

July 20, 2006
City Council Regular Session
City Council Room
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES



1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman
Community Services Director Kevin Urban
Assistant Planner/Accounting Clerk Alicia Davidson
Police Chief Louis Gomez

2.0 CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Gordon Zimmerman added item 6.4 Wedding at Greenwaters Park.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of Regular Session of July 6, 2006

Motion by D. Hampton and seconded by R. Clark to approve the consent agenda. C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), and R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

5.1 League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference

Gordon explained that the conference committee has scheduled this year for the last week in September rather than in November. He said that the location will start rotating

between Portland, Salem, Eugene, and Bend in a four-year cycle. Reservations have been made for September 29 and 30 for Councilors to attend at the Portland Marriott Downtown. Councilors Hampton, Fortune, Clark, and Mayor Bond will be attending and Councilor Schorer will attend if she can. Business meetings and a welcoming reception will be on Thursday, Sep. 28. Opening ceremonies begin Friday, Sep.29 at 8:00 a.m. with the banquet dinner on Saturday evening.

5.2 Feline Assistance Network

Gordon explained that the Feline Assistance Network for the Oakridge-Westfir Cat Project has been formed and is requesting a donation of \$200 from the City to help fund this project. The money could help to spay/neuter eight cats. He said that the project did thirty cats last weekend and he believes about thirty the week before for a total of sixty.

Councilor Fortune asked what happens with the cats after the surgery.

Gordon said that they are returned back to where they were picked up.

Councilor Clark wants to verify that the cats are not only spayed/neutered but are also tested for FIP and Leukemia to help reduce spreading of diseases.

Councilor Hampton wants to know if the diseased cats are euthanized.

Gordon said the group does not euthanize.

Councilor Schorer said that she has had the feral cats around her home spayed or neutered but could not afford to have testing for diseases done at the time.

Councilor Clark and Gordon confirmed that this project does spay/neuter as well as the testing and shots for \$25 per cat.

Mayor Bond said if cats test positive for the diseases they need to be euthanized rather than returned to the population.

Gordon asked if the Council wanted him to get answers to these questions before approving the request for funds and the Council said yes.

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Water Project Update

Gordon wants the Council to review the timeline for the project submitted by LEE-PACE Engineers. He said that because of rising steel prices, the building of the actual tank and transmission lines that were in Phase II were moved before Phase I. City crews

built the chlorine contact chamber which saved \$75,000 to \$100,000 because it did not have to be outsourced.

Dean Phillips asked if anything else on the project has been done besides the chlorine chamber.

Gordon said several steps have already been completed. He gave Dean a copy of the project schedule.

6.2 School District Bus Loading Zone Request

Gordon explained that with the consolidation of the Middle School with the High School, there is a need to have a bus-loading zone for the 7th and 8th graders separate from the rest of the students. The school is requesting that the west side of Rose Street be designated as a loading zone. Staff recommends the request.

Motion by R. Clark and seconded by G. Fortune to designate the west side of Rose Street as "Bus Loading Only – Monday through Friday – 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and direct staff to properly sign the area. Mayor Bond (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), and D. Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 Zero Clearance Theater Production at Siuslaw Bank Amphitheater Wine Tasting Permit

Gordon said that on August 25 and 26 the Zero Clearance Theatre is going to do a radio show on the Siuslaw Bank Amphitheatre stage. This is sponsored by the Park Performance Project, which was funded by the County Tourism money. They would like to offer wine tasting and wine by the glass as noted on their permit request. He noted that wristbands would be required on persons over the age of 21 to help officers easily detect who has been checked for age.

Councilor Clark reiterated that wristbands would be required on adults.

Motion by C. Schorer and seconded by D. Hampton to approve the alcohol permit for the Zero Clearance Theatre event at the Siuslaw Bank Amphitheatre on August 25th and 26th. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.4 Wedding at Greenwaters Park

Gordon said that Gordon Patty and Alta Sutherland will be married in the park on July 29 and would like to request an alcohol permit for the wedding toast.

Councilor Hampton is not opposed to the request but wants staff to ensure that the liability insurance is taken care of.

Mayor Bond said that she believes this request is for a toast only.

Gordon said yes, a toast only, and that the liability insurance is more towards selling of alcohol.

Councilor Clark noted that there would be a licensed server.

Gordon pointed out that they did respond on the form that they are aware of their responsibility from item #3 of the request form.

Councilor Schorer said it seems that this is a good beginning to a lot more wedding use at the park.

