

October 20, 2005
City Council Regular Session
Oakridge City Hall Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Sue Bond, Mayor
Rayetta Clark
Carina Schorer
Glenn Fortune
Don Hampton (via conference call)
Leah Chapman

Council Absent: Dawn Shields

Staff Present: City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman
City Recorder Chantell Hayson
Police Chief Louis Gomez
Fire Chief Jerry Shorey

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Minutes of Regular Session of October 6, 2005

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to approve the consent agenda. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), L. Chapman (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Oakridge Boy Scouts of America / Drill-Tech Resource Appropriation

City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman reminded the Council that at the last meeting it had requested an agreement with Drill-Tech and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for the wood storage fundraising program at the Oakridge Industrial Park. The agreement has been drafted, approved, and signed by all parties. Gordon stated that the Council now needs to dedicate the anticipated revenues to one or more funds. The staff has

selected six funds that could be appropriate for this revenue. These funds are the General Fund Misc. Income, Parks Fund Misc. Income, EMS Fund Misc. Income, OIP Fund, Agency Reserve Fund Misc. Income, and the Wood Stove Replacement Fund. The potential revenue could be \$5,200 each year for up to three years.

Staff recommends putting the revenue in the Wood Stove Replacement Fund because the money being received revolves around wood use and clean burning to reduce the amount of contaminants in our airshed. It seems to be a good fit.

Mayor Bond responded that this sounds great. She is pleased that it would help in the future for a cleaner airshed. She commented that perhaps the money could be saved and used in the future for matching funds on another wood stove grant.

Councilor Clark responded that it sounds great for her.

Councilor Chapman agreed that it was fine.

Councilor Schorer asked if the money could be put into the General Fund and then moved later as necessary.

Councilor Hampton pointed out that no matter where you put it, you can always move it later during the budget process. He also stated that it could just go into Contingency. However, he also likes the idea of the Wood Stove Replacement Fund.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to receipt any money generated through the Oakridge, BSA, Drill-Tech partnership be placed in the Wood Stove Replacement Fund. L. Chapman (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), and G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

2.2 Odle Lane Annexation Discussion

Gordon Zimmerman reported that he met with the Odle Lane neighborhood association on Monday, Oct. 18, and had a positive meeting. Although they are opposed to annexation, they are willing to consider some ideas to make it more palatable. The City is now waiting for them to come forward with their proposals.

Tim Collins, 76132 Hyland Lane, Oakridge: Mr. Collins thanked the Council for sending Mr. Zimmerman to speak with them. It was encouraging to discuss the options and see that the City is willing to work with them and come to a mutually agreeable resolution. Although many of the questions were answered, they are wondering what is happening with the Kraack property as they have noticed that it is up for sale. They would like to know how they will be affected if he chooses not to develop the property. The biggest concerns they have is to make sure that this is well thought out from beginning to end and that the fixed income residents are fully aware of the impact to their personal budgets. He thanked the Council again for sending Gordon to speak with them and for working with them and their attorney.

Dustin Sprague 76155 Odle Lane, Oakridge: He also expressed his gratitude for the Council sending Mr. Zimmerman to speak with them as well. He stated that currently they have an attorney reviewing all of the information and will be coming forward with

recommendations to make it easier for all parties involved in the completion of this annexation.

Richard Kraack, 76370 Klohn Road, Oakridge: As the developer of the property next to the Odle Lane neighbor, Richard responded to the earlier reference to his property being for sale by stating that it is up for sale. However, he is working with engineers to still do the subdivision.

Beth Sprague, 76550 Odle Lane, Oakridge: Beth stated that there was a question at the previous meeting with Mr. Zimmerman that he could not answer at the time. Is the pre-annexation agreement with Mr. Kraack public record?

Gordon Zimmerman responded that yes, it was. Ms. Sprague requested a copy for the attorney.

Gordon Zimmerman passed around e-mail from Zoanne Gilstrap, administrative assistant for the County Commission, from the County asking if we could have a joint meeting with the County Commission.

Mayor Bond proceeded to read the e-mail aloud for the citizens in the audience and Councilor Hampton on speakerphone. The e-mail was inviting discussion for the County Commission that did not revolve around public safety in particular. The Board of Commissioners is offering an opportunity to have an open dialogue discussion in Oakridge on any topic. Mayor Bond asked if anyone had any concerns besides public safety for them to discuss. No one had any at this time. Mayor Bond recommended that the Council think about this further. They will discuss them at the next council meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY

4.1 Emergency Services Department Contract Ratification

Gordon Zimmerman and Mayor Bond pulled this item from the agenda.

Police Chief Louis Gomez updated the council on the criminal activity and stated that there have not been any more thefts recently. They have made some arrests and are still working on several of the cases. They have successfully closed seven of the cases that they were working on. They also have several leads on a few of the high dollar crimes. He informed the Council that last week there was three homes near each other along the river that were burglarized, mainly jewelry, for which they have a good lead. These crimes happened during the middle of the day with two being a forced entry and one through an unlocked door. He then encouraged citizens to be more vigilant and lock up their personal items to help deter these criminals. He also asked the citizens to call the Police Department if they see unfamiliar vehicles or people in their neighborhoods.

Fire Chief Jerry Shorey reported that he and Gordon Zimmerman attended the Emergency Management Committee meeting with the Regional City Managers and the County. They found that the current Oakridge Emergency Plan is outdated and needs to be addressed immediately. Chief Gomez will be working with Chief Shorey to update portions of the plan that affect the Police and Emergency Services Departments. They are using Lane County's Emergency Plan to help start the review process.

Councilor Fortune asked if the plan includes all public safety agencies.

Gordon Zimmerman said yes and probably more. He assumes that the County plan addresses this as well so they have something to start from in the planning process. He stated that the City Administrators around the County have been discussing this recently and have realized that they are not comfortable with how they are required to proceed in the case of an emergency. Gordon said that there are procedures in place about who to call for what type of disaster, but since there are many unanswered questions on the part of the City Administrators, they are working with all agencies to resolve these issues.

Councilor Fortune said that it is probably reasonable that the State should be included in this plan to know what is going on.

Gordon Zimmerman responded that he hopes the County management plan addresses these issues and will help make the process clearer about whom to call for what disaster.

Chief Gomez stated that there is already protocol in place for certain types of disasters that is initiated by the police department and the Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) team. He said that what we need to do is integrate what we already have with our County plan.

Chief Shorey said that the City could then qualify for Federal funds once this plan is finalized. He stated that each department would have the responsibility of updating their sections of the plan.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilor Fortune met with the Oakridge Public Safety Committee about the future use of tasers. He reported that the committee was divided about this type of weapon and therefore they will be discussing it further.

Chief Gomez stated that he has also provided additional documentation for the committee on the procedures in place for the use of force to help them with this decision.

Councilor Fortune continued to report that the committee also discussed bringing back the Municipal Court and see if the County would help with support. He then asked Chief Shorey if the projected date of November 1st is still feasible for the new ambulance to go into service.

Chief Shorey responded that yes they are still anticipating that will be the date.

Mayor Bond attended a Housing Rehabilitation Budget Committee meeting to talk about how to defederalize the dollars so that the consortium could use them. There is now a question of whether each jurisdiction will use their individual funds or if it will be a large pool that can be tapped into as needed by each of the cities. They have currently turned all of the loans and are in the process of the second round. The second round returned funds will be “defederalized”. They also have questions for the State because the committee needs clarification on how and what they can actually spend those funds on. The next meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 27 in Cottage Grove for anyone who wants to attend.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Mayor Bond adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council November 3, 2005.

Signed: _____
S. Sue Bond, Mayor Date

Attest: _____
Chantell R. Hayson, City Recorder Date