

November 16, 2006
City Council Regular Session
City Council Room
48318 E. First Street, Oakridge OR 97463
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
Criss Steiner
Amy Kordosky

Council Absent: Glenn Fortune

Staff Present: City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman
City Recorder Chantell Steiner
Community Services Director Kevin Urban
Police Chief Louis Gomez
Fire Chief Jerry Shorey

2.0 CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John Ryon, 47735 W. 2nd Street, Oakridge: Mr. Ryon's topic is on the agenda so he will present his concerns when the update of the West 2nd complaints is discussed.

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of Regular Session of November 2, 2006

Councilor Hampton noted a few content changes to the minutes that were not able to be in the packet prior to the meeting.

Chantell Steiner noted that the changes have been made on the official copy.

Motion by R. Clark and seconded by C. Steiner to approve the minutes with the changes discussed. C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), C. Steiner (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), and A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion passed 6-0.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

5.1 Sale of Dunning Road Property

Gordon Zimmerman explained that after the last Executive Session he successfully negotiated the sale of the Dunning Road property of 28.85 acres with Dean Tinney. He said Mr. Tinney agreed to the Council's terms and will pay the full asking price with the City carrying a partial contract for a few years with no prepayment penalty.

Motion by C. Schorer and seconded by R. Clark to approve the sale of 28.85 acres of City surplus property located on Dunning Road to Mr. And Mrs. Dean Tinney for \$123,000 and terms as described. D. Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), C. Steiner (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), and C. Schorer (Aye). Motion passed 6-0.

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Status of Elementary School Flagpole

Kevin Urban reported that the school has now decided that they do not need a flagpole because they have hangers on the side of the building that they will use instead.

7.0 POLICE SERVICES

7.1 Status of West Second Complaints

Chief Gomez reported that Code Enforcement Officer Howery has started working on issuing warnings from the photos that were presented by Mr. Ryon. He noted that several of the items have already been moved including some boats. Officer Howery will continue to follow-up on the other items that need addressing. He said that they have been reviewing the issue of the tall hedges in the photos and will be addressing that as well. He said the Ordinance seems very clear that all front hedges should be no taller than thirty inches. He said there was some discussion at one time that if the hedge was in prior to the ordinance then it would be fine, however, he believes this ordinance has been in effect for the thirty inch requirement for a long time. The other issue concerns the boats that are parked in what appears to be an alley. He said this is not an alley but rather an easement with Lane Electric. The staff is contacting Lane Electric to see if they can work with them to require clearing of the area.

Mayor Bond asked Mr. Ryon if this report answered all of his questions and concerns.

Mr. Ryon said that this does answer a lot of his questions and he said he really appreciates the removal of the boats. He continued to say that he does have some issues with Jackie Dean's yard as well as their motor home outside. He told staff where she works if someone needs to talk with her.

Chief Gomez stopped Mr. Ryon and explained that today he has given an update. If there are more concerns than what was already presented, Mr. Ryon will need to come to the Police Department to submit those additional items.

Mayor Bond reiterated that if there were additional complaints, then he would need to start that process with the Police Department.

Mr. Ryon said he understands but he has some neighbors that are afraid to come up here.

Mayor Bond said if these are individual complaints, they will need to be presented to the Police Department later and not during a Council meeting.

Mr. Ryon said he had one more thing. He said one garage on West Second Street is only five feet from the property line and the ordinance says it should be twenty feet. He said it was built illegally.

Gordon Zimmerman interjected that if the Building Department approved the construction of the garage and the City signed it off at that time, then it is legal. He explained that it would not be approved with the current staff if someone tried to submit plans. He told Mr. Ryon that if he has questions on any of the current or new complaints to come and speak with him or Chief Gomez.

8.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire Chief Shorey had nothing to report.

9.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilor Hampton attended the Trails Open House on Monday night. He said a rumor was started that the intention of the committee was to build a portion of a trail behind the homes along Fairy Glen. This brought a lot of people to the meeting. The committee quickly addressed that rumor as not true and some clarity of the project was presented to the citizens present.

Councilor Hampton attended the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council meeting. He explained that the first session was quite interesting and discussed a project that involves the removal of household hazardous wastes in the community. He noted that the City of Oakridge has done similar projects as well. There was concern that it did not apply to commercial people so the McKenzie and Middle Fork Watershed agencies got together and raised some grant money to clean up farm pesticides and herbicides that were just sitting around in barns and such. He explained that items such as DDT have since been prohibited and since there was no easy way to dispose of them people have just piled them on their properties. He said this could create an even larger danger if a flood were to happen and drag these items down stream or into safe drinking water reserves. He said they do have enough grant money that they are going to do the project again. The first round up did not get all of the wastes because people were hesitant that they were going to be fined or charged. He noted that only one fire

department participated in the last project. He would like to see the Oakridge Fire Department contact them and offer to participate on the second project.

Councilor Hampton reported that the Tree Planting meeting was on Monday and that four princesses have been selected. The festival will be the weekend of May 5th. He said they discussed the insurance coverage of the school district and their inability to cover the princesses while they are practicing in the school gym. Because this is not a school-sponsored activity, their insurance will not provide coverage for them. The committee would like to know if the City is able to have a rider on their plan to cover the princesses while practicing on the school property in the future. The question has been asked of our Insurance Agent.

Mayor Bond explained that over the last few years an ad hoc committee has been formed that works on lighting up the City for the holidays. She proudly reported that by working with Regina Gardner and Randy Dreiling of the Chamber of Commerce the committee has raised through donations enough money to purchase sixteen six-foot snowflakes that will hang along Highway 58. The goal for next year is to raise enough money for twenty more.

10.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gordon said that normal past practice of the Council is to have a holiday potluck the first meeting in December and to cancel the second meeting.

Mayor Bond asked the Council how they felt about canceling the second meeting.

Councilor Hampton asked if he could be excused from the December 7th meeting, as he will be out of town.

Council did not have any objections to the request of canceling the December 16th meeting. Mayor Bond announced that the December 16th meeting would be canceled unless some pressing issue needs to be addressed. She reminded staff and Council to remember to bring a potluck dish to the December 7th meeting.

ADJOURN

Mayor Bond adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council December 7, 2006.

Signed: _____
S. Sue Bond, Mayor Date

Attest: _____
Chantell R. Steiner, City Recorder Date