

March 9, 2006
City Council Public Hearing and Special Session
Oakridge City Hall Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Council Present: Sue Bond, Mayor
Glenn Fortune
Carina Schorer
Don Hampton
Rayetta Clark

Council Absent: Leah Chapman
Dawn Shields

Staff Present: City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman
Community Services Director Kevin Urban
City Recorder Chantell Hayson

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Bond opened the public hearing for discussion.

1.1 Staff Report

Gordon Zimmerman said there are two reasons for this Public Hearing. The first reason is to discuss the community housing needs. The Oakridge Warm Homes Project has identified 160 homes that need assistance in rehabilitation, weatherization, and energy efficient remodels. The question now facing Oakridge and the other community partners in the Warm Home Project is the amount of money available. A CDBG grant could help with those homes identified within the City limits.

The other project is a new library. The Council goals last year and this year both identify the need for a new library as crucial for the city. The Council has previously seen the plans for the library.

1.2 Arguments in Favor

None.

1.3 Arguments in Opposition

None.

1.4 General Comments

None.

Mayor Bond closed the public hearing.

1.5 Council Discussion

Councilor Fortune asked about the size of the grant for housing rehabilitation.

Mayor Bond said it could be up to \$500,000. She mentioned that Lane County may also be going for a \$500,000 grant for the houses identified through the Warm Homes Project that are outside the Oakridge City limits.

Councilor Schorer stated that she wished that the library could have been built more towards Highway 58. However, she thinks the current plan is great and that the Council should go for it. Councilors' Fortune, Clark, and Hampton agree that the staff needs to proceed with the request.

ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for New Library

Motion by D. Hampton and seconded by R. Clark to pursue CDBG Grants for the Library and Housing Rehabilitation Grants. C. Schorer (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

Mayor Bond adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council March 13, 2006.

Signed: _____
S. Sue Bond, Mayor Date

Attest: _____
Chantell R. Hayson, City Recorder Date