

November 6, 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 Services 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

Floyd Staley, 76854 High Prairie Rd, Oakridge, OR, spoke concerning the \$.03 gallon Gas Tax. "I am upset with this gas tax. I spoke to the Administrator three years ago regarding this issue. I have watched the roads and they still have pot holes. The people in Junction City got to vote on the gas tax. I was told that we have a representative government here in Oakridge. I think the people should be allowed to vote on taxes being requested. I would like the new councilors to consider this as a referendum to appeal the gas tax. Let the citizens decide."

### 3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Hampton, we received correspondence thanking us for allowing the Financial Literacy class to have the fee waived at the WAC.

### 4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.3 WAC room waiver fee request.

7.4 Is removed and replaced with a new item; Generator quotes has been added.

## 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

### 5.1 Minutes of Special Session of October 16, 2008

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of October 16, 2008. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. Kordosky (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

## 6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

### 6.1 Public Hearing as Local Contract Review Board Res. 20-2008 Library Contract Exemption 6.1.1 Staff Report

No changes in staff report

- 6.1.2 Statements in Favor: None
- 6.1.3 Statements in Opposition: None
- 6.1.4 Statements in General: None

Public hearing closed

### 6.1.5 Council Discussion and Vote

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve Res. 20-2008 giving the city the opportunity to be the general contractor for the construction of the new City Library. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark stated that the Library board met and this is their recommendation.

In response to a question from Councilor Schorer, the Police Department expansion will have to wait because of the changes they have had to make on the construction of the new library.

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.

### 6.2 Kokanee Way Bid Results

Gordon Zimmerman stated that the bid results are for the City Council's information only. We don't have any timing yet. The State will do the notice to proceed on the low bid and they have to go through their processes which take about 50 days.

Mayor Hampton stated that if he is reading this correctly the low bidder is 32% below the engineering estimate which is always good news. This is a local contractor (Oakridge Sand and Gravel) which is great.

### 6.3 WAC Room Rent Waiver Request

Gordon said that the US Census bureau is distributing brochures around town to hire people to work in 2010 census. They want to use the WAC for testing of candidates on November 21<sup>st</sup> in room 10. They have asked to have the fee waived.

Councilor Schorer moved to approve the rent waiver for the census bureau. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion.

Councilor Dreiling stated that it would be good if local people could get some jobs out of this. The pay is pretty good.

Mayor Hampton stated that he spoke with the Post Master regarding the way they did it last time by mail. This was ineffective because the only people who received them were the people with geographical addresses. So anyone who had a Post Office box did not receive the material. He told them that this can cause quite an undercount of our population. This should worry us because lots of funding we get is based on population. The more population we can prove the more funding we can get when they dollars are being divided up.

Gordon stated that he has been working with LCOG. They are providing maps with every property lot and occupied lots so they can get to everyone to the Census Bureau.

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.

## 7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 7.1 Parks, Trails, and Tree Board Appointment

Gordon stated that we have one unfilled vacancy on the Tree board.

Councilor Clark moved to appoint Vivian Erickson to the Park, Tree and Trails Board. Councilor Leary seconded the motion. 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.

### 7.2 UBRA Sign Request

Gordon introduced UBRA President George Custer and showed the council the signs that they want to put up at each end of the uptown area.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the placement of Main Street Program signs at the corners of First and Beech Streets and first and Hazel Streets. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

### 7.3 Tree City USA Application

Kevin stated that there were no changes to the staff report.

Councilor Schorer moved to accept the recommendation of the Park, Trails and Tree board to have the City of Oakridge apply to be a Tree City U.S.A. Councilor Dreiling 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.

### 7.4 Generator Quotes

Kevin stated as the Council requested, we have obtained more quotes for generators for the new Public Works Building.

Mayor Hampton stated that the council just wanted to know that the bid was reasonable compared to other bids and they were not against the purchase of the generator. This bid appears to be quite favorable.

Councilor Fortune moved to authorize the purchase of a Generac 130kw generator from Rogers Machinery Company Inc. for \$33,190.00. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Schorer asked what the fourth generator was for.

Kevin stated that the City has a sewer lift station that is under the highway bridge and that will need a power supply as well. If we have an outage like we have had, it won't work anymore. The fourth generator for the lift station will be smaller and ordered sometime in the future.

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

## 8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez reported on the Dead Mountain Radio Interoperability grant for \$260,000. We held a meeting with the additional partners: Lane County Sheriff's Department, Oakridge Fire Department, Westfir Fire Department, and McKenzie Broadcasting. They are looking at a large system up there but we will only pay our share which is the tower and the building. They understand that and are ok with that.

Chief Gomez reported on the Family Fun Night had about 250 kids and parents in attendance. Thank you to all who helped.

Halloween was very quiet.

## **9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Mayor Hampton asked if anyone is planning on attending the November 15<sup>th</sup> Vulnerable Population Emergency planning meeting. Chief Gomez said he will have to check his schedule.

Gerald Shorey said that he went last year and it was very well worth going to.

## **10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Public Safety: We had a meeting and discussed the video recorders for the police vehicles. We also discussed and viewed the area for the cattery. They are still working on the social host ordinance.

Chief Gomez said they had about seven people show up for the cattery tour and the opinion was expressed that the cats might be traumatized by the trains. I told them that we would bring the issues before the council.

UPBEAT: Will be meeting the first week in December for a potluck.

Tree Planting: Councilor Kordosky reported that Tree Planting will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. We talked about the princess' raising money for a scholarship and planting trees at Diamond Park or at the community garden.

Gordon said they might want to have the Parks, Trees and Trails committee look into where to plant trees.

Administration: Councilor Clark said they met and discussed the newsletter. She wanted to thank Sara Altemus for the creation of this. It was very well put together and attractive.

Community Service: Councilor Schorer reported on the meeting last week. We met to discuss the signage issues for the Brewers Pub. After some discussion we came up with a proposal for the council to look at. They went over the zoning codes. She will forward copies of this to the staff.

Councilor Dreiling said the State actually asked for the sign on Crestview.

Councilor Schorer said this is a tourism thing and we would like that add to the signage ordinance.

LRAPA will have a meeting on the November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Trails Committee: Councilor Dreiling said they discussed the Tree City USA application.

LCOG: They have moved into their new building, west of where they are now. They are on the top two floors and they have renters on the first and second floors.

Watershed Council is preparing the new budget which is now over \$1 million dollars.

Snowflakes on Highway 58 Committee: Councilor Clark reported that the committee met and welcomed a new committee member – UBRA. We are working on money making projects. We are doing goal setting and trying to figure out where we want to go. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. plan next to City Hall. We will start putting on the flakes on HWY 58. We have all the permits.

Team Oakridge met with a lot of people in attendance and another meeting is scheduled for December 10. There was a lot of good communication.

Regional Fiber consortium met.

Mayor Hampton announced there will be a free Thanksgiving dinner at the United Methodist church from noon to three.

Councilor Leary reported on the Parks, Trees and Trail Committee. They discussed the Tree City USA application.

Councilor Leary said that Tuesday is Veterans Day and to be sure to thank a veteran.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council November 20, 2008.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder