

November 1, 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

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

Staff Present: Community Services Director Kevin Urban
Interim City Recorder Linda Martin
Police Chief Louis Gomez
Fire Chief Tim Demers
Zech Ames, Police Officer

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernie Baszler, 47781 W Commercial St., stated that Tree Planting used to have a beer garden that had to be dropped because kids were sneaking in. He is concerned about the same thing happening at the park events. The park is for families and should be kept that way.

Danielle Bowerman, 48458 Vine St, gave an update on the Salmon Creek Community Gardens. She brought a map that was distributed to the council. The north side of the garden is where the cottonwood is. All of the fruit trees are already in. There is a blueberry and raspberry patch. The apple trees were planted last year during Tree Planting, donated by the Tree Planting Committee. There are piles of bark there that were donated by the city. The water spigots have been put in. All of the raised beds are not in yet. Six beds are in and they have materials for six more. Chuck delivered more bark from the Mill site for them to use next spring. The only other things that they need are greenhouses and a leaf pile. Kevin said we did not get the grant for a vacuum truck to collect leaves. There are applications available for space in the raised bed area. They are available at the WAC. The space is free of charge. There have been no problems with animals or transients.

Don Barber, Fairy Glenn Drive, thinks that it is immoral for the city to allow beer at the park and is concerned about liability. He is concerned about drinking and driving from the Park.

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

3.1 No executive session tonight.

3.2 Mayor Hampton presented Zech Ames with his five-year plaque and pin.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Schorer seconded the motion. 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.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

5.1 Second reading Ord. No. 892 Establishing an IGA for Regional Fiber Consortium.

G. Fortune moved to adopt Ordinance No. 892 establishing an IGA for a regional fiber consortium. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. 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.

Councilor Fortune read Ordinance 892 by title only. G. Fortune moved to adopt Ordinance 892. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. 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.

5.2 First reading Ord. 891 Amending Noise Ordinance. Councilor Clark moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 891 clarifying the current noise ordinance, read by title only. Councilor Rehwalt seconded the motion. 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 Clark read Ord. 891 Amending Noise Ordinance by title only. It will be available for the public to view between now and the next meeting. It is possible that they will take action on it at that time.

Councilor Dan Rehwalt asked if there are other noise ordinances covering other parts of the city.

Chief Louis Gomez said that there are.

City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman explained that the permit combines alcohol and noise but the ordinances are separate.

Councilor Fortune asked if it was possible for someone to get a variance on the noise ordinance and why?

Gordon stated for example when Cycle Oregon was here, they shut the street off and asked for a variance on the noise ordinance, not on the distance but on the place it was to happen.

Councilor Rehwalt stated that they have tunnel vision when it comes to this ordinance and the Amphitheater. He said that the noise ordinance is good but it only applies to the one location. He is concerned that the alcohol in the park is getting combined with the noise ordinance. He wants to be able to vote on the two separate issues separately.

Mayor Hampton stated that at any time he could ask to divide the question they are voting on.

Councilor Rehwalt said that he tried that and the council did approve. The new ordinance does not mention alcohol.

Some discussion occurred concerning adding the word "consistently" to the fourth statement on the list of agreements that will be printed on the back of the permit. Council agreed to change. The intent of the council is to start before the event is even scheduled to work on this. When they come in for an application, they will be told up front if they are going to have music, it will not exceed 80 decibels 500 feet from the source of the amplification. They aren't going to let them play for a while and then shut them down. They want everyone to be able to enjoy the music and not be a nuisance to other people. The way the ordinance is written states that they can't go above 80 decibels but they actually can if it is not continuous. Councilor Fortune is concerned about the wording on the paper that the applicant gets. He does not agree with the wording on line four of this paper. Councilor Fortune suggested that they just add in the word consistently to address this issue. This will make everything consistent.

5.3 20 Year Infrastructure Projects

See handout. Gordon talked about what we were doing with this and what projects we were working on.

Mayor Hampton reminded the council that these were being sent to the state and what happens then is still a mystery. Mayor Hampton was in Klamath Falls today for a meeting with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission members. Staff members and Chair members from the Regional Investment Board also attended. It is unclear what they plan to do with these reports once they are submitted and how they are going to handle them.

Gordon stated that he did get an email today from the League of Oregon Cities that stated the Legislature is going to consider \$160 million of infrastructure projects which is tremendous for the state. If this money is distributed on a per capita basis, Oakridge's share is \$231,000.00.

Mayor Hampton stated that the State has asked us to do this six-year plan for the Regional Investment Board and asked that it be submitted to them. They have asked the Regional Investment Board, who are primarily volunteers, to do all of this work without any guarantee that any of this will be funded. Mayor Hampton would like to see a lobbying campaign happen to contact our legislators and tell them that this is a worthwhile and valuable program. We have received two Regional Investment Board grants in the past. One was for \$300,000.00 to work on the Industrial Park. The Regional Investment Board that we are a part of is a very diverse group of people and in a positive sense a very critical group of people that are willing to consider things objectively. There is not any favoritism for one area over another area. They do a good job looking at things and judging them against State standards at the time.

Gordon received a call from Richard Meyers, City Manager in Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove is willing to sponsor a city hall day where they will all come down and meet with their legislative representatives in the area prior to the February session. This will happen on either November 14, 26th or 27th. Gordon would like to attend this and wants to know what date would work best for council. Council decided on November 14.

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 No Parking Request

It was agreed that there should not be any parking along the stretch of the Highway in front of the Public Works Building.

Councilor Clark moves that the City of Oakridge agree with the Oregon Department of Transportation that no parking should be allowed westbound between mileposts 35.11 and 35.23. Seconded by Councilor Schorer. 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.

6.2 Greenwaters Park Maintenance

Councilor Schorer moved to remove the dying trees in Greenwaters Park as needed when a suitable contractor is found. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky.

Mayor Hampton asked who would decide and how would they assess that the tree is dead?

Councilor Schorer asked why all of the trees around the Amphitheater were not taken down when it was built.

Community Services Director Kevin Urban stated that they did need to be taken down at that time but they did not have the resources to do it. They were too big.

Councilor Schorer asked if there are any other options to saving the trees instead of topping them.

The trees are a hazard and Kevin has received calls from the public regarding this.

Councilor Schorer is concerned about the trees and wanting to find alternative ways to save them rather than to cut them down. This is becoming a safety issue.

Mayor Hampton would like to get some advice from the Forest Service.

Councilor Fortune wanted to know if the contractor would be licensed and insured.

Kevin stated that absolutely he would be.

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.

6.3 Res.13-2007 Park Fund Donation

Councilor Clark moved to accept the donation of \$500.00 dedicated to the implementation of the Community Trails Plan. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling. 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.

7.0 POLICE SERVICES

7.1 Chief Gomez reported that the Halloween party was a success. They had several volunteers from the community. There were about 200 kids that attended. It was a quiet night with no crimes.

7.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

8.1 The Fire Department is still reporting a lot of walk-ins. Some are pretty simple such as just needing a bandage. Others are more complicated. Medications are a concern.

9.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilor Dreiling reported that the Trails Committee would meet on November 19, 2007.

Councilor Kordosky reported that the Tree Planting Committee would meet on Monday at 4:30 and Chamber board will also meet on Monday at noon.

Mayor Hampton attended a Vulnerable Population meeting. The topic was Food. What to do if you can't get to town because of weather to buy food? The biggest concern was Meals on Wheels for the seniors. Councilor Clark said that there is food stored at the WAC.

10.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Rehwalt addressed Gordon saying that he really liked the electronic newsletter that is being sent out. Councilor Rehwalt wanted to know if the Finance Director job is staying the same, as it was when Chantell was here.

Gordon stated that it would stay the same.

Councilor Rehwalt asked about the railroad quiet zone.

Gordon stated that it was his understanding that Councilor Rehwalt was going to work on this.

Councilor Rehwalt will follow up on this immediately.

Mayor Hampton reported that he and Councilor Fortune attended the Oakridge Economic Advisory Committee Meeting. Larry Phipps had suggested that the Mayor attend this meeting and Mayor Hampton agreed. Councilor Fortune stated that the people that attended the meeting agreed with Larry Phipps. He thinks that this is a valuable committee that should be used as another resource as he would value their opinion. There was a discussion on the purchase proposal that was forwarded to Gordon. They would like to be in the loop when we are discussing such proposals and would like to help with the decision making process.

Councilor Schorer stated that she would like for our Realtor to be present at meetings when discussing the property negotiations. If she can't be available then she can delegate this to someone else who can be present. This way we can have someone available to answer questions that they might have and to explain the forms to them.

Gordon stated that the City sometimes draws up the sales deeds, not always the Realtor. This is only done occasionally.

Councilor Schorer is concerned about the property that we bought when we did not use a realtor. She stated that things would have turned out differently had we used one.

Joy Kingsbury a local realtor stated that realtors are not required to research the property. Therefore, no one would have known what was on the property had we used a realtor.

ADJOURN

Mayor Hampton adjourned the Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council November 1, 2007

Signed: _____
Donald E Hampton, Mayor Date

Signed: _____
Linda Martin, Interim City Recorder Date