

**January 4, 2007**  
**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 Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Donald Hampton, Mayor  
Carina Schorer  
Dan Rehwalt  
Rayetta Clark  
Randy Dreiling  
Amy Kordosky  
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 SWEARING IN NEW COUNCIL**

Mayor Hampton asked City Recorder, Chantell Steiner, to swear in the new Council members.

Chantell proceeded to swear in Mayor Donald E. Hampton, Councilor Dan Rehwalt, Councilor Randy Dreiling, Councilor Amy Kordosky, Councilor Rayetta Clark, and Councilor Glenn Fortune.

Mayor Hampton proceeded to make a few comments about changes in the meeting procedures under his direction. He stated that the Mayor is the person in charge of maintaining order during the meetings per the City Charter. He explained that the purpose of a Council meeting is to conduct business. The faster the business can be conducted, the happier everyone will be. To be efficient in conducting business he has asked the staff to prepare the packets as soon as possible prior to the meetings. This will help ensure that the Councilors will have enough time to review and ask questions of the staff or other Councilors about any particular items on the agenda. He said the meeting would be more efficient if all of the questions and answers have been addressed before the meeting. This would make any additional discussion during the

meeting minimal and mainly between Council members only. He suggested the Councilors always bring their calendars to the meetings for future scheduling of meetings and subcommittee meetings.

### **3.0 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTION**

Mayor Hampton explained that in the Charter it states that in odd-numbered years the Council will elect a Council President. It also states that the Council President is in charge of the meetings when the Mayor is absent. He then asked for a nomination.

Councilor Fortune nominated Councilor Clark for the position of Council President.

Mayor Hampton asked for any other nominations. After hearing none, he requested a motion be made.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Dreiling to nominate R. Clark for the position of Council President. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), and Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

### **4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Hampton reiterated his feeling that all public comment should be made at one time in the meeting. This will reduce debates and help to keep control. He reminded everyone that any debate should be between the Council members and not the public and the Council. He said the Council members are allowed to ask anyone in the audience at any time anything they would like. He reminded the audience that if a Councilor does not call upon them, then they will not be permitted to speak. He stated that all of the Council members could be contacted at their homes if someone needs to speak with them prior to a meeting. He also stated that comments will be received. However, answers to questions/problems may be delayed and/or assigned to a staff member or committee for review.

*Brian Jeanotte, 47684 Fairy Glenn Drive, Oakridge:* Mr. Jeanotte has come this evening to thank the City Administrator and Council for their support and efforts with an insurance issue for the Tree Planting Festival. Although the City cannot support the festival with providing the insurance, he is thankful that it attempted to do what it could.

Councilor Fortune asked Mayor Hampton what his procedures would be for making motions and having discussions.

Mayor Hampton said he would always ask Staff if there are any changes or additions to what is in the packet before proceeding to a motion. After the motion is made then a discussion could follow before the Council is asked to make its final vote. He explained that this would help to reduce wasting the Council's time by talking about something and then not having a motion. Another thing that he said about motions is that most of them

do not have to be done right away. If a Councilor feels that he/she needs more time to review information or needs to have some questions answered before he/she votes, then he/she should not feel pressured to make a motion and/or vote.

## **5.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Gordon Zimmerman said we have received an invitation to the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) dinner and he needs to know who is planning to attend and what their dinner choices will be. The deadline to respond is January 18<sup>th</sup> and the event will take place on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Cottage Grove.

## **6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1 Minutes of Regular Session of December 7, 2006

6.2 City Administrator Contract Renewal

Mayor Hampton explained that items found on the consent agenda means that these are considered routine business items and can be approved in one motion. He further explained that if someone wants to pull a particular item from the consent agenda that he/she can and the motion to approve the consent agenda would be for the remaining items. The pulled item would then be discussed and voted on by the Council separately.

Mayor Hampton pulled item 6.2 from the agenda.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to approve the consent agenda without item 6.2. A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), and G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

The item pulled from the agenda was the consideration of the renewal of the City Administrator contract. Mayor Hampton noted that on page 14, Item C, it should read July 2007 rather than July 2005. He explained that he pulled this item because one of the recommended motions is to have the Administrative Committee review this and that is what he would also recommend. He said there is a new benefit being proposed that has not been talked about by the Council. He said if the Council is satisfied with this inclusion, then it can move ahead to approve it.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to approve Item 6.2.

Mayor Hampton asked if there is any discussion on this motion.

Councilor Rehwalt asked to make a subsidiary motion that this be referred back to the Administrative Committee. He said that two Councilors voting tonight are not prepared to vote because they are new Councilors and have not had the time to review the item. He personally has looked it over and has some questions that would have to be answered before he is willing to vote on the motion to approve.

Mayor Hampton explained that Councilor Rehwalt's amendment would refer it to the committee after the Council has taken action on it.

Councilor Rehwalt disagreed that a subsidiary motion would be voted on before the first motion.

Mayor Hampton said that it would be an amendment to the first motion to send this item to the Administrative Committee and asked if there was a second to the motion now on the table.

Councilor Schorer seconded the motion to refer the item to the Administration Committee.

Mayor Hampton asked for discussion on this new motion and asked Councilor Rehwalt if he would like to discuss his questions now.

Councilor Rehwalt asked if the City Administrator is the author of the document as well as the agenda bill. His concern with this is that he feels the Administrative Committee should be the one to author the contract instead of the beneficiary of the contract. His second question pertained to the agenda bill that included two changes and that in actuality there is a third change that would include the actual extension of the contract to June 30, 2009.

Mayor Hampton said the extension of the contract could be considered a third change. He advised Councilor Rehwalt that if his motion is defeated, he should consider asking all of his questions now before the Council votes on the original motion.

Mayor Hampton hearing no other comments proceeded to the amendment to refer Item 6.2 to the Administrative Committee.

Motion by D. Rehwalt and seconded by C. Schorer to refer item 6.2 to the Administrative Committee. C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), R. Dreiling (Nay), G. Fortune (Nay), R. Clark (Nay), and A. Kordosky (Nay). Motion failed 4-3.

Councilor Dreiling first voted in favor of the motion, but as the final vote was said he noted that he was confused by the question and requested he be allowed to change his vote in opposition of the motion.

Mayor Hampton clarified that the motion was to refer 6.2 to the Administrative Committee. A majority of the Council agreed, after Mayor Hampton's request to allow Councilor Dreiling to change his vote.

Councilor Dreiling verified that he was indeed confused and restated a vote of "nay" to the motion.

Councilor Rehwalt said that since Mayor Hampton said previously that if the Council did not want to vote on something that they did not have to at that time. Councilor Rehwalt motioned to postpone this item until February 1, 2007.

Mayor Hampton said that since there is no second to the motion, it died for a lack of a second. He then asked if there is any discussion by the Council for the first motion to approve item 6.2.

Councilor Rehwalt said he does not understand how this contract came to be and with there being some substantial changes, he thinks it should be looked over by the Administrative Committee. He has never seen the beneficiary of a contract writing the changes into the contract. He wants to make sure everyone is aware of this.

Gordon explained that the contract was first negotiated between the City Attorney and the City Administrator. He said there are no changes except what has been outlined on the agenda bill, of which he is the author.

Councilor Rehwalt said that is good, but if the proper procedure was carried out, wouldn't the Administrative Committee review it before recommending to the Council. He said it is not that Gordon is not worth what is being asked for, but he feels the Council should review it first. He then asked who is on the Administrative Committee.

Mayor Hampton explained that it is part of his duty as Mayor to assign Councilors to the individual committees. That would be done during the annual work session later this month.

Councilor Rehwalt said he had no further questions.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to approve item 6.2 City Administrator Contract Renewal. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Nay), and R. Clark (Aye). Motion passed 6-1.

## **7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **7.1 Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) At Large Position Discussion**

Mayor Hampton asked Gordon to explain how this has come about and who is recommending it.

Gordon said that he and Councilor Fortune had discussed having an at-large position with LRAPA after Councilor Fortune informed Gordon of the vacancy. He explained that Oakridge currently shares a seat on the board with Cottage Grove. Each City would sit on the board for two years with Cottage Grove starting in January 2007. During the two years that Cottage Grove is on the board, Oakridge would have a representative sitting

on the Budget Committee for continuing involvement. The board is established by the legislature and the seats are apportioned based on population. Gordon asked Councilor Fortune how many seats are currently on the board.

Councilor Fortune said the seats have increased from seven to nine because Eugene exercised their right to have an extra seat on the board based on their population. Springfield then asked for an at-large position due to their growing population. He said Pat Patterson of Cottage Grove, who wants to have a permanent position on the board, brought up discussion of this current request. He said there is a current at-large position that will be vacant soon and that the board suggested that if a city is interested in the position, they should apply for it.

Mayor Hampton said that if he understands correctly, then any city except Eugene or Springfield could apply for the at-large position.

Councilor Fortune said no, any city in the county could apply for the at-large position including those cities.

Mayor Hampton then clarified that if the board so chooses, a city could appoint a citizen or council member from Oakridge or any other city that applied. Mayor Hampton asked Councilor Fortune if he is recommending that the Council vote to seek this position.

Councilor Fortune said it is not a recommendation by him in particular but he wanted the Council to be aware that this opportunity exists.

Mayor Hampton then asked if Councilor Fortune is seeking an at-large position for somebody from the Council or from the City of Oakridge.

Councilor Fortune said it does not necessarily have to be somebody from the Council because that is a decision for the Council to make. It could be anybody from the city.

Mayor Hampton asked how Eugene and Springfield had dealt with this with their at-large position.

Councilor Fortune said people had applied for the vacancy and the Councils appointed.

Mayor Hampton said that during the work session, he would appoint council members would to serve on the City committees. He said that since citizens of the community can apply to the LRAPA Board, he would not be inclined to assign a councilor to the position at this time.

Gordon explained that the motion would need to request seeking the at-large position and thereby supporting Cottage Grove and Oakridge in having their own seats. He said that if the Council does not want to support Cottage Grove having its own seat, then that message needs to be relayed back to the LRAPA Board.

Councilor Fortune noted that the LRAPA Bylaws do not allow the board to make that decision.

Councilor Clark asked why the position has to be shared since the cities have hardly anything in common.

Mayor Hampton said he believes it is because it is based on population and both cities are under 10,000.

Councilor Fortune said that this was approved by the state legislature by population.

Councilor Clark said that they don't do it by population when they are trashing our air quality in Oakridge so she thinks we should definitely apply for this position.

Councilor Fortune said that both cities are paying dues and should have a position each.

Councilor Dreiling noted that Oakridge and Cottage Grove are the rural communities on the board and he feels that it is important that we have a seat on the board.

Mayor Hampton noted that the Council can approve this motion, but it is not a guarantee that we will have the seat. Mayor Hampton asked Councilor Fortune to find out what the deadline for requesting this is.

Gordon said he believes it is in January.

Motion by R. Clark and seconded by A. Kordosky to seek the at-large position on the LRAPA board. R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), and D. Rehwalt (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

## 7.2 Tree Planting Insurance Discussion

Gordon explained that the City did attempt to add this event to the City's insurance policy but because it is not a city sponsored event, it could not be done.

Mayor Hampton said this must be a change from the past and then asked Mr. Jeanotte why this issue has recently come up.

Mr. Jeanotte said that insurance has always been an issue and the Community Festivals Committee has never been able to afford this expense. He said they are very grateful that the City put forth the effort into adding this, even though they could not. Research has shown that they do have some options that are affordable so they are looking into that as well. He said this year would be better than any other previous year's festival.

Mayor Hampton explained that the school board has made some changes and they will no longer be a party to anything that happens at the school regarding Treeplanting. This means the Treeplanting princesses have to be insured by the Festivals Committee; otherwise they cannot use the building for practice or coronation. He noted that he invited Mr. Jeanotte tonight to get a feel of where the Council stands on the issue of the festival in general. He would like a “corporate” and “individual” view.

Councilor Kordosky asked for clarification that this has been a festival for planting trees and only in Oakridge.

Mayor Hampton said the festival was started in 1953 and although some years they did not plant trees, they have been planting in recent years. His feeling was that if we call it a tree planting festival then there should be tree planting.

Councilor Kordosky thinks it is an important festival especially because it is a part of Oakridge.

Councilor Rehwalt said he has been around for most of them and in the past it was a great festival with a lot of participation. It has not been that way for quite some time and we no longer plant even close to how many were planted then. He thinks we should change the festival name and do something else with it because it is past its time. It was good when it was going, but even marching bands do not come anymore.

Councilor Kordosky said she thinks people do want the tree planting festival.

Mayor Hampton asked how important is a community festival to this community, whatever it may be?

Councilor Kordosky said that any activity that brings a community together is important.

Discussion continued on having a community festival and the majority of the Council felt that it was still a good festival for the community and should be continued. Maintaining Oakridge’s roots is important for the future.

### 7.3 Set Date for Council Workshop: Goal Planning and/or Training

Gordon explained that the goal planning work session is the first step in the process to review the old goals, current goals, and create new goals. After the Council reviews and rates them by priority, he will compile them for final approval of the Council. This gives the staff direction to build the budget with those goals in mind.

Mayor Hampton discussed some of the things that he feels should be brought up in the work session besides goals--and that would include training. He will have some items together for the Council to review. He said the information will be educational. If the Council is trained, nobody can question the actions of the Council because they will be



doing everything according to law. The meeting will be open to the public but input is not being sought by the public.

The Council Work Session was scheduled for Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 6:00-9:00 pm.

## **8.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

None.

## **9.0 POLICE SERVICES**

Chief Gomez welcomed and congratulated the new and returning Council members.

## **10.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

None.

## **11.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Councilor Hampton said that he would appoint each councilor to different committees at the work session.

## **12.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Fortune thanked the public and community for their support. He congratulated the new and continuing councilors and looks forward to working with everyone.

Councilor Rehwalt thanked his wife Char and Bobbi McMahon for all of her support. He said Bobbi McMahon volunteered to be his campaign manager and she planned and implemented everything. He also thanked the people for their votes and said he will do his best to represent the requests of the citizens as best he can. He believes he is ready to be an effective member of this body and thanked everyone again for their continued support.

Councilor Kordosky said she is glad to be here.

Councilor Dreiling thanked those that voted for him and said he will do his best to represent everyone well. He mentioned that he is always available if anyone wishes to speak with him at his office in City Hall for the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Schorer welcomed everyone here as well and looks forward to a full city council and a new Mayor. She also looks forward to learning and improving her skills as a Councilor and representing the City of Oakridge.

