



February 5, 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
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.

The Mayor presented some local history of January 1859 from the Museum. He read from a book given to him from the local Pioneer Museum.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

3.0 MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor presented his State of The City. (See attached)

Randy Dreiling stated that he was invited by the National Bike Summit, in Washington D.C.. They are willing to pay for lodging and conference registration; all that they ask is that I pay for my airfare. I would like to represent Oakridge. He won't just talk about biking; he will be promoting Oakridge.

Mayor Hampton asked for any comments from the council. He said that they do have a budget for travel expenses. Mayor Hampton stated that when the people were here

from Chicago for the UBRA event they said that most people don't even know that Oakridge exists. They were encouraging us to let ourselves be known and this would be a good thing to let people know that we do exist.

Rayetta Clark said that anytime we can get our voices out and be heard it is a good thing.

Glenn Fortune asked what the purpose of the conference is.

Randy stated that it is the National Bike Association to talk about bike issues. He wants to talk about more than biking though he wants to promote Oakridge. Everyone else will be from Portland.

Gordon stated that it helps with our relationship with Travel Oregon which is part of this whole thing and their emphasis at pushing bikes as a State.

Randy will be the only rural area person attending.

Councilor Clark moved to allow the expense to come out of the budget. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Dreiling (abstain-conflict of interest), R. Moe (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

The City attorney wanted to make clear for the record that Councilor Dreiling did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Hampton said that on February 16 the relay for life team is putting on a dinner. The tickets are \$10.00 but they will try to get a little more out of you, this is one of the major fundraisers for the relay for life team. This is based on their travel experiences. In November they went to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales and so they are going to replicate meals that they ate in each country.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Gordon Zimmerman requested to remove item 7.1 Skateboard Park Discussion as the School District was not ready to move forward.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of January 8, 2008

The motion was made by Councilor Clark and seconded by Councilor Dreiling approving the consent agenda.

A. 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 Categorization of 2009 Issues and Concerns

Gordon said that this is a request in the next step of the process in goal setting. They need to identify the items by long term, short term and admin or not an issue. They need to be to Gordon by February 12.

6.2 Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program Public Hearing

6.2.1 Staff Report

Gordon stated that with this particular project they will combine this grant with the warm homes program along with seven partners. They all get together and pull their resources to take out old wood stoves and replace them to rehabilitate them as much as they can. They had a total budget of \$418,000.00 and there is \$357.00 dollars left. They have been working on this grant since 2002 along with St. Vincent De Paul. They applied for the grant for us, they administered the grant, they did all the work and they relieved us of all of the paperwork. Our goal was to rehabilitate 10-12 units and they did 15. This was a very successful program.

Celia Walker from the St. Vincent De Paul gave a report on the project and the impact it had on Oakridge. This particular grant has been going on since 2005. The annual household income for the recipients was less than \$20,000.00. They had 15 houses that they did construction on and the average cost for each house was about \$21,000.00. They use local contractors and try to get as much money back into the community as possible. They had two other programs that they had with Oakridge, because Oakridge has been very proactive. In this neighborhood alone 38 Homes have been approved since 2001 and \$850,000.00 has come into this community because of that.

As an example one house had handicap accessibility issues, a new bathroom, heat source exchange, dry rot and electrical safety issues. It can be complicated but luckily everyone is very patient.

Right now she has seven people on the waiting list.

6.2.2 Statements in Favor

George Custer, as a contractor I am in favor of this program and I have been involved in this program. The program pushes the home owners towards winterization and bringing the home to code.

This program is dedicated to owner/occupied dwellings. There are other programs that can help with other dwellings.

6.2.3 Statements in Opposition

6.2.4 Statements in General

6.2.5 Council Discussion

Councilor Clark stated that it has been wonderful working with these people. They truly care about what they do.

6.2.6 Council Motion

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the closure request for the Oakridge Air Quality Impact area Rehabilitation Program. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

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 Just Us Festival Funding Request

Gordon Zimmerman said the letter was passed out and the budget is coming. This request is coming from Donna Tipton and Kirk Troute. This is an event that qualifies for the chamber funding as well as community participation.

Mayor Hampton said it could be put in the mix with the room tax funding.

Councilor Clark asked if we could use the room tax first and if there is not enough to cover then come back to us.

6.4 Oakridge Visitor Readiness Report

Gordon gave the council the packets for them to read for the next meeting in two weeks

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Skateboard Park Discussion (removed from the agenda)

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Police Chief is absent, no report.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

None

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Lane Council of Governments: Mayor Hampton said that they attended the banquet. The next board meeting will be in March.

Chamber of Commerce: Rayetta Clark

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council: Don Hampton, there will be a Board meeting next Wednesday.

Fire Advisory Board/Hazeldell: Nothing to report

Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority: Glenn Fortune stated that there will be a meeting on Tuesday. The Mayor of Cottage Grove will attend. He wants to be clearer on what they are talking about; the language and regulations, they talk about regional areas, neighborhood areas and number of different things. We are constantly being harangued by the news media about the air quality in Oakridge. Our main concern is that people who have been here for thirty years don't believe there is an air quality problem. What effect does this have on new businesses coming into Oakridge?

Mayor Hampton stated that he provided Glenn a monitor on how this should be cited. Gordon has received a correspondence from LRAPA on their point of view about either why they don't want to move the monitor or won't move it. Dust from the softball field gets read into the monitor. He said if they would like him to give a statement in front of the LRAPA board he would be happy to do that.

Mayor Hampton stated that LRAPA has said that they know the monitor is the worst spot and that is where they want it because of health concerns. No one is denying that the air particulates are related to some health concerns. The law reads that we need an average reading.

Herb Hilton, 76768 River Rd: he said that in the last two minutes you have made more sense and I have talked to LRAP the past two weeks for over an hour and a half. I started talking to them on a yellow day when they didn't want us to burn but he saw a local restaurant with a camp fire. With all of the regulations on red, yellow or green days, anyone in Oakridge can have a camp fire in their yard everyday, there are no regulations there. Why can't people heat their homes?

There are discrepancies with the Register and LRAPA; one says yellow and one says red. The advisory changes each day at 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Shorey stated that he believes the City of Oakridge has been unfairly treated for years. That part of town has always looked liked that. He thinks this should be pursued and that we should not be pushed around by LRAPA anymore until they have factual data that they can back up what they are saying.

Trails Committee: Randy Dreiling stated that they had a really good meeting. They are working with the Kiwanis and they got Davidson's to donate a load of gravel. Thank you to Councilor Moe and Mr. Gardner for cutting trees out. They are all going to fix the ruts

on the other side of the bridge at Greenwaters.

Library Board: Jerry Shorey said the next meeting will be next month on the 2nd

UPBEAT Board: Gordon stated that they spent time discussing goals for the next year and how to revitalize the committee to get more people trained to help with the budget.

Team Oakridge: Don Hampton stated that the next meeting is coming up on the 11th

Regional Fiber Consortium: Mayor Hampton said they have a meeting coming up but he can't remember the date.

Parks, Trails and Tree committee: Randy Dreiling we are going to meet February 12th at City Hall.

Mayor Hampton stated the next meeting on the 19th is in conflict with the Mayors meeting in Lowell. Can we change the meeting time? Can we start the meeting at 5:00 P.M.?

Gordon stated that CVALCO is coming here at 7:00 and they have invited Westfir City Council to be here. Gordon will see what he can do.

Public Safety, Councilor Fortune stated they had many visitors at the meeting to discuss the cattery. The money is there to buy the equipment. The project is going to work well. The new police vehicle is almost on line. We are working on a grant to get video inside the police cars. They are looking at a couple of tazers at a cost of \$4200, if we can find it in the budget. We need to start doing a study regarding the reimbursements of Medicare funding for emergency service transports. We need to see what the costs are going to be and how are we going to fund emergency services. We need to see which committee that we need to go through for this. We need to put together a projection on how much it is going to cost to run the ambulance. We may have to go the community and say this is what we can afford; what do you want to do? Maybe turn around and levy this service.

Councilor Shorey stated that this is a critical need; the ambulances are old and we can't have the liability issues with breaking down. The community needs to be educated on this issue.

**11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations
 ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations**

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council February 19, 2009.

Signed: _____

Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder

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