

**January 19, 2006
City Council Regular Session
Oakridge City Hall Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.**



MINUTES



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Council Present: Sue Bond, Mayor
Glenn Fortune
Carina Schorer
Don Hampton
Leah Chapman
Rayetta Clark

Council Absent: Dawn Shields

Staff Present: Community Services Director Kevin Urban
City Recorder Chantell Hayson
Police Chief Louis Gomez

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Minutes of Regular Session of January 5, 2006
- 1.2 Resolution 1-2006 City Hall Roof Repair
- 1.3 Fish Hatchery Road Alignment

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by D. Hampton to approve the consent agenda. C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), and R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority Presentation (LRAPA) and Name Change

Merlyn Hough, Director of LRAPA, introduced Sharon Banks and Kim Metzler. Merlyn discussed a handout that outlined the Vision, Mission, and Goals for LRAPA. As they worked on this handout they took a closer look at their name and decided it did not quite fit anymore for the work that they do and provide. After careful consideration they felt that they were protecting the air quality. They also did not feel that they are an authority but rather an agency, which led them to Lane Regional Air Protection Agency for a new name. They did not want to see the acronym LRAPA go away since so many are familiar with it. He then discussed in more detail the four goals that included air quality, involvement, service, and partnerships. Other handouts showed that there has been a large improvement since 1990 for Oakridge, Eugene, and Springfield. He also pointed out that we could attain better quality air as it has been proven in the past when Eugene/Springfield had worse quality air than Oakridge. Since 1999 all three cities have been below the required amount of less than 65 respirable particulate matter. Merlyn noted that the EPA is proposing tighter standards starting in December 2005 to a new low of 35 respirable particulate matter.

Kevin Urban asked if cities would have a timeframe to comply with these new standards.

Merlyn responded that yes cities would have time to comply.

Councilor Fortune asked if the standard has been adopted yet.

Merlyn said it has only been discussed and a hint of the range was given in December to be about 35. He expects to see cities having to comply by approximately 2009.

Councilor Fortune noted that he has been reading about many other states across the country that also have air quality issues.

Merlyn said that is definitely true and many of the large urban areas will have difficulties complying with the new regulations.

Sharon Banks led a discussion about the Warm Homes, Clean Air program, an Oakridge Community Project. Although LRAPA designed the fliers they did not want people to think it was an LRAPA project, therefore they are not mentioned except for a logo on the flier, as well as logos of all the participants of the program. This is the second project that they have worked on to help Oakridge's air quality. Their main goal is to develop solutions to community based problems for economic and community objectives. The elements of the process are to solve problems that are defined by the community. They feel that they have a neutral basis at this point with a variety of interested participants. Sharon then read a famous quote by Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." In closing she mentioned that several volunteers have already been going door to door handing out the fliers and have already received eight applications.

Kim Metzler continued to explain that they have created a pre-application form for interested individuals. This form is designed to help screen the applicants for what services they are interested in. Some of the services that will be available through the program include upgrading electrical, storm windows, roof repairs, and weatherization. Since there are so many different choices for services, income brackets, and household compositions they will be reviewing the applications to see how best they can help as many people as they can. Sometimes a person may fit under more than one program and there may not be enough funds for the work needed in one program so they will make adjustments between two programs. Kim stated that their next piece is to look at advertising for this program. They currently have fliers going out with the electric bills; they are posting in businesses all through town and at City Hall. The applications are already available at City Hall. As of today they have over forty of their posters in local businesses in Oakridge. Initially they wanted to start this back in the fall, but they think that now is better because it gives folks the chance to do work in the spring and summer months.

Councilor Fortune asked if citizens outside the City qualified.

Kim said that all rural towns in Lane County qualify to apply.

Motion by G. Fortune and seconded by R. Clark to approve Addendum No. 1 to modify the agreement between Lane County and the Cities of Cottage Grove, Eugene, Oakridge, and Springfield for the renaming of LRAPA from Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority to Lane Regional Air Protection Agency. D. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Bond (Aye), L. Chapman (Aye), and C. Schorer (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Hampton discussed a handout he provided titled "Dangerous to Breathe." This fun educational project teaches the children and informs the community of when it is a green, yellow, orange, or red burn day by raising a colored flag each day that signifies the type of burn day that it is. Councilor Hampton has already spoken with the elementary school and the kindergarten class is very interested in putting this into action in Oakridge. Councilor Hampton would like to see LRAPA help fund this program by providing colored flags to the children.

Kevin Urban mentioned that we could also fly a colored flag at the Fire Hall to help reach more citizens that don't come to this end of town. He also suggested a small seminar for the children that could be put on by LRAPA to help educate them further.

Kim Metzler pointed out that they do teach already at the sixth grade level, but feels that any grade would be a good idea.

Councilor Hampton stated that the kindergarten class is most interested.

Councilor Schorer was wondering if they would have all four colors or just red and yellow.

Kim replied that they currently use the four colors, her biggest concern is that it be changed each day when needed.

Herb Hilton, 76368 River Road, Oakridge: Herb provided his concern with the education of actual burn days. He stated that it is deceiving because the City feels that you can not burn at all on a red day unless you have an exemption, while LRAPA tells him he can as long as he is not violating the burn rules by emitting amounts of smoke from his fire and using a certified stove. In other words, LRAPA rules allow burning as long as you are not polluting, i.e. dark smoke coming from your chimney. He wants to make sure that people understand that burning is allowed as long as you are not polluting. His concern with this program is that the flags do not express any of this information and people may not fully understand when they can or cannot burn. He feels that the phone calls from LRAPA is already enough for informing citizens of burn days, and that the education part on clean burning is what is lacking.

Councilor Schorer and Chapman like the idea of using the flags. Mayor Bond suggested that the interested Councilors get together and discuss this further.

Merlyn thanked Councilors Fortune, Hampton, Mayor Bond, and Gordon Zimmerman for their participation on the LRAPA board and other meetings.

2.2 Oakridge Industrial Park (OIP) Road Name

Kevin Urban reported that the Public Services Committee reviewed the prior list of names and have suggested Kokanee Drive. He continued to say that the staff recommends Hardwood Drive.

Councilor Schorer pointed out that she does not think Kokanee Drive goes with the other street names that are being used.

Motion by L. Chapman and seconded by D. Hampton to name the road in the Oakridge Industrial Park as Kokanee Drive. Mayor Bond (Aye), L. Chapman (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), and D. Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

2.3 Willamette Activity Center Waiver for Oakridge Ministerial Association

The Oakridge Ministerial Association is creating a twelve-step program called Celebrate Recovery, which will be dealing with recovery for addiction and co-dependence issues. They are asking the Council to waive the fees to use a room each Friday evening. Their long-term goals are to create a healthier environment within the community.

The Council stated that this sounds like a great program for the community.

Motion by R. Clark and seconded by C. Schorer to waive the fees for the Oakridge Ministerial Association for the twelve-step program, Celebrate Recovery. G. Fortune

(Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), L. Chapman (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3.1 Ordinance 884 Property Maintenance Ordinance: Second Reading

Kevin Urban reported that the only change to the Ordinance was the request by Councilor Hampton at the last meeting to clarify invasive species crossing property lines.

Motion by C. Schorer and seconded by R. Clark to approve the second reading of Ordinance 844 Property Maintenance by title only. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), L. Chapman (Aye), D. Hampton (Aye), and Mayor Bond (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Kevin Urban proceeded to read the Ordinance by title only.

Councilor Hampton noted that a typo of 844 is in the packet when the Ordinance number is actually 884.

Mayor Bond asked Councilor Schorer if a friendly amendment is acceptable with Councilor Schorer and Clark to change the reading from 844 to 884. Councilors Schorer and Clark accepted this amendment.

Councilor Hampton asked Mayor Bond if a policy is in place to approve on the third reading rather than the second.

Mayor Bond said they used to, but lately they have been approving on the second reading. She asked the Council how they felt about this.

Council did not comment on this. Councilor Schorer asked how important this was to need to read again.

Mayor Bond stated that it is likely not that important for this type of ordinance, however, it would be put on the next agenda for a final approval.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Louis Gomez discussed a summary that he provided as a handout for crime statistics from 2003 to 2005. He proceeded to discuss the figures in detail with the Council. He was pleased to report that many of the more violent crimes have reduced. Some of these crimes include thefts, burglaries, vandalism, child neglect, sex abuse, rape, drug violations, and felony drug arrests.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

