



February 19, 2009
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: Don Hampton, Mayor
Amy Kordosky, Council President
Glenn Fortune
Randy Dreiling
Gerald Shorey
Rayetta Clark
Robert Moe

Staff Present: Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Kevin Urban, Community Services Director
Linda Martin

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

The Mayor presented some local history of January 1859 from the Museum. He read from a book given to him from the local Pioneer Museum.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Dreiling wanted to talk about his trip to Arizona. He said there was some confusion on this. At the last meeting they approved him to go to the National Bike Summit in Washington, DC. There was some confusion that the City paid for him to go to Arizona also. He wants to make clear that he paid for his trip to Arizona on his own and went on his own. He did take some Oakridge maps so he could promote the community.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

7.2 Park Trees and Trail Board Mission Statement

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of February 5, 2009

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye) Motion carried 7-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Prioritization of Categorized 2009 Issues and Concerns

Gordon said that this is the next step of the process in goal setting. With the issues divided into long term, short term and administrative issues, we now need to prioritize the issues. The prioritizations need to be to Gordon by February 26, 2009. This will give us a platform to look at on how to allocate resources when we do the budget.

6.2 Oakridge Visitor Readiness Report

Gordon stated nothing to change to the staff report. There is a lot that we can do here. The question is; do we want to do all of it or some of it or do we want to think about it for a while longer. Is there anything we can do to our logo? Gordon suggested finding a mountain bike to put with our city sign and have a sign made that says we are the mountain bike capital of the Northwest. Are you comfortable adopting the tag line? We are not going away from "The Center of Oregon Recreation" (or outdoor recreation), but Mountain biking is what is going to get people to come here.

Councilor Dreiling stated he thinks everything on list is what we are already doing here aside from adopting the Mountain bike brand.

Mayor Hampton said redesigning the logo is what he is least excited about. There are complications to this we have got stationary, granite signs. It could really start adding up. He likes the idea of adding a bike to the logo but our logo has not been around that long.

Gordon agreed that we don't have the money to go out and change everything.

Mayor Hampton said he has no problem with the theme stating Mountain Biking but he would prefer something like "Mountain biking and A Whole Lot More," something that tells people that there are other things to do here too.

Gordon said that what he was thinking that he just wanted to add a bike to the granite sign. That would be relatively cheap to do. We could talk to Eugene Silk Screen to see what they could do to add a mountain bike going up the mountain. Most of our stationary is in our software so we will just have to change the software.

Councilor Shorey wanted to respond personally to this report. He thought they were honest in their evaluations and recommendations.

Councilor Moe would like to see some clarification on what we are talking about. He doesn't want to spend a lot of money doing this. He'd like to save a little money here and a little there. There is no projected figure on here that indicates what we are talking about.

Gordon stated that most of the money we are talking about is in the budget already. If there is anything new and above \$5,000, staff is required to come to the Council for approval. He does not see spending over that on anything in here.

Councilor Moe said he would feel better if that was in here.

Councilor Fortune moved to adopt the Oakridge Visitor Readiness Report produced by Total Destination Management and direct staff to begin to complete its recommendations as City resources allow. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky. Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye) Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

6.3 Coordinated Population Discussion

Gordon said that this has been an ongoing discussion since 2004. He has tried to give enough history here and an editorial comment if allowed. Last year Oakridge joined the small cities of Lane County in an application for a Post Adoption Plan Amendment for the forecasts that each community had projected for the 2030 forecast.

Most of the small cities that we are affiliated with gained population through the Portland State University numbers. Oakridge was reduced 400 people, but because we don't have any infrastructure projects that are dependent upon population size at the moment, this does not impact. This will change again when we get the census done and it is going to change again three years after that when we have to do another coordinated population. The two cities that really get hurt are Coburg and Lowell.

Councilor Dreiling asked if Lowell was the reason the County let the PSU units spend another \$250,000 dollars.

Gordon stated that no, this is the results of the PSU contract.

Councilor Dreiling asked if the Lowell was happy with those numbers.

Gordon said no because they asked for 2823 and they only got 1725.

Mayor Hampton said that is what he was distressed about. The county rejected the LCOG figures and then they spent \$48,000 on the PSU contract plus staff time to run the process.

The other place that is hurt is the County population is down 15,000. So maybe the County will come back and say we need the higher numbers.

Councilor Fortune moved to accept the PSU population estimate of 4,554 for the forecast for 2030. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

6.4 Purchase of Highway 58 Property

Gordon showed the council on the map what property they are discussing. This was discussed in an executive session. Councilor Dreiling moved to accept the warranty deed for the Tax Lot 21-35-17-00-00100 in exchange for the waiver of the City of Oakridge Semiannual Street Assessment equaling \$2,269.15. Seconded by G. Fortune.

Councilor Moe would like some clarity on this regarding the property. He is not sure what they mean about the work that was done by the City years ago.

Gordon explained how LID payments work and what would happen in this transaction. We are buying an acre of land for \$2,269.15.

A.Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Clark (Aye) Motion carried 7-0.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Storm Water RFP Proposal

Kevin stated that there were no changes to the staff report.

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the contract with Pace Engineering, Inc. for a stormwater master plan and to budget a part of the contract in fiscal year 2009-2010. Seconded by Councilor Fortune.

Councilor Moe wanted more clarification on this. He thought Kevin had budgeted \$25,000 but the only bid that came in was for \$ 38,000. If we vote on this tonight are we agreeing to the \$38,000?

Kevin said yes but he is going to try to get them to come down but he doesn't know how successful he will be.

Councilor Moe said that at least he tried and he can tell the council he gave it his best shot. He would like to save some money.

Mayor Hampton said that if we authorize the \$38,000 it does not mean they have to spend the \$38,000.

Councilor Moe said that we will be obligated.

Kevin said no, we won't be obligated. He has not gone back to them yet; if the council approves \$36,000, then he will tell them that they can only spend \$36,000.

Councilor Dreiling said the problem is that no one else bid on the project so we do have to go with Pace.

Kevin said that is true and he is very comfortable with them as an engineering firm. They are the ones who did the water project. They are always very responsive to our needs.

Kevin explained what will be involved in this project and that he would really like for them to get started while it is still raining so they can really see what is going on and not be out there in the summer when it is dry.

G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Nay), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 6-1.

7.2 Parks, Trails and Tree Board Mission Statement

The Tree Board worked hard on a mission and they want the council's approval before they adopt this.

Councilor Fortune suggested changing one word, change advise from advice.

Mayor Hampton asked for some direction from the City Administrator. Do we need to approve this mission statement or will that be part of the overall plan?

Gordon stated that this will be included in the plan. By motion right now the Council can say this is what we would direct you to do.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the Mission statement with the corrections of advise not advice and the title being The Parks, Trails and Trees Mission Statement. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling. R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

POLICE SERVICES

None

8.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

None

6:30 pm: Mayor Hampton left to attend a meeting of the County Mayors in Lowell.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Lane Council of Governments: No report.

Chamber of Commerce: Had a meeting with many announcements. The Tree Planting Coronation is going to be May 1st there will be dinner by the Chamber. July 18th there will possibly be a model airplane show. March of Dimes starts this week. The Mr. and Mrs. OHS pageant will be March 14th. The kids are raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network. There will be a karaoke and pizza night at Big Mountain Pizza on March 2, 2009.

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council: No report.

Trails Committee: Had a meeting and they had some sub committee meetings. They are discussing the possibility of becoming their own 501(C)3 and finding out how that would work. It is in the preliminary stages right now. They are looking at different options so they can get other grants. They had a really good meeting today with IMBA ride center. CVALCO and the City of Westfir were there also. Signage is a top priority. The next trails meeting in Monday at the Pub at 6:30. They are possibly working on getting a circus to come here in May. He is not sure how it will get here or where they will put it, but this is something that they are working on.

Library Board: They are having a meeting on March 9th. It was changed from March 2nd which conflicts with Read across America.

OEDAC: Met with Larry Phipps and said that the Industrial Park progress is looking fairly good. They are still working with some of the individuals that were at the meeting that they held. He was very positive about the outcome.

UPBEAT Board: Gordon reported that the County Commission approved a \$24,110 grant to support the UPBEAT program. It is half of what we asked for but we did manage to get this. Jenifer reported that she has been able to get a couple of more clients this month after a very slow period. She mentioned the award that we received from LCOG last month.

Team Oakridge: Meeting on Wednesday but Gordon was unable to attend.

Parks, Trails and Tree committee: Sarah reported that we are working on the ordinance for this. We are working on becoming a Tree City USA member but they only approve applications in December and January. We would like to work something in to Tree Planting this year. They would like for the City to set aside a piece of property for a new free ride center. This is something that we are exploring and we would like to keep this property in the city and make a new park.

Kevin stated that we have had this piece of property on the market for a long time but the problem is the way it is zoned out in the county. One of the problems with trying to sell it is that it was the old dump site and no one really knows what is up there.

The planning will take a while but we would like to know if this is a possibility for us to continue with our planning. We got our park surveys back and there was a lot of interest in biking.

Kevin said free ride parks are becoming very popular. It seems like a good idea to me.

Councilor Shorey asked if we had any history on when the dump site was closed.

Gordon said it was closed in the mid 1960's.

Councilor Fortune said that we shouldn't be concerned with that because it was not a chemical dump site and when you look at the history of Oakridge we weren't dumping radioactive material in here, so why should we be worried about that. He doesn't personally see the reason for concern.

Kevin said that he does not have a concern for this either. The concern would be if someone got in there and started digging around in there.

Council consensus was to move forward with the planning for a free ride park.

Public Safety: Councilor Fortune said they are having a meeting at the end of this month.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council March 5, 2009.

Signed: Donald E. Hampton
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: Pamela S. Hart
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder