

February 7, 2008
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: City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman
Pamela Hart, Finance Director/City Recorder
Police Chief Louis Gomez
Fire Chief Tim Demers
Kevin Urban

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Marvin True, 76414 Cherry St. At the last council meeting the council asked the community to trust them, trust must be earned. Trust only comes when you listen and respond. Controlling methods are not the means to trust. Do your homework, study the packets before the meetings. Show the community that they do care about what is going on. Find out what the community wants to know.

Dean Phillips, 47699 W 2nd St. Wants the Council Chambers remodeled.

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

3.1 Item 6.8 OLCC license approvals

4.0 Public Hearing: Design-Build Option for Public Works Building

4.1 Staff Report

Nothing to add to report in the packet, there were no additions or changes
Sold the public works building and we will build the new building at the Industrial Park. Under Oregon law we are allowed to choose a design build option which says we pick a contractor and he builds the building with an architect without going through the bid process.

4.2 Statements in Opposition

No statements

4.3 Statements in Favor

No statements

4.4 Statements in General

Dean Phillips wants to know what is the exception to the bid process and where will we get the money for building this?

Don Hampton stated that the money for the building is from the sale of the old public works property.

Gordon said that the other option is a design bid and generally more cost so we could build a bigger building with the same amount of money. It takes about \$7,000 to do a formal bid process and, with making this exception, we could pick a contractor and work with them. ORS 279C exception process saves money.

We do not have to go through an RFQ process; the engineer works with the contractor to save money throughout the building. We have the general design and we will work with the engineer.

Will the cost of the new building be more than the sale of the old building?

Mayor stated no.

Is there going to be an increase in size?

Kevin stated that the building will be a little bigger with more storage.

4.5 Council Discussion

Councilor Rehwalt asked where we will get the additional funding for this building.

Gordon stated that we could possibly borrow from ourselves and pay that back when we get the money.

Councilor Rehwalt is concerned about not getting the full amount because we are going to stay there for a period of time while the new building is being built and they won't have to make payments. He thinks the bottom line is going to be quite a bit less than what we figured. Will this still balance out?

Gordon wanted to correct Councilor Rehwalt's impression. They will pay 10% up front which is \$30,000. When we vacate the building, the owner will begin paying interest. At the end there is a balloon payment of \$270,000. We will actually end up with more money than what we sold the building for.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of January 17, 2008

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Dreiling 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.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 IMBA Ride Center MOU

International Mountain Bike Association has approached the City and other partners in effort to see if there is interest in developing a Ride Center. This would be for mountain biking here in Oakridge. There is no determination yet of what a Ride Center includes. That is part of the agreement is that we will discuss and figure out. We will work together on this.

Mayor Hampton stated that on page 18 of the packet it talks about what the city shall do. Item one says that the City shall identify opportunities on city property or rights of way or related facility development or redevelopment including but not limited to trails, parking, signage and it goes on. Are these costs that the city will absorb, or will they come from somewhere else?

Gordon stated that that is something that we don't know right now. The idea is that we are willing to look at taking trails that we have already established. That is why we have the Community Trails Plan, to establish those areas. This is all in the preliminary stages.

Councilor Dreiling stated that on page 23 it shows that this is a non fund obligation and we are stating by signing that we are not committing any funds to this.

Mayor Hampton stated that on page 22 says that either party in writing may terminate the instrument in all or part before the date of expiration.

Administrator Zimmerman stated that this is just a step to formally recognize that we would like to get a IMBA Ride Center here.

Councilor Dreiling explained that what they envisioned here to start with would be a kiosk at the park with a map of the trails. We could possibly be the first Ride Center in the United States. They have looked at other areas around the United States and they said that Oakridge is farther along than some of the other areas that they were looking at.

Mayor Hampton received an email from Kathy Jensen stating that there should be a bike rack at the City Hall. If we are going to be promoting alternative transportation it would be good to have a bike rack at the City Hall so people have safe and secure place to park their bikes while doing business or visiting the library.

6.2 City Council Chambers Remodel Discussion

Gordon stated that this from the Administration Committee. Councilor Rehwalt suggested that we put this on the agenda.

Councilor Rehwalt stated that since that meeting and since the agenda came out he called Gordon and wanted to withdraw the motion. However there are too many people wanting to get this on the agenda. The remodel would eliminate the platform. There would be a lot of cost to advertise for the remodel, if it is under \$5,000 it would not have to go out for bid. We could have the council on the same level as the community members; we could increase the seating capacity and provide an adequate sound system so everyone can hear what is going on. He would like the projects to be completed in dollar increments of \$4,999.99.

Councilor Rehwalt moved that the City Administrator or his designee be directed to advertise in a timely manner to area building contractors a Request For Proposal to remodel the Council Chambers to include 1) the placement of Council seating on the same elevation as that of the attendees at Council meeting, 2) increase the seating capacity for attendees so far as practical and 3) provide a sound system that would allow attendees to adequately hear Council deliberations and council to adequately hear attendees comments. Project will be completed in increments not to exceed \$4999.00 each. Council will select, modify or reject the proposals.

Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Gordon stated that it is illegal to do this in increments; we have to do this with the total cost.

Councilor Rehwalt asked if there is a way to get around not having to advertise.

Gordon stated that councilors need to decide if this is a council goal. They have put it on the council needs and issues list that they will prioritize later. But if it is a council goal and we determine to do it in a short time frame then the staff's job is to figure out what to do, how to get the local contractors in here to take a look and do it avoiding the \$7,000 to get the job done.

Mayor Hampton stated that the motion is still on the floor.

Councilor Schorer thinks that it is a good idea to be up a little higher in order to see people attending and so they can see the councilors.

Mayor Hampton attended a Council meeting in Creswell. The seating was at the same level. If you were sitting anywhere other than the first row you could not see anything. Personally, I would be opposed to having everyone at the same level. He thinks that maybe the seating issue could be solved with just getting different chairs for the audience. The sound system is something that we have needed for a long time. There may be some violation of law that we don't have a sound system or can't accommodate all people.

Councilor Drieling thinks that the sound is very important and he has a hard time hearing people at the meetings.

Mayor Hampton stated that at this point we have not prioritized the council goals.

Councilor Clark stated that she does not feel that we are giving up the project; it is not going to be shelved.

Councilor Fortune agrees. If it is council's desire to get this done as soon as possible, then they ought to go through their list and put it at the top. This won't happen over night but they could put it on the short time goals and budget and get it done immediately.

Councilor Dreiling asked how it will work with the sound system so that they can hear the public speak.

Mayor Hampton said that at meetings he has attended one or two microphones are placed in the audience and if someone wants to address the council, he/she can stand and go to the microphone.

Councilor Rehwalt withdrew his motion until they can get goals and budgets in place.

Kevin Urban stated that he is not sure that the sound system would be considered a capital project. He also said that the wall not being a bearing wall could easily be expanded for under \$5,000.

6.3 LRAPA Notice of Civil Penalty SEP

Gordon stated that they have a stipulated final order from LRAPA and he needs the council approval to sign it.

Councilor Fortune moved to accept the LRAPA stipulated and final order #072930. 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.

6.4 Categorization of Council Needs and Issues

Mayor Hampton stated that only four councilors attended the goal setting session on January 29, 2008. This was not an optional meeting to attend. What is the procedure when we thought you were going to be here and then you weren't here?

Councilor Schorer agreed that a phone call should be in order if you aren't going to be here.

Gordon said that the council needs to categorize the list within the next couple of weeks, and then we will prioritize. We need input from department heads for budget issues. Gordon would like goal sheets one week from tonight.

Mayor Hampton would like them put in his box; that way he knows if everyone has completed them and so he can get a hold of someone if he needs to.

6.5 Ford Family Foundation Community Leadership Project

Annette Dodge from the Ford Foundation was there to talk about what they would like to do as a project. They had nine projects and through the process they decided that they would like to work on the enhancement of the community building at Greenawaters Park as their class project. For the Ford Family Foundation to accept the project they had to keep in within budget it has to be completed within a year and everyone has to be able to participate in the process of getting this done. As soon as they raise \$5,000, the Ford Foundation will give

them another \$5,000. The funds can be cash donations, labor, material or time. They want to redo the floors, counters, doors, lighting, heating and cabinets.

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the community building project as a project for the Ford Foundation community leadership class. Councilor Rehwalt seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton asked if they thought of using the city color pallet as their guide.

Councilor Clark stated that yes they have discussed that.

Mayor Hampton asked if any city funds would be committed to this project.

Gordon stated that yes there would be some city funds committed to upgrading the electrical panels first.

Mayor Hampton asked if they will be seeking labor outside of their leadership group.

Annette stated that they have their own volunteer committee to work on seeking volunteer labor.

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.

6.6 Atherton Property LLC Continuation of Agreement

Gordon stated that they are still working on issues and would like a 90-day extension to get the final details ironed out. The only change would be the date on the bottom of the addendum didn't get changed to February 8th instead of January 3rd.

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the addendum to the April 6th conditional Real Property Sale Agreement between the City of Oakridge and Atherton Property, LLC. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

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.

6.7 Request to advertise for OEDAC Vacancy

Mayor Hampton said that this appointment should be a member of the community, not an employee of the city. He believes that Jenifer Hood should be attending the meetings but that we need a citizen on this committee. This is an advisory committee and we need advise from the community.

Councilor Fortune moved to authorize the City Administrator to advertise for a new member of OEDAC. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

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.

6.8 OLCC License approval

Gordon stated that they received an application from Brewers Union, LLC, for an on premises brewery and sales license. The Oakridge Police Department did the background check and found no reason to deny the license.

Councilor Dreiling moved to recommend that the OLCC Liquor License Application for the Brewers Union, LLC, be granted. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

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 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 TMDL Adoption

Kevin Urban stated that he had concerns regarding monetary attachment when working with Watershed Council. The city agrees to do 3 projects with Watershed Council per year. He is concerned that we don't know what the projects will be; we have no idea what our role is and we have no idea on cost or time. So to put that in a plan and send it to DEQ for their approval in his opinion would not be prudent. He would like to take these things out and replace them with language such as "as funding allows" or "as grant money becomes available."

Eve Montanaro from the Watershed Council stated that the council perspective is the TMDL implementation plan is something that the department of Environmental Quality has asked designated management agencies such as cities and the Army Corps of Engineers to develop plans that basically get improved water quality.

LCOG asked the watershed council to work with the different designated management agencies to help them establish a plan that would meet those standards. They are working with the cities of Lowell, Westfir and Oakridge. They developed a plan that would meet some of those goals. For example, an activity would be planting trees along the river which would eventually over time reduce temperatures. Temperature is one water quality standard that is out of compliance. . It is the DEQ that is asking the cities to implement this plan. From the Watershed Council's perspective, it is interested in supporting the city and working together with the city because a lot of its goals and activities fall in line

along with this plan. We want to do this and want to decide if the city should or wants to partner. The city meets the activities of the plan. It is a valid concern to not want to commit to a project when it is unclear how or who is going to do this.

The Watershed Council wants to work together on this and have contributions from both sides. This will meet everyone's goals. This is a win-win situation.

Mayor Hampton asked Kevin that since this plan is DEQ mandated, how much monetarily is it contributing?

Kevin stated that they did not ask us to do this plan; they told us we are going to do it. We have done what I believe we were required to do. We do want to work with the watershed council on this. We are not receiving any funds from DEQ. Right now we do not have a TMDL line item in the budget that we can draw from to do projects. That is why he wanted the wording "as funding becomes available," because if you give him the funding, then we can work on the project; if we can't get the funding, then we can't work on the project. A lot of the projects are very simple things that can be done. They just have not had a lot of time this winter to do them. We have been trying to get DEQ to fund the leaf vacuum for us for years and years and they refuse to do it, yet they want us to somehow keep all of the leaves out of the river.

Councilor Fortune asked Eve what kind of pressure does the DEQ have on the Willamette Valley and other cities like Salem, Eugene and such for water quality.

Eve stated that it is the same. They have asked everyone to create an implementation plan.

Councilor Fortune asked if there are any penalty impositions. During the summer we hear cases of the river being too warm. How much do the Corps of Engineers play into this? The one thing that happens is that we do a pull down on Lookout Point Reservoir starting in June or late May which increases the temperature, and it is not coming from here.

Eve stated that there are some activities that contribute more to the problems. The plan has to address an issue or problem. Certainly the dam operations have a huge effect on water temperatures. DEQ is requiring the Army Corps of Engineers to create an implementation plan just like they have asked the City of Oakridge to do.

Mayor Hampton asked if we adopt this plan is it going to be reviewed by DEQ after approval.

Councilor Dreiling asked if the Watershed council standards higher or lower than DEQ? Do they have the same standards?

Eve stated that they are the same as the DEQ standards.

Mayor Hampton stated that the further you go west the more streams are out of compliance with the water temperature.

Eve stated that that is a good point and it ties into what Councilor Fortune's question as to who is contributing to what. The idea is that we are all contributing; it is not just the City of Oakridge or the City of Lowell. We all play a part in water quality.

Kevin stated that DEQ has not allowed dredging of Salmon Creek to make the channel deeper through the summer months to keep the water cooler.

Mayor Hampton stated that we have had competing federal agencies telling us different things about the trees and the levies. One said get rid of the trees and the other said leave them. Even the federal agencies don't agree on what should be done.

Mayor Hampton said that all of the federal forest service land is managed under one plan. If the BLM Western Oregon Plan Revision is enacted, then the BLM land will be managed under a different system. For example, in the Dexter area, one section of land will be managed under one system and right next to it a piece of Forest Service land will be managed a whole different way.

An attendee asked if at the current time does the DEQ have a list of stuff that we are to improve on in these three areas.

Eve stated that yes they do and this implementation plan takes into account that list.

Kevin said that at this time we are not out of compliance but we are doing is starting now to improve everybody's water all the way down the streams and get each community to try and get these plans together so it is better for everyone. Aside from one place on Salmon Creek, we are not out of compliance.

Councilor Clark moved to adopt the TMDL Plan and Matrix. Seconded by Councilor Schorer.

Councilor Rehwalt asked why we have to adopt a plan when we are being told that this is what we need to do by the DEQ. What would happen if we voted no on the motion?

Kevin stated that we would be out of compliance.

Mayor Hampton stated that we do not have a choice. We do have a choice with what the plan says.

Councilor Rehwalt stated that he trusts Kevin and he knows he has worked on this for a long time. He asked if this is something that he could live with as well as he can?

Kevin said that it wasn't just he who worked on this. Eve and her staff were absolutely critical in the process. Most of the verbiage is theirs and they did a great job with that. Yes, he can live with this absolutely.

Councilor Fortune asked if the Army Corp of Engineers involved in this process or are they on their own?

Eve said they are involved in the process with DEQ--not with the council. They do have to create a plan and adopt it just like us.

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.

7.2 Resolution 3-2008 Design Build Option for Public Works Building

Councilor Fortune moves to adopt resolution 3-2008 authorizing the use of the design build option. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling.

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.

7.3 Planning Commission Appointment

In the packet are two applications and tonight we received two more applications. We need to decide on the process. Option #1 is to look over the applications and someone can make a motion or we can interview the applicants with the Q&A sheets.

Councilor Rehwalt moved to appoint John Martin to the planning commission. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling.

Councilor Kordosky spoke against the motion. She wants to interview the applicants.

Councilor Clark has not been able to read all of the applications and would like to have time to read all of them before making a decision. Councilor Clark asked Councilor Rehwalt if he has talked to any other of the applicants besides Mr. Martin.

Councilor Rehwalt said he has talked to Mr. Payne in the past but that is all.

Councilor Fortune moved to postpone the Planning Commission Appointment. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Nay) Motion carried 6-1.

7.4 Greenwaters Park Mountain Bike Oregon Facilities Permits

Councilor Dreiling declared an actual of conflict of interest. His company is the sponsor of these events and makes a profit as a result.

Councilor Schorer moved to approve the Oregon Adventures request to reserve Greenwaters Park for two Mt. Bike Oregon events July 17-20 and August 14-17, 2008. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky.

Councilor Rehwalt asked about the fiscal impact--if this is forthcoming or is this an estimate?

Gordon stated that this is what we will get; it is not an estimate.

G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Rehwalt (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Diagonal Parking on East First Street Recommendation

Councilor Fortune moved to accept the recommendations and changes from the Public Safety Committee.

Glenn Fortune reported from the Public Safety Committee meeting. Some of the business owners that would be affected by the diagonal parking showed up to address their concerns and ideas. They agreed that yes, there is some hazard there by the Post Office or other locations because of the diagonal parking. It is recommended by the committee that maybe right in front of the Post Office by the handicapped parking it would be limited to cars only, no SUV's or large pickup trucks to make pulling in and out safer. At the Corner Bar they recommended that they use the first spaces on the corner of E 1st street and Oak St as motorcycle parking to possibly give drivers better visibility when pulling out on to 1st street. There were also recommendations of making a handicapped parking area right in front of Siuslaw Bank to improve visibility for people coming from Cedar St. on to 1st St.

Councilor Clark said that is reported that there is an average of one accident per year from backing out of the spaces. How many accidents have there been from the parallel parking across the street?

Rusty Ackland said that there has been one and it happened in the last couple of months.

Councilor Clark stated that she is against this, and that is her position.

Councilor Dreiling asked if there was a possibility of a compromise on this issue.

Mayor Hampton stated that yes there is.

Gordon stated that you do have a choice as to where you park. If you are uncomfortable parking along the street, then you can park in the parking lot. Moving from diagonal parking to parallel parking simply moves the hazard or changes the hazard; it does not remove the hazard.

Councilor Fortune stated that we are looking at the future of Oakridge growing, and by eliminating diagonal parking, we would be eliminating parking spots.

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

This will go back to committee for recommendation or is someone has a recommendation tonight that they would like to make that would be appropriate.

Councilor Fortune moved to leave the parking just as it is. Seconded by Councilor Schorer.

Councilor Rehwalt said that when this started it started in the Administrative committee and it was legitimate. Then it got moved to the Safety committee. He stated that they have brought up other issues in the Administrative committee and they have also been shuffled out into another committee. What really bothers him is that tonight instead of getting a staff report and getting questions answered they got lobbied.

Mayor Hampton stated that he may send something to a committee for a recommendation. If they say that Administration can't reach a recommendation or someone else thinks they ought to do it you as a councilor can still make a motion. You are not stymied by either a lack of a report or one that you don't approve of or one that you don't want to wait for. You are welcome to make a motion anytime you feel that it is appropriate.

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

Mayor Hampton is seeking direction from the council. He believes that what Councilor Rehwalt was saying is that it is councilors' jobs to lobby each other because they are the ones who are voting and trying to persuade each other. Whether you agree with it or not, Councilor Rehwalt is saying it is not the place of the staff to lobby them. It is the responsibility of the staff to present them with options and then they ask them questions based on that. He understands what Councilor Rehwalt is saying, and he does not totally agree with him to the degree that he expressed tonight.

Gordon stated that the Charter allows the City Administrator a voice at the Council meetings, and that is all that he was doing. He was explaining what the Safety Committee discussed and the reasons for the recommendations that they made.

Mayor Hampton said that it was a part of the Council's packet that they received, and it did describe it.

Councilor Schorer stated that they may not have to change everything but, maybe alter few things like more handicapped parking and the motorcycle parking in front. She does not feel like she was lobbied.

Mayor Hampton said if they want to send it back to committee would anyone like to give them direction on how they would like to see them proceed?

Councilor Fortune said that they have run into the same dilemma. They get suggestions from outside the committee that want to see if differently. From his standpoint he does not see the committee coming up with anything different unless the council comes in expresses their ideas of what they want. They had a representation of business owners and two council members and this is the recommendation that they came up with.

Mayor Hampton asked the council if there was anyone who is opposed to recommendation #4--sending out flyers.

Councilor Clark agreed that they need to send out flyers to the community.

Suggestion #1 was limited to car parking only. Mayor asked if this is the general wish of the council or is this not the general wish of the council.

Do you really think that people won't park their trucks there? We would have to spend more time policing the spots. This is an enforcement issue that they would not want to deal with.

Mayor Hampton stated that there is not support for #1. Option #2--they are ok with. Mayor Hampton suggested that they accept options 2, 3 and 4.

Councilor Clark moved to adopt options 2, 3 and 4 of the Public Safety Committee Report. 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.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

9.1 Ord. 893 Adoption of Fire Code

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 893 read by title only. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

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 Schorer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 893 read by title only adopting the current Oregon Fire code as the Fire code for the City of Oakridge, read by title only. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Mayor Hampton asked Fire Chief Tim Demers if we have any choice on this?

Tim said that we do have a choice. We could choose not to adopt the fire code plan. A disadvantage to that would be they could not enforce the fire code portions of the building code.

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

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Lane Council of Governments Board. Three attended the awards dinner. Award winners were reported in the Register-Guard.

Related to this, the majority of the mayors in Lane County sent a letter to the County Board of Commissioners recommending that it adopt LCOG's Population forecast figures as being something that is scientifically prepared and is ready for adoption. The question was whether the LCOG board had the authority to adopt those was unclear, so the recommendation was to send it to County Commissioners who do have the authority.

Chamber of Commerce will meet on February 19th at Big Mt, Pizza at noon. On February 29th is the annual awards dinner for citizen and business of the year

awards at the WAC.

Watershed Council will meet on February 13. It is the final instruction on how to be 501(c)3 nonprofit from the attorney.

Coming here in April or May, the outdoor school will be a combination of Oakridge, Lowell, Pleasant Hill and either Creswell or a private school. Trails Committee will meet next month.

Tree Planting Committee met on Monday. They set a tentative schedule and there are some changes. The craft fair will be at the Elementary Gym and they are hoping to have the food vendors in the covered area on the playground, but they are still working on electrical issues. The Coronation will be held on April 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. Mason Williams will play on April 26th at the High School Auditorium. This will be a paid admission event. Thursday May 1st will be the Talent Show at the high school. Nothing scheduled yet for Friday night. The Salmon run will be on April 26th. On May 3rd we will have the Parade. On Sunday there will be a community picnic at noon and tree planting at 3:00 p.m. at Greenwaters Park. The mini Olympics are on Saturday and that weekend they will be having the Dinner Theater all three nights.

OEDAC met with council for its goal setting meeting.

UPBEAT board met this week and considered advice for a few more businesses and did some planning for their two-year celebration. Gordon is now an authorized trainer and it will take about an hour to train new UPBEAT Board members.

Regional Fiber Consortium .We had two fiber consortia and they agreed to merge, so we now have one fiber consortium. They have dark fiber they would like to lease out so they can get some money. The LS networks group is the most recent business to rent some fiber. The last we heard from ComSpan they said they'd like to hook up Oakridge homes with fiber. The company is making progress in Cottage Grove and Creswell. They will also be talking to Florence.

Councilor Rehwalt went to some training on how to do bonds. The administration committee will go over that at its next meeting on February 25th at 10:30 a.m. Administration Committee members also discussed whether they can change typos in the Charter without a vote--and they can. That would include typos and inaccurate statements. Anything that does not change the intent.

11.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Dreiling reported that a number of people went to the first meeting of the First Street Task Force. This was brought together by business owners uptown. A lot of good things came out this meeting and it was well attended. They discussed fixing up First Street--putting out trash cans and bike racks to start.

