



April 16, 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
Gerald Shorey
Rayetta Clark
Randy Dreiling (Absent)
Robert Moe (Absent)

Staff Present: Kevin Urban, Community Services Director
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Pamela Hart, Finance Director/City Recorder
Dale Scobert, Deputy Chief
Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator (Absent)

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Oregon 150 History Moment: Several current residents are descended from early settlers of the area.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/ Proclamation for Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Hampton read the Telecommunicators Proclamation. See attached.

Dean Phillips, 47699 W 2nd, Oakridge, OR: I have two things I would like to bring up. Two meetings ago I asked about the quiet zone. On March the 23rd I received an email from David Lanning with the Oregon Department of Transportation Rail Services. The email stated the last thing in my file is the 11/06/08 email I sent to Gordon Zimmerman in response to his question about the process. I referred him to FRA who regulates the train quiet zones. No word yet from the City or FRA in response to my email. In 2007 the Council voted for a quiet zone and that was a long time ago. Dean is concerned that they are not doing what they should be doing. March 26, 2009 there was an article from the Dead Mountain Echo. It says Zimmerman explained that the City Council has complied with all the studies and demands in the matter of the quiet zone and now must await the decision from the railroad which may not be forthcoming very soon. It would

be nice if someone could find out why this is taking so long. I am concerned that we are not moving fast enough.

Phillips then read a letter that he had sent to the Mayor and City Council dated April 4, 2009. As a concerned citizen of Oakridge and the knowledge of past business practices conducted by the Oakridge City Council I would like to propose a redo of the PERS repayment by the City Administrator outlined in the March 5th, 2009 agenda bill authored by Gordon Zimmerman. It is clear that the City paid \$14,236.07 that was not warranted the reason I say it was not warranted is because either there was a mistake by the council or mistake by the staff that created the problem in the first place. He believes that the Administrative Committee namely Rayetta Clark, Amy Kordosky and Gordon Zimmerman erred in their recommendation to pay back \$4,986.62 less than the total amount. He also believes that the City council erred by passing the motion to that effect. He would hope to see his concern on this matter handled at the next city council meeting and that the \$14, 236.07 will be paid back at a rate of \$237.27 per month for 60 months rather than the \$154.22 for 60 months as approved by a 5-2 vote from the City Council.

Mayor Hampton requested the contact information from Mr. Phillips regarding the quiet zone.

Councilor Clark asked for the name of the contact person he spoke with.

The meeting adjourned for approximately one hour for a medical emergency.

After resuming the regular session, Mayor Hampton wanted to address the council about Dean's letter asking them to reconsider an action they took at the last meeting. If the council ever wants to reconsider something, first of all it needs to be someone who voted on the prevailing side. If anyone one of the five affirmative votes wants to reconsider, they can do so. He asked if there was anyone on the prevailing side that wants to move reconsider.

Councilor Kordosky said she stands by her decision.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Kordosky is the Chair of the Treeplanting Committee. She has buttons for sale if anyone is interested after the meeting.

No other council comments.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Adding 6.3 Projects in the Parks

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of April 2, 2009

Councilor Clark removed 5.2 Rascal's Market OLCC Approval

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the regular minutes of the 4-2-09. Seconded by Councilor Clark. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion Carried 5-0.

Councilor Clark: I just have a question on the 5.2 liquor license for Rascals Market. I have never seen the owner's address in a different state rather than the city of the business.

Councilor Fortune stated that he is moving here and he is purchasing the business.

Mayor Hampton: For the clarity of the council the terminology used in 5.2 is not exactly correct. We are not the ones who approve or disapprove the license. We are simply making a recommendation to OLCC.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the Rascal's Market OLCC Application. Seconded by Councilor Shorey. Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Brewer's Union Microbrew Fest Facility Permit

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the UWCDC/Chamber Microbrew Festival request to reserve and close East 1st Street on August 29, 2009 for a \$50 fee. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky.

Councilor Clark would like to see the \$50.00 fee waived since this is a non profit group and this is for a good cause.

Mayor Hampton asked if this was a friendly amendment to the original motion.

Councilor Clark indicated that it was.

Councilor Fortune wanted to amend closing First Street to say closing First Street from Ash Street to Beech Street.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the UWCDC/Chamber Microbrew Festival request to reserve and close East First Street from Ash Street to Beech Street on August 29, 2009. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Mayor Hampton asked about the fee waiver.

The understanding among the council is not to charge the \$50.00 fee.

G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Shorey asked if this is a street festival. It doesn't say what it is for.

Danielle Bowerman, UWCDC Chair and co-sponsor said that yes, there will be booths set up and several businesses are involved.

6.2 Appoint Budget Committee Members

Interested parties for the Budget Committee are Barbara Leary, Wayne Baker, and Katherine Fiske.

Councilor Clark made a motion to appoint Barbara Leary, Wayne Baker, and Katherine Fiske to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Councilor Shorey.

Councilor Clark indicated that all are qualified to do this.

R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Fortune Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 Facility Permits

Kevin Urban explained that Vivian Erickson checked on each of the applications that a variance would be needed. That is not the case.

Mayor Hampton commented that, if anything, it would be noise variance.

Kevin responded that is correct. If it can be heard from over 500 feet, then they would need a variance.

Mayor Hampton noted that they are all ending at 8:00 p.m. even though the cut off time is 10:00 p.m. He also had a serious concern about the events with alcohol. The Corner Bar and Grill is providing the service. Under security measures, Vivian has listed staff as the enforcement.

Vivian Erickson stated that the Corner Bar and Grill has staff wears identifying t-shirts that indicate they are the security.

Mayor Hampton stated that he was not opposed to this but he is a little less satisfied with the employees being the security staff, than he would be if it were reserve police officers.

Vivian responded that they usually do have police reserves there as well.

Mayor Hampton recommended that be the case. If someone were to get out of control, he doesn't want that to spoil our opportunities to have further concerts. He does not want anyone to be able to say "I told you so."

Vivian understood and agreed.

Councilor Fortune wanted clarification on the entertainment contract who the "purchaser" is.

Vivian explained that it has to do with the sponsors and entertainment. When Vivian gets a check from sponsors, she brings it up to the City Hall. The City is the "Concerts in the Park" purchaser.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the summer events for the Projects in the Park Committee. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky. A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Completion of the Water Project

Kevin reported no changes to the staff report. Our Engineer Ed Hodges is in the audience if anyone has any questions about this project.

Councilor Fortune wanted assurance that everything is working the way it is supposed to work.

Ed Hodges indicated that it is.

Councilor Fortune asked about the guarantees.

Mr. Hodges stated that the City has a warranty for one year which is superseded by individual warranties on specific components like manufacturers warranties. Any problems should show up within a year's time.

Kevin Urban indicated that the contractor is going to scrub the efflorescent off the brick and seal it.

Councilor Fortune moved to accept the Water System Improvement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the notice of acceptance. Seconded by Councilor Shorey. Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Deputy Chief Scobert reported that there was not much to report at this time. They had the Oregon Association of Chiefs training last week. They learned a lot about the cuts to

training, 911 and OLCC. The streets have been quiet. We are in the process of purchasing a used car to replace Chief Gomez' vehicle.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Tim Demers also indicated that this was a quiet week. We have the grant periods opening this week. We have targeted three areas, one being a vehicle, not an ambulance. They also targeted a training program for volunteers and are looking at purchasing new personal protective equipment which are the suits that the firemen wear.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Lane Council of Governments Board – Mayor Hampton: Meets later this month.

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council – Mayor Hampton: We had quite an informative meeting. The next meeting will be in a couple of weeks.

Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority – Councilor Fortune: We had a meeting and reviewed the budget.

UPBEAT Board – Mayor Hampton: Had a meeting and we had one new client. Discussed how the economic climate is affecting new businesses.

Trails Committee- Mayor Hampton: They are still discussing whether or not they want to become a 501C3. In today's Dead Mountain Echo it showed where they had made some improvements to some of the eroded areas of Greenwaters Park trail across the bridge.

Mayor Hampton indicated he had been in contact with a lady concerning the up coming 2010 census population count. He talked to her about the severe undercount for our area. His concerns were the post office boxes and census material only going to street addresses and at that time we had a post master who did not forward any of this to the community. She has seen similar problems in other cities and is going to address this at the next regional city manager meeting. He will be trying to round up people including the post master to establish a complete count committee. There are grants available for this. We could get up to \$25,000 to advertise our desire to have the most accurate count possible.

Mayor Hampton also received a letter stating that our Uptown Business and Revitalization Association (UBRA) has received a \$6,667 grant for façade improvement.

Mayor Hampton talked to the LCOG people on if they were going to be doing any training for the councilors and they said no. He would like the councilors to bring their calendars next month and they will have their own training.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 7, 2009

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder