderate mandatory to low alert voluntary for necessary uses only. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

Councilor Buchmeier asked what our levels are now that we are in the third week of August?

Louis said our static levels are running about 111 feet and staying at about 118 feet, they are staying steady.

Mayor Coey said he heard comments from the public that we are already in it, why not just stay in it until Labor Day.

Councilor Zylstra said he is afraid that the spike in temperature and usage could put us right back where we were.

Councilor Carl wanted to hear from the Fire Chief on if he has an opinion on the availability of water if we should have a fire.

Chief Alcalde said we do have resources that would be sufficient, but the more water we have available the better.

Louis said he will go with whatever the council says, but he might need to grant variances.

Councilor Carl is afraid if we change it and need to change it back again the community will think we are crying wolf.

Mayor Coey (Nay), G. Carl (Nay), D. Chitwood (Aye), A. Buchmeier (Nay), D. Kinyon (Aye), R. Zylstra (Nay).
Motion failed 2-4

6.5 Ratification of Fire Union Contract

Removed from Agenda

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin they have a task force to work on all of the unexplained fires around Oakridge. We have one OSP Detective from Bend that is helping us a lot.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde reported that Jerry Shorey is retiring after about 40 years of service.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Coey attended the Small Cities event in Coburg, it is for small cities, some smaller than us. The Army Corps of Engineers did a presentation on dam levels and then it was a round table. Even with the issues that we have, we are in much better shape than most.

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

Adjourn for Executive Session 7:53 P.M.

Executive session 7:54 P.M.

Executive session over at 8:04 P.M.

Regular session 8:05 P.M.

Adjourn Meeting 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council September 3, 2015

Signed: _____
James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder