

Aug 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
Glenn Fortune
Randy Dreiling
Barbara Leary
Carina Schorer
Amy Kordosky

Staff Present: City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman
Pamela Hart, Finance Director/City Recorder
Police Chief Louis Gomez
Kevin Urban, Community Services Director
Fire Chief Tim Demers

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Beamer, PO Box 804 Oakridge, Brewers Union Outdoor seating. I am here to do a wrap up of the business regarding the seating. We support the UPTOWN and want to thank you for all the support and technical help. We used local contractors and just want to say thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

Mayor Hampton explained that the sidewalk area for Brewer's Union is still City property.

Donna Tipton, 76477 Pine St, Oakridge Music in the Park. I wanted to come and thank the council for supporting the park event last week. We raised a lot of money for the Butterfly's for Abby event. This event generated funds and boosted the economy. Thank you for the police patrol and Sparky. The last four years has generated a lot of positive for the community.

Sue True, 76414 Cherry St Oakridge, Residence Question. I looked on the City Ordinance for the constitution for residency. I was not able to find it.

Henri DeJonge, PO Box 889 Oakridge, We have been blasted by the music in the Park. I called to complain and they said it was within the decimal limits. I checked and there are noise ordinance and the city is not abiding by them. I also want to complain about inappropriate behavior for indecent exposure and language. In the article they say Randy does not have an office, it is the Chamber. The chamber should not be part of the City Hall. Chamber is a private entity. About the asbestos problem, I have an office in the industrial park. I watched them dump the asbestos in the park and watched the city cover it up.

Jerry Sweet, 47649 Oakridge, I have heard approval and disapproval tonight. In the last four years I have heard a lot of disgruntled citizens. The DMV gives me the driver license that states I am a resident of that address. When I heard that Mr. Hadley could not run that bothered me. I would like to hear some response to the residency issue.

Terry Callahan, 76531 Bobbi Way. In the constitution it states that citizens are allowed to redress their government. By giving us five minutes I believe we are hearing that, I really don't want to hear what you have to say. I understand the need for the time limit however; I would like to ask the council to raise the time limit. I came in tonight and realized that there is a working member of the press and they should be allowed to the executive session. I would like the council to consider if there is no press member, that a citizen be selected to sit in on the executive session. What you do is hard work and at time thankless, I was shocked. I appreciate the efforts of the council and anyone who runs. You don't get thanked enough.

Mary Urban, PO Box 75 Westfir. I would like to know how much more we have to listen to and how people can continue to complain when they have been given so much after defaulting on loans.

Jake Sawyer, PO box 667 Oakridge. Concerned Citizen. I have gotten to know some wonderful people in the city and want nothing more than to improve the quality of life. I would like to offer my full support of the council. This is America and the country has laws, it is not perfect however, laws are written for the greater benefits of the citizens. I believe that this council does want to assist; however complaining without solutions is merely a complaint. This council and City Administrator work harder for the betterment of Oakridge than anyone here tonight. I remind you of glass houses.

Don Hadley, 47696 Beaver St. Oakridge, I was invited here by Pamela Hart, I wanted to run for the City Council. I have been here 10 years. I want the council to tell me why I can't run.

This will be added to administrative.

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of Regular Session of July 17, 2008

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Fortune.

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

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

5.1 Acceptance of Audit

Councilor Fortune moved to accept the 2006-2007 Audit from Pauly Rogers. Seconded by Councilor Leary.

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

No changes in the Staff report.

5.2 City Administrator Evaluation

Councilor Clark stated that we took the suggestions from Mayor Hampton and took the evaluation given us and tweaked it a bit. We have added Staff, External, and Council. It is our recommendation to use this form.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the "confidential" is recommended by the Attorney.

Mayor Hampton asked if we are we going to give staff work time to complete the evaluation, the answer was yes.

There is nothing in the external portion regarding interaction with external agencies.

Councilor Clark moved to use the new evaluation form to evaluate the City Administrator. Seconded by Councilor Fortune.

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

5.3 Res. 17-2008 Making Budget Adjustments

Gordon Zimmerman explained the increase in Workers Comp and Health Insurance, we approached the unions and it came down to revising the budget.

Councilor Fortune declined to vote due to immediate conflict of interest.

Councilor Clark moved to approve Res. 17-2008 making budget adjustments to cover increased insurance costs. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion.

A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune conflict of interest, C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

5.4 Res. 18-2008 Granting Charter Communications Franchise Extension

George Custer and Linda Moody are from the committee. George is a new resident to the area. Linda Moody brought the first street business owners together to help them beautify and revitalize the community. Steve Saxon is also a board member.

Councilor Schorer moved to approve Res. 18-2008 granting Charter communications an extension while we continue to work on a new franchise agreement. Councilor Leary seconded the motion.

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

5.5 Res. 19-2008 Supporting UBRA

Councilor Fortune moved to approve Res. 19-2008 supporting the Uptown Business and Revitalization Association and its effort in seeking a Transforming Main Street grant from the State of Oregon. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

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

5.6 Hadley Comments

Mr. Hadley was given the floor to speak. I have lived here for ten years. I have lived behind my shop for five years. I moved the trailer on Beaver Street. What is a residence in Oakridge? Even if I am illegal I am still a resident.

The charter and ordinances were explained and a discussion was held regarding the issues.

No motion was raised by the council and the request was denied.

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Presentation of 5 Year Pin: Robeart Chrisman

Mayor Hampton presented a pin and plaque to Robeart.

7.0 POLICE SERVICES

7.1 Presentation of 5 Year Pin to Laura Howery

Mayor Hampton presented a pin and plaque to Laura.

7.2 Res. 20-2008 DHS Unexpended Revenue

Councilor Clark moved to approve Res. 20-2008 to receive unexpended grant moneys to improve radio interoperability. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion.

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

8.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

8.1 Ratification of IAFF Local 2502 Contract

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the proposed contract with the Oakridge Firefighter Association IAFF Local 2502 for the fiscal years 2008-2011. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

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

9.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

LCOG: Board has not met.

Lane Rehab: No meeting

LRAPA: No meeting in August

Library Board: No meeting

ODAC: No meeting this month

UPBEAT: Moderate attendance, in July five clients opened business. 19 businesses and 3 closers.

Upper Willamette Community Development: Nothing to report

Team Oakridge: One item to report and that is Oakridge's 150th birthday, next Wednesday at Brewer's Union.

Regional Fiber: The people working for them failed to produce and were relieved of the contract. A new company has taken over the contract. A meeting will be held shortly.

Councilor Clark: We learned at the Telecommunication meeting. The league of Oregon cities has set up a task force. There are only 4 who have telecommunication fees in addition to Franchise fees. Many communities are losing the funds due to the use of Cell phones. The loss of funds is due to the decline in home land line phones.

Mayor Hampton explained due to the loss the League wants to tax users.

10.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

10.1 Council Starts at 6:00 p.m. August 21, 2008

Let's keep the start time and have a town council meeting before the meeting. In addition we will move the Mayor and Council comments to behind the Public Comment.

Mayor Hampton stated that the current Speaker of the House, Jeff Merkley will be in the City next Tuesday at the Trail Head café.

Regarding the public comments, the press has a right to be here. They also have a responsibility to not report when told. Labor negotiations are the only executive session where they are prohibited. There is no law requiring us to have public comments. I am required under the Charter to maintain order and conduct business. It is more useful of resources to contact Councilors by phone. This will give staff time to research and give comments. There is a difference in listening and agreeing to your points of view. If you are not satisfied with the people who listen you can vote to elect someone who will listen to your point of view.

I went to the Oregon Mayor's Association; it was mostly tours, not a valuable learning session. The Oregon Mayors Association recommended repealing or modifying the double majority rule. The second motion passed was a motion to exempt construction Ballot Measure 21. The measure asks to support public drinking water and for public entities to stop buying bottled water. Over 200 officials have resigned due to the Ethics Laws. Reform from the League of Oregon Cities is recommending changes to this measure.

There is one correction to the League of Oregon Cities events, the dinner is not \$40 it is \$70. The City should pay for the Mayor and Councilors workshop meals and registrations. The City should not pay for Spouses to attend.

Councilor Schorer wanted to respond to Terry Callahan's comment regarding the five minute rule. I think we should have a monthly town hall meeting.

The Mayor stated that there is not a five minute rule, I have let citizens speak well over five minutes it is my decision.

Councilor Fortune says he truly appreciates the citizens who come in an address the council. I would like them to address the council with fact not rumor. The council approved the concerts in the Park and we do have a noise ordinance. He would also like to thank Frank Forbes for his participations with the negotiation for the Fire Dept.

Councilor Dreiling read a letter to respond to the Citizens Reform Committee. An electronic copy will be sent to the Recorder.

Council Kordosky stated that she could also hear the noise but she loves it. We could explore the possibility of a sound barrier.

Councilor Clark would like to expand on Glen Fortune's comments. She expanded on the comments from the Citizen Reform Committee. I think sometimes we could defer the comment to the right section for re-addressing.

Mayor Hampton stated that it might be a good idea to move the Councilor comments to behind the Public comments.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 196.220 (2) (e) Property Negotiations

ADJOURNED FROM SESSION AT 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council August 21th, 2008.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder

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