



January 8, 2009
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: Mayor Don Hampton
Rayetta Clark, Council President
Glenn Fortune
Randy Dreiling
Gerald Shorey
Amy Kordosky
Robert Moe

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

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

Mayor Hampton: This is Oregon's 150th Birthday. At the beginning of each meeting I will be reading some history of Oakridge. We used to be called Big Prairie in 1859. Mayor Hampton read from a History book from the museum.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

George Custer: 47747 Portal Dr: On the dates between January 19th and 22nd Oakridge will be hosting a site visit from the Oregon Main Street Association. Urban Development Services is a group from Chicago. There will be a press release coming out with more information. On the 22nd the team will be doing a survey of the Uptown area. The team would like a tour of the City and would like the Council, and city employees to participate. The Lakota Group has worked with hundreds of companies in the country to help revitalize the community.

Gary Carl: 76570 Walker St.: I would like to know what is happening with Atherton. I was told by Mr. Zimmerman that boats would be being built in September and I have seen nothing happening.

Gordon Zimmerman said that they have purchased the lot and have not made any payments. Gordon is meeting them next week. The option to purchase the other 18 acres of property has lapsed.

Dean Phillips: 47699 W 2nd St.: Mr. Phillips wanted to speak on the economy. He has typed up his presentation which accompanies these minutes.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

3.1 Swearing In of New and Returning Councilors

City Recorder Pam Hart swore in the new Councilors Jerry Shorey and Robert Moe and returning Councilors Randy Dreiling and Amy Kordosky.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.4 Deferred Compensation Question

Mayor Hampton presented an award to Barbara Leary for her service on the City Council and her future service on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Hampton asked if we have received the LCOG Annual Appreciation Dinner invitation. Gordon said that he did receive one and was going to talk about this later.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of December 12, 2008

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. Amy Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Elect New Council President

Mayor Hampton opened the nomination for Council President.

Councilor Fortune moved to nominate Councilor Kordosky for Councilor President. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Councilor Kordosky accepted the nomination.

Amy Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

6.2 City Administrator Performance Evaluation

Councilor Fortune moved to accept the results of the evaluation. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky. G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

6.3 City Administrator Contract Approval

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the City Administrator Contract. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Mayor Hampton approves all professional memberships Mr. Zimmerman belongs to. There are currently 10 organizations of which Mr. Zimmerman is a member or for which serves on the board. The Mayor approved these positions. Mayor Hampton then corrected a couple of typos in the contract.

Mayor Hampton had some questions. He asked what the salary increase was for the union employees this year. Mr. Zimmerman indicated that it was 7-8%, more than the amount in the city administrator contract. The Mayor also asked about the vacation accrual set at the highest accrual level for employees but Mr. Zimmerman has only been here for 5 years. Mr. Zimmerman responded that when he was hired, the council gave him credit for 25 years of management experience.

Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

6.4 PERS

Mr. Zimmerman explained the provisions of his deferred compensation at date of hire. After being a Tier 1 employee in his previous positions, he was placed into the Oregon Service Personal Retirement Program, the legislative correction to the PERS crisis. The City has paid the difference between the OSPRP retirement and PERS Tier 1 retirement premium into a deferred compensation program, the Oregon Growth Savings Plan, for Mr. Zimmerman. Now that the Legislature has reversed the law on break in service, Mr. Zimmerman has been placed back into the PERS Tier 1 program. PERS has invoiced the city for the \$14,236 difference in premiums for the past 5 years. He needs to work out with the Council how to pay back the money to the City given the economic downturn and its impact on his retirement funds. He would like to work with the Administration Committee on this.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Res. 1-2009 Police Vehicle Purchase

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve Resolution 1-2009 recognizing unanticipated revenue from the sale of surplus police vehicles. Seconded by Councilor Fortune. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

New Year's Eve was exciting with an incident involving 25-30 people. The Police taxied 25 people home.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers thanked everyone who helped with Toys for Tots and everyone who donated. The First Annual Light Parade was a great success raising money and toys for the program.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Hampton passed out the assignments to the councilors for participation on various committees.

The Public Safety, Administration, and Community Service committees will need two councilors. On the local and regional committees he already has people that he is going to appoint. There are some vacancies on the forms and if you see anything you are interested in, let Mayor Hampton know. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

LRAPA: Councilor Fortune reported the first meeting will be held on the 16th of this month.

Trails Committee: Councilor Dreiling reported that the next meeting is January 20, 2009, at 6:30 at Greenwaters Park.

LCOG: Mayor Hampton reported that the awards dinner will be on January 22nd.

Lane Regional Housing Rehab: City Administrator Zimmerman stated that they will be completing the paper work on Monday for the current housing rehabilitation program. They will be closing that section of the project out.

Tree Planting: Councilor Kordosky reported that they had a meeting on January 5th. Bill Krei is going to be the Grand Marshal for the parade this year. The princesses will be raising money for a scholarship this year, which will be the beginning of a new tradition. Alicia Davidson is doing a great job with the princesses this year. There is a new code of conduct contract and a different point system for choosing the queen. They will be judged on more than just speeches this year. Community service will be a bigger component in the judging. The next meeting will be January 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Team Oakridge: Mayor Hampton stated that the next meeting will be on the 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the School District Office. Mayor Hampton will be in Portland talking to the Union Pacific people.

Chamber of Commerce: Councilor Dreiling reported the next meeting is next Monday at Big Mountain Pizza. Next Thursday the National Geographic Geo-Tourism Kick Off will be held at the Brewer's Union from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

UPBEAT: Mayor Hampton stated they had a meeting with only 5 people. Anyone interested on serving on the board needs to contact Gordon.

Gordon Zimmerman reminded the Council that next Tuesday is our Council Planning work session.

Mayor Hampton said that in the AAA Magazine there is a section in there now on Your Favorite Small Towns. A lady from Grants Pass wrote that her favorite small town is Oakridge, Oregon. She commented on Greenwaters Park and the beautiful flowers.

Gordon wanted to remind everyone that was on the council last quarter needs to fill out their quarterly public official disclosures.

Mayor Hampton said we need to figure out who is going to the LCOG dinner. Mayor Hampton said if you want to go as an individual, the City will pick up the cost. If you want to bring your significant other, you will have to pay for him/her. The cost is \$33.00. Mayor Hampton asked how many would be going. There were three of them that will be going. Jenifer Hood will be attending, also.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council February 5th, 2009.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder