

**September 4, 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 (absent)
Amy Kordosky

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

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

Chief Gomez introduced Dan Miller the new patrol officer.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Randy Dreiling presented a check for \$4510.00 as a donation from Mt. Bike Oregon.

Mayor Hampton, expressed concern over the article in the last week's *Dead Mountain Echo*, by Joy Kingsbury regarding the Lane Community College ballot measure. The Council took no action on the matter as reported in the paper.

The deadline for LOC Friday night gathering is September 12th. Please get the registrations in to the City Recorder ASAP.

The City Administrator Evaluations need to be completed by Council as soon as possible. Results will be compiled by mid October.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Gordon said that there will be no need for Executive Session, if the Council acts on Agenda Item 6.3.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of August 21, 2008

Councilor Clark made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Community Garden Report

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Danielle Bowerman regarding the Community Garden next to Salmon Creek. They have been doing work in this garden since 2006, and this year was the best year so far.

Mayor Hampton asked Danielle what some future needs are for the Garden.

Danielle said she has talked to Kevin about signs. They could also use more tools.

6.2 Bike Skills Park Report

Eugene Cathcart presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Diamond View Park Bike Skills Park.

Derek Bell added to the presentation regarding the additional dirt donated from the Ash Street Project.

6.3 Atherton Property LLC. Discussion

Gordon introduced Ted Combis with Atherton Properties LLC.

A motion was made by Councilor Fortune to approve the sale of Lots 34 and 35 of Oakridge Industrial Park to Atherton Property LLC, per current conditions approved in the contract written by the City Attorney. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion. Mayor Hampton (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.4 Cancellation of October 2, 2008 Council Meeting.

Gordon suggested that we move the meetings to the 9th and 23rd.

Mayor Hampton has LCOG meetings every 2nd Thursday and on the 23rd, he will be out of State.

Gordon stated we are trying to schedule City Hall Day with our legislators on the 16th Cottage Grove.

By consensus, the October 2 Regular City Council Meeting was cancelled. A special Session was scheduled for October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

6.5 Candidates Qualifying for November Ballot in City Council Election

There are ten people who qualified for the ballot. Four council seats need to be filled. The top three people will earn 4-year terms and the 4th will earn the 2-year term. The ten include incumbents Amy Kordosky, Barbara Leary, Carina Schorer, and Randy Dreiling. The other six candidates include Jerry Shorey, Marvin True, John Ryon, Paul Driscoll, Sherree Lowe, and Robert Moe. Six of these candidates are in attendance tonight.

Mayor Hampton reminded candidates of the spending limits and reporting requirements for filing with the State, depending upon how much each candidate spends to campaign.

6.6 LOC Voting Delegate

Councilor Fortune moved to appoint Mayor Hampton as the Voting Delegate and Rayetta Clark, Council President, as the alternate. Seconded by Councilor Leary. Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), B. Leary (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Parks, Trails, and Tree Board Appointments

We have five positions for the new board and four applicants.

Mayor Hampton said that we could appoint the four people or delay the appointments and see if we can get more applicants.

Councilor Dreiling moved to appoint John Lucachick, Gayle Blackmore, Brian Frelich and Sarah Altemus to the Park, Tree and Trails Committee. Seconded by Councilor Clark. R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), B. Leary (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

We will advertise for the 5th vacant position.

7.2 Planning Commission Appointments

There are three positions open and we received one application.

The options are to appoint one applicant and advertise for the other vacant positions or wait for new applicants and interview all at the same time.

The council chose to interview Sue True.

1. What do you see as the future of Oakridge?

She would like to see Oakridge grow and develop. She would like to see a nice balance of business, commercial and residential.

2. How do you think the City Council views the future of the city, and are your views compatible with those of the Council?

She said she would hope they are. She thinks the council works very hard to get the concerns of the citizens met and it is important for the Planning Commission to tell the city to maintain the State guidelines and goals.

3. As a Planning Commissioner how might you advance the goals of the City Council?

For 15 years I worked for Lane County. She had to coordinate the state statutes along with DEQ and Waste Management. As long as you keep all the city codes in line when making a decision and make sure you have covered all your bases as far as State regulations, it helps the city to stay in compliance.

4. Since the City is preparing for large projects, such as the Highway 58 Refinement Plan, dedication of time and effort is required. Discuss your availability for these types of projects.

She can be available almost any time. She can take time off of work to be here, if necessary.

5. As a general rule, when do you feel variances and conditional uses should be granted?

Variances and Conditional uses will depend on what the city code is in compliance with Lane County building code and the State building code. It will depend on the infrastructure and the impact of the surrounding area.

6. How do you feel the City staff should assist the Planning Commission in their efforts, and how important is the staff report?

The staff report is what the Planning Commission will use to get their main information from in order to apply the City codes and State Statutes and guidelines.

Councilor Fortune moved to appoint Sue True to the Planning Commission. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

7.3 Res. 21-2008 To Replace Dump Truck

Gordon stated that this is the result of negotiations mediated by Lane County District Court Judge Greg Foote.

Mayor Hampton explained the reason for this is because we bought a faulty dump truck that ended up tipping over. It was not the fault of the driver. It was the fault of the engineering.

Gordon explained that we are ending up getting this truck for free and coming out about \$1,000.00 ahead.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the Res. 21-2008 recategorizing contingency funds, recognizing unanticipated revenue and approving allocations to purchase equipment new to the city. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Nothing to report.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing to report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration: Councilor Clark reported that the committee met and discussed the ongoing projects and the next meeting date is to be determined.

Public Safety: We met and discussed the surplus vehicles at the auction. We discussed the cattery and the temporary housing at the old ambulance barn. We are working on engineering on the projects.

Fiber Consortium: The committee met; the Mayor participated by telephone. There is a private company doing work in Douglas County. Cottage Grove will be hooked up to fiber soon. A company was hired to do the work for the consortium and defaulted leaving a debt to BPA. The company taking over claimed to have equal rights to the fiber between Eugene and Harrisburg. This claim is being investigated. A financial report will be coming soon. Nobody could find any written agreements between this company and the fiber consortium.

Chamber of Commerce: The Annual Willamette Pass day was a success with more people attending than ever before.

Rural Housing Rehabilitation Committee will be meeting in Eugene on September 18th.

LRAPA: Councilor Fortune reported that the committee will be meeting next Tuesday, discussing rules changes.

Councilor Dreiling commented that he attended an LRAPA meeting and was fined, and he thinks the committee is nothing but a political action committee, not a government agency. It is led by a person who is a member of an Oregon tax rights group and its vice chair is an environmental lawyer.

Councilor Clark commented on the presence of the three council members on the ballot present tonight at the council meeting. If you are elected you will have knowledge about what is going on in the City.

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

Session cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council September 18th, 2008.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder