



July 21, 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
Rick Zylstra
Amy Buchmeier
Dwight Chitwood
Dawn Kinyon (absent)

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Gene Hilleman 47800 Short Street Oakridge – He didn't see where the Enterprise Zone passed, so do we have two more years before we get the next one?

Louis said it did pass. He is in discussion with Lane County and Business Oregon, they have sent him a model template to use for the resolutions so we can get redesignated under the new law.

Tammy Barton 47769 Portal Drive – Concerts in the Park asked if they could end the music at 9:00 P.M. instead of 8:00 P.M. on August 1st for the Just us Festival. They added another band to play.

Chief Martin said it shouldn't be an issue, they check the sound with the decibel counter and if it needs to be turned down they will have them turn it down. It hasn't been an issue in the past.

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the concerts to end at 9:00 P.M.

Jerry Shorey 47943 Commercial Street - He is here on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and their support for the lawn mower races.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey had a meeting yesterday with a field rep with Senator Merkely's office, they went up to Waldo Lake to discuss issues with the Sierra Club, the Forest Service and Commissioner Stewart. The Sierra Club is trying to extend the wilderness boundary around Waldo. The Forest Service and Senator Merkely's office want GOATS involved and they had withdrawn from some of the conversations because of the Sierra Club, they kind of hit a wall. People are telling them to back off and work with Oakridge and the Forest Service.

MBO was last weekend, the numbers were down a little but, there were no major incidents.

Last Wednesday Mayor Coey hosted the Mayors Round Table, the quarterly meeting that Mayors get together and do. Oakridge made a huge impression, a lot of the Mayors had not been here before.

Mayor Coey has talked to quite a few people that have decided to make Oakridge their home. Things are moving forward.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Councilor Carl wanted to add an agenda item 6.8 to repeal term limits on City Council and Mayor.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

July is a horrible month for staff, it's the end of the year and they are trying to get everything tied up.

Teller Road - They are getting ready to bid Teller Road out. They are hoping that the bid comes in at the vicinity of about \$205,000 - \$210,000 for the 1,000 feet of road.

Crosswalk – They are finalizing the Engineers report, this is moving along. We won't see construction for this until towards the end of September, the reason for that is we can get a better bid price the later in the construction season that we go because everyone has already finished the high dollar projects.

Economic Development – He got a call on project TNT today, he is still trying to push the process and get this done.

Water Project, Million Gallon Tank and Well – It has been primarily a guess on how much the rate increase will be. The Council directed the City Engineer to turn in the loan application which we are not obligated to accept, but then we will know what we need to ask for, right now it is just a guess. The estimate right now is \$4.56, but they are still looking at the numbers.

Mayor Coey asked about the I and I.

Louis hasn't directed the City Engineer to start looking for funding for that yet, but if the Council wants him to start looking he can direct him to do so. Someone can make a motion to start the process.

6.2 City Recorders Financial Report

Susan reported that the Council has their Council Approval Reports in front of them and also the print outs for the June cash flow.

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

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

6.3 Annexation and Rezone Carson/Slaven Property 76527 Westoak Road 21-35-16-11 06400

Public Hearing for Ordinance 909 and 910 Annexations and Rezones

Staff Report

Louis gave the staff report and read the findings.

Open Public Hearing

7:23 P.M.

Statements in Favor

Matt Carson – He is the property owner at 76527 Westoak Road, it would make sense to join the city, this will increase taxes and bring in extra money to the city.

Statements in General

None

Statements in Opposition

None

Close Public Hearing

7:25 P.M.

Council Discussion

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved that we read by title only and adopt Ordinance 909 and direct Staff to file the annexation for Tax Parcel 21-35-16-11: Lot 06400 with the Oregon Department of Revenue and the Oregon Secretary of State Office. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

Councilor Buchmeier read Ordinance 909 by title only.

Councilor Buchmeier read Ordinance 909 by title only a second time.

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

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved that we read by title only and adopt Ordinance 910 an Ordinance approving the zoning of certain annexed territory to the City of Oakridge, Tax parcel 21-35-16-11: Lot 06400. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

Councilor Rowland read Ordinance 910 by title only.

Councilor Rowland read Ordinance 910 by title only a second time.

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

Annexation and Rezone Moe Property 48359 E 1st Street 21-35-15-23 03100

Public Hearing for Ordinance 911 and 912 Annexations and Rezones

Staff Report

Louis gave the staff report and read the findings.

Open Public Hearing

7:33 P.M.

Statements in Favor

James Affa said he thinks the addition to our city and tax base is a wonderful thing.

Statements in General

Sarah Burns asked if the zone change will change anything to the surrounding properties?

Louis said no there will be no real changes to the properties.

Sarah Burns asked since 2nd Street is going to be the primary access street, will that change the relationship to the maintenance on that road?

Louis said he can't guarantee anything, but Mr. Moe does have to put an apron in at the end of his driveway. The emergency service won't be impeded. The Fire Chief has to sign off and look at access and those kinds of things.

Statements in Opposition

None

Close Public Hearing

7:35 P.M.

Council Discussion

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we read by title only and adopt Ordinance 911 and direct staff to file the annexation for tax parcel 21-35-15-23: Lot 03100 with the Oregon Department of Revenue and the Oregon Secretary of State Office. Councilor Buchmeier seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl read the Ordinance by title only.

Councilor Carl read the Ordinance by title only a second time.

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

Motion: Councilor Zylstra moved that we read by title only and adopt Ordinance 912 an ordinance approving the zoning of certain annexed territory to the City of Oakridge, Tax parcel 21-35-15-23: Lot 03100. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Councilor Zylstra read Ordinance 912 by title only.

Councilor Zylstra read Ordinance 912 by title only a second time.

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

6.4 Resolution 13-2015 Revision of Library Board Responsibilities

Susan said the original resolution had some inappropriate wording in it, it talked about the board putting together the budget, which is an administrative task, and they don't put that together. This resolution takes that out. They are an advisory board, they can bring things to the council for approval.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved to adopt resolution 13-2015 a resolution amending resolution 14-2013 for the City of Oakridge Library Board. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

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

6.5 Resolution 14-2015 Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue

Louis said this has to do with money appropriations to the City by the Board of County Commissioners for the Sprinkler system in the lot 30 building. Originally the county said they were going to pay it directly from their coffers, they changed their mind and Louis did not anticipate that money to come in, in this fiscal year. This is one of those exceptions where we can bring the money in for a specific purpose without doing a supplemental budget.

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we adopt Resolution 14-2015 to accept an unforeseen specific purpose grant. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

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

6.6 Ordinance Concerning Curtailment of Water Use in the City of Oakridge

Louis stated that Lane County has been declared as a drop county. As a precaution is necessary for the City of Oakridge to ensure that we have a reasonable water curtailment plan. One of the wells that was checked was well #1, when they checked it it was 20 feet lower than it was this time last year, which is where the concerns come from.

Louis drew up a Curtailment Ordinance for the Council.

Councilor Carl said he thinks this is very necessary and we need to do this now, but we also need to let the community know why we are doing it.

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

Mayor Coey said we all know there was no snow pack and very little rain this year, the City started our process two weeks ago by not watering the parks. We are talking about not watering lawns and washing cars, you can still water your flowers and gardens.

Louis said before you act on this he'd like to look at a couple pieces on here. Louis said if there are any changes they want to make he can make them.

Mayor Coey said he thinks we need to stick with what he wrote, we are at a point that we need to act on this.

Louis went over the different levels of alert and fees that will be imposed. Third and subsequent penalties may include water shut off. This includes anyone who is on our water system.

Chuck and Louis are talking to the major water users, like the Fish Hatchery.

Councilor Buchmeier would like time to read the ordinance before making a decision. If this doesn't pass she would like the staff to ask for voluntary curtailment.

Louis said we will notice this out even if it's voluntary curtailment. We will go all media; newspapers, radio, TV and the website.

Councilor Rowland asked if we can have a special meeting next week after they have had a chance to look at this.

Susan said she used this document from other cities that have the same problem we are having. It's pretty consistent as far as the curtailment and the fines.

Councilor Carl withdrew his motion.

The Council will meet on Monday the 27th at 6:30 P.M.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved that we postpone consideration of Ordinance 913 until the next City Council meeting. Councilor Carl seconded the motion.

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

6.7 Authorization to negotiate the purchase of Tyree Oil Property

Louis said this is something we have been talking about for two years, we have tried a number of ways to get this property without outright purchasing it, but we weren't able to do that. He is asking the council to authorize him to start negotiating to purchase that property. This will be for a future visitor's center, electric car charging station, a pocket park, restrooms and it will be additional parking. The new crosswalk is going to be in the vicinity of that same lot.

Motion: Councilor Buchmeier moved that we direct the City Administrator to negotiate with Tyco Properties LLC, for the purchase of tax lot 21-35-17-42 00300. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Councilor Zylstra said we have a lot of partners in this and he'd like to see an actual meeting set up for a roundtable.

Mayor Coey said they were talking about sometime in September. September 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the community building. This will be for all the board members, not just the chairs. He talked to RDI about mediating this and he thinks we should talk to Stan as well.

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

6.8 Repeal Term Limits for Mayor and Council

Motion: Councilor Carl moved to direct staff to prepare a referendum to send to the voters appealing the term limits for the Mayor and City Council. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Councilor Carl said a couple of years ago some folks thought it would be a good idea to have term limits on the Council and Mayor. He didn't think that was a good idea then and he doesn't think it's a good idea

now. We recently had an election for City Council and we couldn't get enough folks to run. When we do get folks to be on City Council they either do a good job or they don't, to have an ordinance to take a good Councilor out automatically is not a good idea.

Jerry Shorey said he was on the Council in 2013 when this took place. This was because we had people coming to our meetings saying they wanted term limits. This never intended to be retroactive. This is the people's choice.

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

6.9 Start Process for I and I project

Motion: Councilor Carl moved that we direct city staff to pursue information regarding the loan for the I and I project. Councilor Zylstra seconded the motion.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin reported they had 229 calls for service, 46 were traffic citations and 36 case reports from those calls.

Officer Larsen has graduated and will be out on the streets, we have one more full time officer on the road.

They are in the process of hiring a code enforcement officer.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde said June has been very busy, they had 73 calls in June. This month as of date we have had 47 medical calls and six fire calls. They are handling it, but it is becoming more and more difficult to do ambulance and fire calls. Chief completed a course instruction on life and fire safety that is given by the Deputy Fire Marshall. This was to teach Fire Chiefs how to deal with access issues and water supply issues.

Councilor Buchmeier said there has been speculation out there that some of the recent fires have been arson, can he provide updates.

Chief Alcalde said they have been suspicious in nature. If anyone see's any individuals or vehicles near the scenes that aren't typical to report them.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The library is having a book sale on August 8th, they are still looking for donations.

Treeplanting will meet in October.

The Public Safety meeting will be Tuesday August 4th, everyone is welcome.

Administration – They are working on live streaming the council meetings. They met with Stonebroke who are looking at reopening the quarry on Dunning Road. There is a meeting planned for August 5 in the Oakridge High School board room from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. They are looking at ten full time on site jobs the first year and they are working with Oakridge Sand & Gravel on that.

Executive Session: ORS 192.690 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. 192.690 (2) (d) to conduct labor negotiations on behalf of the government body.

Adjourn for Executive Session 8:30 P.M.

Executive session 8:32 P.M.

Executive session over at 9:29 P.M.

Regular session 9:29 P.M.

Adjourn Meeting 9:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council August 6, 2015

Signed: _____
James Coey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder