

October 4, 2007
City Council Regular Session
City Council Room
48318 E. First Street, Oakridge OR 97463
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES



Work session on City Fees called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Rayetta Clark
Carina Schorer
Dan Rehwalt
Randy Dreiling
Amy Kordosky (Arrived at 6:20)

Staff Present: Gordon Zimmerman
Kevin Urban
Tim Demers

After a discussion of selected fee adjustments, the work session adjourned at 6:47

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council Present: Donald Hampton, Mayor
Rayetta Clark, Council President
Dan Rehwalt
Amy Kordosky
Glenn Fortune
Randy Dreiling
Carina Schorer

Staff Present: City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman
Community Services Director Kevin Urban
Interim City Recorder Linda Martin
Police Chief Louis Gomez
Fire Chief Tim Demers

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Allen, 76394 Thatcher Lane, had questions regarding the burned house on Thatcher Lane. The Code Enforcement Officer is in contact with the family and is working on the situation. The problem right now is the liens that are on the house. The neighbors want a time frame as to when the house will be cleaned up. Gordon's

abatement letter is drafted but not sent to give the family some time to clean up in hopes that an abatement procedure will not need to be started.

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of Regular Session of September 20, 2007.

Councilor Rehwalt wanted to have an addition made to the minutes. There is no record of the Mayor assigning to the Administration Committee a public hearing on alcohol use in the park. The comment will be added under committee reports on pg. 13.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to approve the consent agenda. C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carries 7-0.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

5.1 Second reading Ord. 889 Amending Ord. 864 Air Quality Standards

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 889 establishing new Air Quality limits read by title only. Councilor Clark seconded. R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance Number 889 read by Councilor Fortune by title only. Ordinance Number 889 an ordinance repealing ordinance 864 and adopting new standards for the Oakridge Air Pollution control program.

Councilor Clark moved to adopt Ordinance Number 889 amending Ordinance Number 864 to adopt a new Federal Air Quality Standard. Seconded by G. Fortune. Mayor Hampton wanted to point out the charts that are included. Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye). Motion carries 7-0.

5.2 LAMP Loan approval for Oregon Adventures.

Councilor Dreiling declared an actual conflict of interest because he is the loan applicant.. Councilor Dreiling will not be participating in this issue.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the \$5,000.00 loan to Oregon Adventures under the City's LAMP program. C. Schorer seconded the motion.

Councilor Rehwalt wanted to bring to the attention of the council that the loan applicant is a council member and his wife is an employee of a member of the loan committee. He states that there is no violation.

Mayor Hampton stated that the members of the loan committee are Larry Phipps, Donna Tipton and himself. They are the ones that review the loan request and make recommendations. This does not have anything to do with anyone being related to Councilor Dreiling. Mayor Hampton pointed out that Councilor Dreiling had been receiving these loans before he was a Councilor. Mayor Hampton also pointed out that conflicts of interest, especially in small towns, are bound to happen.

Councilor Clark wanted to know why she was not notified because she is supposed to be on the committee.

City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman stated that it was his fault. He did not realize that there had been a change.

G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Dreiling no vote. Motion carried 6-0.

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Economic Opportunity Analysis

Motion by C. Schorer: After taking public testimony, reviewing the plan documents and Planning Commission recommendation, and discussing the issue, I move to accept the Outdoor Recreation Destination Economic Opportunity Analysis, seconded by R. Clark.

Mayor Hampton stated that the language is to accept the report and possibly use the information in the future. It is not saying that we are required to do everything in the report. This is just information for us to use in developing an economic development plan.

Kevin Urban apologized for not having the Planning Commission minutes. Kevin noted that there are things that do need changing and they have been pointed out and will be corrected.

C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

TMDL Meeting with Middle Fork of the Willamette Watershed Council

Mayor Hampton asked Kevin to tell the council about the TMDL meeting. Their goal is to minimize impact on streams and rivers for fish protection and environmental wellbeing. The Council will be receiving more detailed information in the future.

Councilor Fortune inquired about “heat-impacted” streams. The sun does have an impact on this. Vegetation is not as abundant as it used to be.

7.0 POLICE SERVICE

7.1 Discussion of Policies for Cattery

Gordon wants to have a date put on this policy so that we know when it was written. When revisions occur, we can then record the change. There was discussion about not putting the date on the policy without having the cattery yet.

Mayor Hampton stated that we should have the policy in place before we build.

Motion by G. Fortune: I move to approve the Policy and Rules for the Cattery as presented by staff, seconded by R. Clark.

Councilor Rehwalt wanted to know what the Oakridge Animal Authority is. Councilor Rehwalt questioned the plan to spend City money on the cats and then releasing them.

Chief Gomez responded that this will prevent them from procreating again.

Mayor Hampton agrees with Councilor Rehwalt on the release of the cats. This is a political decision. This is a compromise decision between not doing anything at all and trying to control the ones that are of risk. They won't harm the cats that are pets because they will not have disease.

R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

7.2 Discussion of IGA with Westfir for Animal Code Enforcement

Motion by R. Clark: I move to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Westfir to provide animal control enforcement, seconded by R. Dreiling.

Councilor Rehwalt asked Chief Gomez if the fees were something that we could work with.

Chief Gomez responded that they are going to make it one fee \$80.00 total per animal for euthanasia and disposal. This is something that we can work with.

Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

8.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

None.

9.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilor Dreiling announced that there would be a Trails Committee meeting later this month, date to be determined.

Councilor Kordosky announced that the Tree Planting Committee met Monday October 1st 4:30 at the Fire hall. Amy is now chairperson of the Committee. She discussed the new year coming up and who would be in charge of what as far as committees went.

Councilor Clark read the minutes from the Administrative Committee that met Monday September 24, 2007, 10:30 a.m. in City Administrator's Office. Present were Councilor Clark, Councilor Rehwalt, and City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. We discussed the public hearing on alcohol use in the City Park. The report to the council on the discussion and conclusion will be made at the council meeting at which the changes on the permit process is acted upon.

The committee also discussed the possibility of a public address system being installed in the Council Chambers. This discussion led to talk of remodeling the whole room to make it more customer friendly. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Since one of our City's health care clinics closed, the Fire Department has been inundated with walk-in medical care. This puts a heavy burden on our EMT's. Talks are going on between local medical providers and the City staff to find another solution.

The traffic count on the Beech Street Railroad crossing is complete. The next step in declaring a Railroad quiet zone is to complete the required form and submit it to the Oregon Department of Transportation Railroad Division. The Council needs to decide whether or not to proceed with the process. The recommendation is that they do so.

Motion by R. Clark for the City Administrator or his designee be directed to file the necessary forms with the Oregon Department of Transportation Railroad Division and complete the process leading to the declaration of a railroad quiet zone including Beech St and extending to tunnel 22, This is only for horns at protected crossings. We can't do anything with private crossings. A. Kordosky seconded.

G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C.Schorer (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Dreiling announced that there is an 800 number that can be called and requests can be made to shut down most of the idling train engines by remote control. We should post that number on the City web site.

Mayor Hampton reported on the Regional Investment Board. The Legislature took all the money away from the Regional Investment Boards, but left \$200,000.00 that was to develop a five-year plan. They will be meeting some time this month as the RIB Board

to approve the plan. In February or March this plan will be reviewed by the legislature. The Legislature will decide if they want to put any more money into this process.

Gordon stated that the Regional Investment Board has assigned LCOG to develop a list of the infrastructure projects for the next 20 years to be inputted into a State or Oregon database. This needs to be done by November 15, 2007.

10.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Clark stated that they had a wonderful conference in Bend this past week.

Mayor Hampton thanked the Councilors and City Staff for attending. It does cost the City money .He considers this an investment in knowledge and professionalism.

Motion by D. Rehwalt: I move that the Conference expense of those attending the 2007 League of Oregon Cities Conference in Bend as a guest of official or staff be covered by the City, seconded by G. Fortune. This is just for the conference expenses and the dinner, not travel expenses. There is concern about this and how this will look to the public. Is this considered a gift from the City to the spouse? Either way this will have to be reported.

C.Schorer (Nay), Mayor Hampton (Nay), D. Rehwalt (Aye), R.Dreiling (Nay), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Nay), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion failed 4-3.

Councilor Dreiling announced that State Representative Bruce Hanna will be speaking at the next Chamber meeting on October 15, 2007, at noon at Big Mountain Pizza.

Councilor Dreiling also wanted to comment on making sure people check their facts before they speak at these meetings. Councilor Dreiling has a hard enough time with the rumors that speculate about him already in town with his council position. He does not want speculation that his wife is giving him a loan. This is not true and he does not need the additional pressure. Please be careful about what you are saying.

Councilor Fortune discussed the municipal broadband session at the conference. This would be good for economic development. Several different cities have used a number of different approaches with the broadband. Somewhere along the line he would like this moved up on the list to look at.

Gordon stated that the City does have a consultant right now working on plans for the City.

Councilor Clark reported that they had the first Holiday Lighting Committee on Monday night. They are getting the committee in order. Mayor Hampton asked for clarification on the role of the committee. Are they in charge of all of the City lighting including the Tree Lighting Ceremony or just the snowflakes? The Committee will be contacting all of the businesses in town to see if they are interested in helping expand the snowflake

displays. The next meeting will be Monday October 15, 2007, at 7:00 at the City Hall. Mayor Hampton wants this meeting posted.

Mayor Hampton thanked Councilors Fortune and Kordosky for attending the LCOG board meeting.

FIVE MINUTE RECESS 8:05

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 196.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations

The council convened into executive session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations at 8:10 p.m.

Executive session ended and council reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mayor Hampton adjourned the Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council October 18, 2007

Signed: _____
Donald E Hampton, Mayor Date

Signed: _____
Linda Martin, Interim City Recorder Date