Councilor Fortune reiterated that the liability question was geared more towards selling of alcohol and having a beer garden.

Councilor Clark noted that a licensed server would also be held liable.

Councilor Schorer asked why would there be wine as well as champagne if it were only for a toast.

Gordon responded that it could be that some do not like champagne.

Motion by R. Clark and seconded by D. Hampton to approve the alcohol permit for the Patty/Sutherlin Wedding event at the park. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez said staff is close to choosing the applicant for the Dispatcher vacancy. He continued to say that the warm weather has kept them quite busy lately but generally everything is normal.

8.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Gordon said that Chief Shorey is traveling and would be back by Sunday.

9.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilor Hampton attended a Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council meeting last night. One of the presentations was about storm water in the Springfield area as it relates to the new housing that is occurring in the Mt. Vernon area. He said they also are dealing with the wetlands and urban growth boundary issues. The Jasper extension road will be pushed through to the June Mill. He said questions were asked about how they would deal with the four-lane road going into a two-lane road and were told that it may be pushed through the Jasper extension to Highway 58. He said this was distressing to some due to the loss of agricultural lands. Another presentation was

about water supply. He said a benevolent group is trying to supply water to third world countries to help reduce human deaths caused by contaminated waters. He continued to say that the discussion also covered the local area and whether there would be enough water to supply everyone. Although there is a lot of water in the area he said that there is always a possibility for a shortage.

Mayor Bond signed the grant application for \$500,000 for Housing Rehabilitation with Lane County.

Councilor Fortune reported that Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) evaluated and gave a raise to Merlin Hough, Executive Director.

Councilor Fortune also indicated that the Region 2050 Project is winding down. The committee is putting together the final report. Somewhere along the line they will want to work with communities regarding preservation and anticipate a completion by October.

Gordon reported that Mr. Hough with LRAPA presented a report about air quality to the Springfield Rotary and mentioned Oakridge and how we have addressed the air quality issues.

10.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Fortune apologized for not being able to attend the last meeting.

Councilor Clark attended a nice picnic at the park on Sunday put on by the Fire Department. She said the food was awesome which included some fresh caught deep-sea fish.

Mayor Bond said the Blackberry Jam would be held July 28-30.

Councilor Fortune said the Track International Classic would be held this weekend in Eugene.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660 (2)e Real Property Negotiations

The Council convened into executive session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations at 7:32 p.m.

Executive session ended and Council reconvened in open session at 7:48 p.m.

11.1 Business at the Oakridge Industrial Park

Staff requested the authority to reach a settlement agreement with a business in the Industrial Park regarding the closing out of loan funds.

Motion by D. Hampton and seconded by R. Clark to direct staff to reach a settlement agreement with the company at the Industrial Park. D. Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), and G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

11.2 Purchase of Hogrefe property by Fish Hatchery Road

Ralph "Lucky" Hogrefe has accepted the City's offer to buy his property on Highway 58 next to the Industrial Park for \$40,000.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by C. Schorer to authorize the City Administrator to finalize the purchase of the Hogrefe property for \$40,000. R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), and G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

11.3 Bid on Ambulance Barn

Randy and Caseys LLC has offered to purchase the old ambulance garage on East First for \$27,300.

Motion by D. Hampton and seconded by R. Clark to accept the bid of \$27,300 for the old ambulance barn property submitted by Casey Jones. D. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), and R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Hampton asked for clarification of when the City Administrator's evaluation is due.

Mayor Bond asked that the Councilors return them to her before Thursday of next week. She will be attending the Mayor's Conference on Thursday and wants to take them with her. She continued to say that she would be absent from the City during the scheduled August 17 Council meeting in order to be at her daughter's wedding. Councilor Fortune will conduct that meeting.

Councilor Clark mentioned that she might also be absent at that meeting.

Gordon reminded the Council that two more Councilors may be seated by that time and it would be okay if both were absent. It can be finalized after the August 3 meeting.

Councilor Fortune asked if the process for the vacancies has been finalized.

Gordon explained that the City is accepting applications until 5:00 p.m. on July 27. He said staff would then put together packets that would not show who is who on the forms and that a list of names of who applied will be supplied just before the meeting. Questions could then be asked for further details of the applicants during the meeting.

Mayor Bond noted that the Council does not have to appoint if they choose not to.

Councilor Hampton happily mentioned that he would be a grandparent in about twelve hours.

ADJOURN

Mayor Bond adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council August 3, 2006.

Signed: _____
S. Sue Bond, Mayor Date

Attest: _____
Chantell R. Steiner, City Recorder Date