

October 1, 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
Community Service Director Kevin Urban
Finance Director/City Recorder Pamela Hart

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Benjamin Beamer: 76438 Maple Street, Oakridge, OR. He supported the Salmon Creek Park Project and how much it has been improved. He was amazed to see the amount of kids that were playing on the structure. Each time he goes by, it is full of kids and he thinks this is great. We would like to have the support for the directional sign for Brewer's Union to enable tourist and the community to find us.

Dan Barclay: 47487 Hwy 58, Oakridge, OR. I have recently purchased the Cascade Motel. I would like to clarify what people may have heard. Councilor Fortune and other members of the council expressed that they welcome public comments. We have come here to manage a business. I take ownership of what I say. If I find foolishness I have stood and told them. I have attended many meetings since moving here. I have not had any business from Mountain Bike Oregon. I am not against this or for it. I have never said that Mountain Bike Oregon has never done anything positive for the City. I think they have. If someone has issues with me, I would like for them to come and have coffee and we can discuss the issue. I have never said that this council is not responsive though I think there are occasions where you could be more responsive. When it was brought up that a council member who happens to be the Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce has an office in the city hall, no one can say that

they don't listen because he is moving out of the City Hall. That was a response. I discussed the issue of people saying that they don't have access to the voting records. If you have internet access, you have access to the records. I will tell anyone to their face what I am thinking and not go behind backs. I agree with Councilor Fortune to stick to the facts.

John Ryon 48581 East 1st Street. Someone was threatened here at the last meeting and he thinks they should have been arrested. If anyone threatens his family, he will kill them. If someone threatens a Council member, they should be arrested.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Leary: I want to thank the EMS for coming and taking care of me. They are deserving and worth what they are paid.

Councilor Clark: I am glad that citizens come and speak up.

Mayor Hampton: In the previous agenda packet there was something about LCC. He thought he was going to invite them to do a presentation. It was not LCC; it was a political action committee in support of LCC. He decided it would be inappropriate for a council meeting. However they will be doing a presentation for the Kiwanis Club on October 7th at Manning's Café.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The executive session has been eliminated.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of September 18, 2008
- 5.2 Charter Communications Notice
- 5.3 Local Government Law Group Notice

Councilor Clark made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilor Dreiling Seconded the motion.

Councilor Fortune (aye), Councilor Clark (aye), Councilor Schorer (aye), Councilor Leary (aye), Councilor Kordosky (aye), Councilor Dreiling (aye), Mayor Hampton (aye), Motion carried 7-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 6.1 LOC City Hall Day, October 15, Cottage Grove

Gordon put more information in the councilors' boxes today about the league positions that they want them to emphasize with our legislators.

Mayor Hampton asked if they knew who was going.

Gordon stated that he will not be attending.

Councilor Fortune and Mayor Hampton will be attending this.

6.2 Quarterly Ethics Reports for the Third Quarter for Planning Commissioners and City Council Members

These are due on October 15th. If you are going to Salem, you can drop it off on your way.

6.3 LOC Conference

The schedule, map, and housing accommodations is in the packet.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Water Policy Changes

Kevin Urban stated no changes to staff report.

A discussion was held regarding the changes to the policy and application form. It was explained that the changes will facilitate collection procedures to recoup delinquent water bills.

Kevin stated that the reason for the change is that periodically we send this to our Attorney and he will go through it and make changes and make sure everything is legal. One of the changes is that we have to have property owners sign the form saying they are responsible for the water bill if their tenant doesn't pay.

Mayor Hampton asked about the differences in the new form and the old form.

Kevin stated that one of the changes is that we are asking for the customer's driver license. The entire second page is new for the property owner.

Councilor Clark asked what will keep tenants from not paying their water bills knowing that the owner will be responsible.

Kevin stated that this will end up on their credit reports. The landlord will be the last resort.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the changes to the Water and Sewer Policy and the application form. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. Councilor Clark (Aye),

Councilor Schorer (Aye) ,Mayor Hampton (Aye), Councilor Kordosky (Aye), Councilor Dreiling (Aye), Councilor Fortune (Aye), Councilor Leary (Aye) Motion carried 7-0

7.2 Brewer's Union Request

Councilor Schorer moved to approve a tourist-oriented directional sign for The Brewer's Union – Local 180 at the corner of First and Crestview Streets. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion.

Councilor Fortune is concerned that we are opening up that corner for any business that wants to have a tourist attraction sign.

Kevin stated if you can get a tourist attraction sign on the highway, he wouldn't think twice about putting up another sign. He asked rhetorically why wouldn't anyone want that?

Councilor Fortune said he doesn't have a problem with that. There is a difference between a winery and a brew pub. Wineries do have tours and this is a micro-brewery. There are others in Eugene that do not have signs for tours.

Kevin stated that that is a valid point and he does not disagree. What he is saying is that the letter that they got from the TIC (Tourist Information Council) considered this a tourist attraction. The Brewers Union will give tours if you ask them to.

Councilor Schorer was asking if other businesses uptown could also get their name on the sign also.

Kevin stated we would have the change the ordinance if we want each business to start putting signs up there.

Mayor Hampton stated that what they need to be deciding is if this in the public's interest. Is this in the City's interest to have this sign?

Council discussed that it would be good for all of the businesses uptown to have the sign.

Councilor Fortune argued that our city code does not address signs for tourist attractions. He suggests we change the ordinance.

Mayor Hampton said we are not violating our ordinance.

Councilor Clark says she sees where Councilor Fortune is coming from looking at the ordinance. It does say do not in any way advertise a business or exceed two square feet in area. This is advertising a business.

Councilor Kordosky (Aye), Councilor Dreiling (Aye), Councilor Fortune (Nay), Councilor Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), Councilor Leary (Nay), Councilor Clark (Aye)
Motion Carried 5-2.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez reported on the investigation of the motorcycle accident. The officer is on administrative leave. They are still investigating this incident.

Mayor Hampton asked if it would be advisable for our Public Safety Committee to review the policy on pursuits.

Chief Gomez said if that is something the Committee would like to do, it is possible.

Mayor Hampton stated that this would be an appropriate time to do this because he does not remember any council review of this policy.

Chief Gomez stated that it has been about eight or nine years since it has been reviewed.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

No report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Chamber of Commerce: No report.

Rural Housing Rehabilitation Committee: Councilor Clark will be going to the Conference in Salem.

Watershed Council: We had an education meeting a couple days ago. Watershed members have hired a new educational coordinator. She has been up here working with the sixth grade teachers.

LCOG: The board did meet. They did support the LCC bond measure. We voted on a merit increase for the Administrator. As far as LCOG is concerned, the salary increase is in two categories. The first is a cost of living increase and the second is a merit increase.

Library Board: We met and are making progress on the construction of the Library.

OEDAC: They will meet on October 28.

UPBEAT: They will meet this next Tuesday.

TEAM Oakridge: We are still waiting for people to agree on a meeting time.

Regional Fiber Consortium: We are still negotiating on the contractual agreement between WIN and the consortium.

Public Safety Meeting: We are still working on the social host ordinance. The cattery project is moving forward. Deputy Chief Scobert and Mikal McPherson completed 8 hours of training for transition to the record management system and computer-aided dispatch system. We are looking at a \$2 to \$3 surcharge on traffic fines to offset the cost of fuel. They discussed the cost of the incarceration of offenders for property crimes. Meth users are stealing not only copper pipes and wiring but now they are stealing aluminum pipes.

Councilor Schorer wanted to encourage everyone to support the Warriors and the Boosters Club at the football game for their homecoming this weekend.

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

Session cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council on October 16th, 2008.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder