

August 21, 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
Police Chief Louis Gomez
Fire Chief Tim Demers

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Eugene Cathcart, 76589 View Court, Oakridge, Healthy Dialogue. I am glad to see healthy dialogue between the public and city council. I would like to see the council respond to public comment right after it is made rather than later in the meeting.

Mayor Hampton responded that a change in the agenda has been made and council will be responding right after public comments are made.

Eugene Cathcart, Supports Small Businesses. I could not afford to do the job I do and commute while earning the wage I do. I appreciate the City supporting small businesses. Big businesses can change a community in ways that are not wanted.

Eugene Cathcart, Bicycle Jump Track. He has been working on a bicycle jump track at the east end of Commercial Street. He appreciates all the help and support he has had. He is pleased to see there have been a lot of kids using the track.

Henri DeJonge, Trailer Business. Our business had ten employees building trailers. The problem was drug and alcohol abuse. All ten employees were laid off because of drug and alcohol problems. She addressed the use of the Ditch Witch machine by City

Councilor Randy Dreiling. She said Randy is making money off of the Ditch Witch. His business benefits from this use.

8.1 Mayor Hampton presented Laura Howery with her five year pin and plaque.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Dreiling wanted to clear up that only about 5% of the mountain bikers that come into town go through his business. Most of them come in to town and ride on their own. He lost money on his business last year. This town makes money off of the mountain bikers. They eat out. They stay at our hotels and go to our stores.

On a positive note the new playground looks great at Salmon Creek Park.

Councilor Schorer wanted to know how Henri Dejonge knows he is making money off of the use of the Ditch Witch machine. Mr. Dreiling is not allowed to use it on Forest Service land yet.

Danielle Bowerman, the Chair of the Community Garden, stated that they used the Ditch Witch for five days.

Councilor Leary wanted to say what a beautiful and wonderful city Oakridge is. She knows Gordon Zimmerman is doing his job. She believes that character assassinations should not be a part of politics here.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- 6.1 Community Garden Report moved to the September 4th meeting.
- 6.5 City Administrator Evaluations

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of August 7, 2008

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Schorer seconded the motion.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 6.1 Community Garden Report is postponed until the September 4th meeting.
- 6.2 Lane Community College Bond Measure Discussion postponed until further information is available.

6.3 RDI Funding Request was not addressed.

6.4 Atherton Property, LLC, Discussion was moved to after the Executive Session.

6.5 City Administrator Evaluation Process.

Mayor Hampton received two completed evaluations from councilors; he thought he was in charge of this process.

Gordon stated that he just put them in the packets.

Mayor Hampton stated that the final form of the evaluation may not be what Gordon gave him and he will be creating one and he will put them in their boxes.

Mayor Hampton wanted to hear from department heads on how many employees they have and if they have department meetings where he could come and speak to them.

Community Services Director Kevin Urban respectively requests that we get permission to advertise for three Planning Commission Vacancies.

Councilor Schorer moved to allow Staff to advertise for three Planning Commission Vacancies. Seconded by Councilor Leary.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Water Project Change Notice

No changes to the staff report. This Change Notice adds the protective wall around the generator at Oak and East Second Street.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the change order in the amount of \$15,759. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez reported that the Police Department had its agility testing. All officers passed.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers wanted to thank all that helped with the brush fire at the old mill site by Oakridge Sand and Gravel. Special kudos goes to the mobile home park manager who went in and brushed out the field. This gave them a good spot to get in there and get the fire out.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Chamber of Commerce: Councilor Dreiling, Executive Director of the Oakridge/Westfir Area Chamber of Commerce, reported that because of the controversy, the Chamber Office will be moving out of City Hall into a new office out at Greenwaters Park on October 1st, 2008.

Administration: Will meet on Monday at 10:30 a.m.

OEDAC: Will meet next week.

Public Safety: Will meet next week.

Fiber Consortium: Will meet on September 4th, 2008.

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

Started at 7:30 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the sale of Lot 30 of the Oakridge Industrial Park to Atherton Property, LLC, per the terms and conditions proposed in the contract drawn up by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schorer.

Mr. Ken Jones, the City Attorney, stated that this is pretty clean which is what we want. We will be closing with Cascade Title.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council September 4th, 2008.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder