



September 3, 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
Gary Carl (absent)
Rick Zylstra
Amy Buchmeier
Dwight Chitwood
Dawn Kinyon

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

James Affa Garden Road, Oakridge – Had an odd thing happen on his property, someone cut the top of his willow tree, and he finds this disturbing that someone would do that.

Gene Hilleman 47800 Short Street, Oakridge – There aren't that many seniors that go to the senior center anymore, we should lower the rent for them.

Louis will discuss this during his report.

Carol Huber 47593 Cline Street, Oakridge –Asked who owns Cline Street, do the people on the street or does the city own it?

Louis said the city owns it.

Ms. Huber has lived there for 35 years and in that time they have filled four little potholes, how does she go about having that fixed? The Street is terrible, there are 10 – 15 cars on that street. During the winter there is a lot of water, in the summer there is too much dust.

Mayor Coey said he and Louis will address that.

Sandra Edds First Street, Oakridge – The Lawn Mower Races brought in a lot of business to Oakridge. This town said that we were looking at tourism as our future, even our Economic Development man, John Milandin said that. She has an argument with that, she said she did not believe that, she does not think that is the answer for this town, but she is a team player and went right along with that, what you failed to tell us is that there is a section of this town that thinks the only tourism is the mountain biking. When they brought in the pirates that would have been a festival of over a thousand people, she went to every hotel in this town and they said they would give a discount, they were at the hardware store, Dairy Queen, they hit every place. All the rooms were filled with the exception of one, which is why she is here. She went to Mr. Carl and his lodge and he said oh no, no, they are probably smokers and chewers. Her first initial thought was they are not real pirates you dummy, they just dress like them. Randy Marshal who has The Western World Series, is Mr. Mower. If he doesn't like you then you can just shut your track down because no one would come. One of his racers, his foreman, Randy made a reservation for him at the Oakridge Lodge and told them they had two children. When they went to the Lodge they were turned away. They ended up sleeping on the floor of the Oakridge Motel. This could have ruined her business, it came across as discrimination. She is here to ask if this is how the tourism is going to be in this town, tell her if you only want mountain bikers here.

Rustie Ackland 48265 Commercial Street, Oakridge –She is here on behalf of Banner Bank, to invite all of you on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., they will be giving the property where the old bank was to the City of Oakridge.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey addressed the road conditions, there are roads that they are working on. It is a matter of priority and what is the worst.

Louis said in regards to Cline Street, he did not see Cline Street on the list. We are trying to get a grant so we can get a transportation system plan. The Council has not established a list past Berry Street.

Louis said he will be presenting streets to the council and they have to decide two ways to do the streets, either by number of vehicles that use the street or the condition of the street. The Council will tell him how they want to do it.

Louis said he will get with the public works supervisor and they will go down and look at Cline Street.

Mayor Coey asked if we could do a chip seal on this street.

Louis said we can do that if the street has a good solid base, if not then that is where the expense comes in.

Mayor Coey said in reference to Sandy Edds, Councilor Carl is not here to defend himself one way or another. We are not just focused on mountain biking, we are working on several things right now to bring people into town. The mountain bikers are not just focused on mountain biking. He is more encouraged today than he has been in 20 years of living here with where we are going and what we are doing.

They are having a round table discussion on the 19th, it is open to the public, but they invited the Chamber of Commerce, The Council, Tourism Alliance, The Uptown Business Association, The Kiwanis, The CDC, The School Board and GOATS to participate.

Next weekend we have a lot of events going on, all of these groups need to get together and spread the events out.

Councilor Chitwood asked what time the round table will start on the 19th.

Mayor Coey said it starts at 9:00 A.M. at the Greenwaters Park Community Building.

Louis responded to Mr. Hilleman on the Sr. Center, he spoke with the ladies from the Sr. Center and he told them he would get back with them regarding to a proposal they gave him. One of this issues with the senior lounge is they have control of it. If someone rents the room they will get the credit for that, but lately no one has been renting the room. He does feel it is reasonable to reduce the rent.

Councilor Kinyon asked Louis what his timeline is to put together a road priority list.

Louis said we need to find an inexpensive consultant to help us get this done, he would like to get it done within the next 60 days.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved to approve the consent agenda with the correction. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

J. Rowland (Aye), A. Buchmeier (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

Growth Management Plan Grant – We have applied for this at least three times and we haven't got it. Primarily it was for the highway and the other part was so we could update our transportation systems plan which is part of the road prioritization.

Ford Family Foundation – We received a \$5,000 grant so we can investigate a new community center, the location that the council is tentatively looking at is the old public works building. That is 5,000 square feet and hopefully we can add another 5,000 square feet.

Wayfinding – They had a meeting on the 1st, they are trying to uniform the signs that are used throughout the community and the region to direct people when they come into the city. We have a park on the West end of town that is never utilized because no one knows it is there.

LTD – We are trying to set a meeting with Louis and the Mayor next week with them. They want to discuss the weekend runs and the extra evening runs and see what the cost will be.

Crosswalk – Louis needs to have his final discussions with We B Video and The Ridge Cafe, his goal on the meeting is to try to set up some type of parking in the front, hopefully at least two spots out front for each of them. Moving the electrical pole will not be an issue.

The Empty Lot on Hwy 58 – He spoke with OEDAC members to get some ideas from them to formulate, a number of groups including the city would like to put a visitors center there.

Mayor Coey said they had a big meeting with LRAPA two weeks ago, the Western Regional EPA Director was there, DEQ was represented, Floyd Prozanski and The Regional Solutions team from the Governor’s Office. This is moving forward, they did change our season from October to May. EPA and LRAPA came up here the following day and did a drive through. Lane Electric came up with a very generous offer from BPA, they will get us ductless heat pumps for \$3,800 installed for free, only for homeowners, and they are willing to give it to tenants through the end of the year. We are planning on using the exemption list for this, for those that have a financial hardship, Lane Electric is waiving their heating bill for red days. This is a big deal, this isn’t about air quality it is about health.

Louis said we need to set a work session for October, it was decided to have the work session on October 10, 2015 in the conference room at city hall from 10:00 until 2:00.

Louis said we do have a person that would like to open a growth site, we were under the belief that he would have to get a conditional use permit, the city attorney and Louis are going back and forth on this, and she is thinking that he may be able to just put this in under state law.

6.2 City Recorders Financial Report

Susan gave the financial report to the council.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

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

6.3 Resolution 16-2015 to accept a special purpose grant and correct a Scribner’s error

Louis said we did this on another Resolution, he put it in the working cash line and it should have gone into the miscellaneous income line. It is not changing anything in the budget, just being appropriated into the correct line.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved that we adopt Resolution 16-2015 to accept an unforeseen specific purpose grant and to correct a Scribner’s error on Resolution 14-2015. Councilor Zylstra seconded the motion.

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

6.4 Flexibility of Fees charged for annexations

Louis said our annexation fees are roughly \$1,500 which seems a bit high. He is asking council to give flexibility to charge true cost, roughly \$53.00- \$55.00 per hour, he believes \$1,500 is a bit high.

Councilor Zylstra asked if we will give itemized statements to the citizens and if this is \$1,500 maximum?

Louis said he will keep a record of the hours they work.

Councilor Chitwood asked how often we do annexations?

Louis said not very often, but he foresees in the next six month that we will see a number of them.

Motion: Councilor Zylstra moved that we allow the City Administrator to charge true costs for annexations up to a maximum of \$1500.00. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 The Review and Acceptance of a Bid for the Teller Road Construction Project

Louis read the bids to the city council. Gene will be pleased with the bids we received. We budgeted \$175,000 for this project, \$50,000 of it was a small cities allotment grant from ODOT. One of the issues we talked about was how thick the asphalt surface was going to be. Originally we bid it out for a 2" road surface and one of the options the engineer asked the bidders was to see how much it would be for a 3" road surface. So, the original bid was \$153,236 and for an extra \$14,000 that would put us at \$167,236 then we would have a 3" surface and still be a little under \$8,000 of what we budgeted. Louis is recommending to the council that we accept the low bid from Eugene Sand Construction along with the additional for a total of \$167,236.

Motion: Councilor Chitwood moved that we accept the bid of \$167,236 from Eugene Sand Construction, to complete the construction of Teller Road. Councilor Kinyon seconded the motion.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin said the stats are up quite a bit for August, they had 387 incidents which resulted in 56 case reports. They have had 90-100 calls a week. They are sending 5 people to oral boards for the code enforcement officer and they are looking for a new police officer.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Louis introduced the new Interim Fire Chief Mike Hansen.

Mike introduced himself to the council and citizens, he talked about his past experience. He likes to share his experiences and help other communities.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Parks, Trails and Trees Board – John Lucachick resigned from the board now that he lives out of town.

LCOG – Mayor Coey has a meeting next week.

The water curtailment is still in effect, the water usage is going down, but they are still giving out warnings.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660 (2) (l) to review and evaluate the employment related performance of the CEO of any public body. ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing

Adjourn for Executive Session 8:50 P.M.

Executive session 8:58 P.M.

Executive session over at 9:35 P.M.

Regular session 9:36 P.M.

Motion: Councilor Chitwood moved that we approve the 5% raise to the City Administrators contracted salary to take effect as of July 1, 2015. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

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

Adjourn Meeting 9:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council October 1, 2015

Signed: _____
James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder