

December 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
Randy Dreiling
Barbara Leary
Amy Kordosky
Carina Schorer
Glenn Fortune (Excused Absence)

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

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Schorer said she believes that we should have conserved on the policy manuals, double sided and not as many.

Mayor Hampton, I have a contrary point of view. I looked at the whole thing and found it valuable.

Councilor Dreiling stated that there are a lot of activities this week for the Holiday Season.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of November 20, 2008
- 5.2 Certify Nov. 4, 2008 Election Results
- 5.3 Lane County Human Services LIEAP Request

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky. A. Kordosky (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Res. 22-2008 Adoption of 2008 Personnel Handbook

Councilor Schorer moved to approve Resolution 22-2008 adopting the November 20, 2008, revision of the City of Oakridge Personnel Manual. Seconded by Councilor Clark

Mayor Hampton had some discussion on item 10.10. I believe sick leave should be defined in the manual as to who can be cared for when using sick leave. Put the definition of family members under the section for sick leave.

Gordon said the State Law defines who is a family member.

Mayor Hampton stated that Section 10.10 does not say the employee can take a sick day for his or her illness or the illness of a spouse.

Gordon clarified that who can use sick leave and when they can use it is defined in 10.05 and 11.04. This definition can be included in Section 10.10 if the Council desired.

This is a friendly amendment and approval is given for the City Administrator to cut and paste into the required section.

Councilor Schorer said that yes this is a friendly amendment.

Councilor Clark said that as long as this handbook is, it is very understandable. She didn't have to stop and look everything up.

Mayor Hampton was impressed with the checklists.

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

6.2 Council Meeting Schedule in December

Gordon stated that normally the Council does not hold the regular Council Session during the last half of December. With the schedule changes in January because of New Year's Day falling on the regular Council meeting night, perhaps the 18th would be a good day for the holiday potluck since we didn't have it tonight. Then we could cancel

the second meeting in January since we are going to have a work session for Goal Planning and the annual LCOG dinner in addition to the regular meeting on January 8. Council agreed to meet on December 18 and January 8 in regular session, January 13 for the Goal Planning Session, and January 22 for the LCOG Annual Dinner. We would be back to the normal schedule in February.

Mayor Hampton, I would also like to address the Performance Evaluation for the City Administrator on December 18. He invited the two newly elected members of the City Council to be in attendance at the Executive Session where the City Administrator Performance Evaluation would be discussed.

6.3 Appoint Library Board Member

Gordon stated that we have one interested party who is currently serving as a library volunteer.

Councilor Schorer moved to appoint Jeany Culwell to fill the vacant position on the Oakridge Library board. Seconded by Councilor Clark. C. Schorer (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), B. Leary (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Appoint Planning Commission Member(s)

Mayor Hampton stated that we have three positions to appoint and we have five applications.

Councilor Dreiling moved to appoint Fred Gerding, Barbara Leary and Keith Brown to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Councilor Leary was going to abstain from the vote but Mayor Hampton said she has no conflict of interest or any other advantage or disadvantage to her serving on the Planning Commission.

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

7.2 Sanford Street Traffic Discussion

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

Mayor Hampton said this is something he is quite familiar with. He did talk to one of his neighbors who he thought would be here tonight.

They have three proposals concerning the direction of the traffic flow on Sanford: 1) one way from South to North for the entire length, 2) one way from North to South for the entire length, or some combination just after the residents.

There was discussion among the council and staff on the proposals.

Mayor Hampton said that one of the situations that we need to be aware of with all three of the residents is that they either have to back in or out of their driveways. That is a unique situation.

Mayor Hampton stated that if they start putting up more houses and there is more traffic then there could be issues but they can deal with that if it happens.

7.3 Corner Bar Smoking Area Discussion

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

Doug Brown the owner of the Corner Bar and Grill is here if anyone has any question.

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the outdoor seating located at 48292 E 1st Street. Contingent upon approval of plans by the City and direct the City Administrator to grant a right of way lease to Doug Brown for 48292 E 1st Street. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Councilor Dreiling stated that one issue on this has been that he is sending alcohol outside the building. The addition is for smoking only.

Councilor Kordosky asked if it was going to look nice.

Doug stated that he is not sure what he is going to do yet. He is thinking of a wooden deck that would be covered.

Mayor Hampton wanted to address the noise issue. He stated that the front door is sometimes open.

Doug stated that the reason for that is the smoke but after January 1st this won't be an issue. He will start keeping the door closed from now on, though.

Mayor Hampton also wanted to address patrons having verbal altercations. He can hear every word they say from where he lives. He is a little worried about the outdoor area.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez reported that they had a missing person this morning. But we were able to locate him. The missing person got stuck up in the Salmon Creek area over night.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers stated that on the December 19th at 5:00 pm we will be conducting a parade to collect toys for tots and food for the local food bank. The parade will be down School Street and around through the City. The fire engines will be decorated but they won't have the sirens going. There may be some Christmas music.

The toys for tots give a way will be December 20th at 5:00 P.M. This is for ages 0-14.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Chamber of Commerce: Councilor Dreiling explained that the National Geographic magazine and television network have a geo-tourism program. They pick regions all over the world that they promote as sustainable tourism for hiking and biking. Their newest region is from Mt. Rainier to Crater Lake. They will have the Oregon kick off party here in Oakridge across the street at the Brewers Union on the 14th or 15th of January. There will be significant media coverage here.

LCOG: We will be meeting later this month. The mayor has been appointed to serve on the Awards Committee.

LRAPA: The Mayor received a call from Merlin Hough, the Executive Director of LRAPA today. Springfield has asked the county commissioners to consider not funding the agency. The mayor wanted to know what the Council views were.

Councilor Dreiling said he thinks LRAPA is a joke. He went to a meeting and he said it is waste of taxpayer's money. They are not objective when you go in there. Of the two guys that lead the board now, one is an environmental lawyer and the other one helped plan the Oregon Toxic Right to Know group. There is no neutrality in there. It is Eugene staffed.

Gordon said they have been very helpful in helping Oakridge reduce the particular levels in the City. He believes it would be a loss for the City to lose LRAPA funding resources.

Public Safety Committee: Chief Gomez stated that we have a number of concerns for the cattery. There are disagreements on the location and people are worried about it being traumatic for the cat's being right next to the railroad tracks. I have been directed to get estimates for costs. We also talked about the insurance grant and what could be purchased with the funds. The insurance won't pay for tasers.

Tree Planting Committee: Councilor Kordosky reported that the next meeting is January 5, 2009. The Salmon Run will be on May 2nd at 8:00 am before the parade. I think the talent show will be April 30th. The person who runs the talent show was not at the meeting. The coronation will be on that Friday night May 1st. Preceding the Coronation on May 1st the Chamber will be having a fundraising Spaghetti dinner. On May 2nd, 3rd and 4th they will have the Dinner Theatre. There may be a teen dance held on the tennis courts. Other ideas are that are undecided a softball game, horse shoes, chili cook off and a pet parade.

OEDAC: City Administrator Zimmerman reported that they discussed the continuation of support for UPBEAT and the other economic development interests of the City.

Team Oakridge has a meeting coming up at 4:00 P.M at the School District Board Room on December 10th.

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council December 18, 2008.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder