



March 19, 2009  
City Council Regular Session  
City Council Room  
48318 E. First Street, Oakridge OR 97463  
7:00 p.m.



## MINUTES

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### 1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council Present: Amy Kordosky, Council President  
Glenn Fortune  
Randy Dreiling  
Gerald Shorey  
Rayetta Clark  
Robert Moe

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

Mayor Hampton was absent.

Council President Kordosky read some history on the City of Oakridge. In January of 1959 a meeting was held to establish a museum for the City of Oakridge. It was felt that this would be an appropriate venue for which a great deal of valuable historical material could be displayed as a rich educational asset for the area. Momentum increased as the centennial year progressed with faithful supporters planning and promoting various sales and other financing events in order to provide funds for the cost of space. In March an invitation was sent to the community and former residents to meet at Westfir Community Hall on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> to share stories. 128 people signed the guest book Sunday afternoon. As a result of this event it was proposed that this become an annual event. That was the beginning of the Upper Willamette Pioneer Picnic held annually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of July.

### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenifer Hood, PO Box 1410 Oakridge. She knows they are all considering the Community Economic Development Strategy this evening. She thinks is important for people to understand is that this strategy was planned taking into consideration every report that the City had received for the last several years. The strategy looked at those reports well as the six things that the Department of Commerce is looking for.

Gordon suggested holding these comments until the discussion later.

Jenifer agreed.

Laural McCoy, 47735 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Over the last years we have a problem with the neighbor's cats. They destroy the flower beds. We have picked up after them. Numerous neighbors have complained that the neighbor has at least 6 cats. I don't know what to do about it. She can smell them when she walks into her house and when her windows are open.

Councilor Moe: They are considered domestic and you can trap them.

Chief Louis Gomez: We like the neighbors to first address the issue with the neighbor. The police can issue citations. Pictures would help. He encouraged Ms. McCoy to talk to Laura Howerly, the code enforcement officer, tomorrow. She can assist you with the neighbor.

John Ryan, 47735 W 2<sup>nd</sup>. Same issue with cats. He bought a brand new car. The cats were all over it and scratched my new car. I paid to have it fixed and they did it again. I notified police and he looked over a fence and saw that there were eight cats in the yard.

Chief Gomez: That damage is covered in the ordinance as well.

Benjamin Beamer, PO Box 804 Maple St. The new sign at the bottom of the overpass looks great. I am just coming back from Washington D.C from the National Bike Conference. When you look at Hood River, you think of wind surfing. He thinks we have the same thing going on here with Oakridge with biking. It will bring tourism dollars. There are a lot of things going right in this community. We had an all-star group from Oregon at the conference.

Dan Barclay, Cascade Motel, I have not been here since October. He is about three weeks shy of starting his 3<sup>rd</sup> year in business in Oakridge. According to CVALCO in 2007 or 2008 motels in Oakridge sent \$50,000 to Lane County. 90% of the money went to the Chamber of Commerce. It seems curious to him that when the Chamber Board votes, 80% of the votes are from the Council, the City Administrator, and the Mayor. It seems that 40% of the Chamber budget is controlled by a few when you have got 40-50 other businesses that are not chamber members that receive no benefit. In this room you are council members, not chamber members. When you go to do that vote, your loyalty is to the community, not to chamber. He is no longer a member of the Chamber and has no plans of rejoining. Change is good.

Jim Drew, 48405 Jasper, Oakridge: This is a report on the memorial plan that we had last year. The American Legion received a Civil War cannon as a donation. Kevin Urban found a grant for the concrete, rebar and the sign. Jim received a 35-page grant application that he will be working on. He explained that he would like \$300 donated from the Parks Fund as a match for this grant.

Councilor Clark asked Kevin if they had the money in the Park Fund.

Kevin Urban: Yes.

Councilor Clark moved to allot \$300 from the Park Fund and support the project. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Dean Phillips 47699 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Oakridge. What is the status on the quiet zone?

Councilor Kordosky said it takes a while, we are waiting on the government.

Councilor Dreiling said we have done our part and we are just waiting on them.

Councilor Clark stated that they asked us to do some studies and we have done them and turned those in to them. The next step is for them to get back to us.

Dean asked if the City has received the down payment on Atherton Boat Company?

Gordon said yes we have received the down payment.

Dean asked how that was deeded?

Gordon said it was a sale on contract through the title company.

Dean asked who it was deeded to?

Gordon said it was deeded to Atherton.

Dean asked how many people know that the Mayor signed for you an agreement for employment with the City Administrator that made the agreement retroactive until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007? I am not hearing anyone say that they knew it, so evidently the Mayor signed it unbeknownst to you.

Councilor Dreiling asked what subject he is speaking about; he signs a lot of paper work.

Dean said he is talking about the agreement between the City of Oakridge and the City Administrator, which is called an employment agreement.

Councilor Clark said it was a typo.

Councilor Dreiling said it was on page 14 of the minutes.

Dean said this was agreed to on January 8, 2008, which is the night the new councilors came on board. Which brings up another thing, I don't think this should happen on that night. It shouldn't happen until June.

Gordon stated that he is required by state law to present his contract to the new council when they are first seated and that is the first meeting in January after the general election.

Dean said he hears what he is saying but he is not sure how that worked.

Councilor Dreiling said that is the law.

Dean stated that the other thing I would like to know, if that is a typo in sub section 4 paragraph C, he would also like to know if that is a typo in section for sub section 4 paragraph C where it states "the agreement shall be automatically renewed for a period of two years." Who in the world has ever heard of an automatically renewed labor contract? He doesn't want to go any further with this and they know what his story is. He doesn't know how they go about correcting these things but the labor agreement stinks from the word go.

Councilor Moe asked Dean how he would like them to approach this.

Dean said he would like to see them redo the whole contract.

Councilor Dreiling said he should be more specific in what he would like to see changed and that he is welcome to come to the City Hall and meet with them on this. That would be more helpful.

Dean said he would be happy to come to the City Hall and meet with who ever it is that he needs to meet with, but he is not a labor negotiator and he does not write contracts for labor. "I do know what a good contract is and what a bad contract is."

Councilor Shorey said he appreciates Mr. Phillips concerns on this, whether it is a typo or not, on page 15 he does think it is a typo and needs to be changed. It should be where it should be on page one, nine and ten where it states the agreement shall begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, and end on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Councilor Moe asked if we are saying we need to take out the automatic renewal.

Councilor Clark said "No, the City Attorney put that in there."

Gordon stated that it is automatic only if you don't tell me you are not going to keep it in there. The new council still has to approve the contract, which they did.

### **3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Dreiling wanted to address Dan Barclay. The fact is as you say; \$10,000 is given to the Chamber of Commerce. This happens to almost all cities in Lane County. This is how they all do it and there is nothing secret about it. We are giving \$11,000 to community events like Pioneer Days, Where's Waldo, Tree Planting, Concerts in the Park. Some of the chambers in the county keep the money. We are one of the few that go back and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the money and give it back to the community. The Chamber is in charge of tourism. There are 80 members in the Chamber. When he took the executive director job, there were only eighteen members. If they weren't happy, they wouldn't renew their membership. Our membership is strong. We have new members. There is nothing suspicious going on. Jim, I hope you get your memorial if you need help I would be glad to help. I hope the cat issue gets solved.

Councilor Dreiling and Mr. Ben Beamer sat next to the Governor of Texas on the trip from Texas to D.C. We told them what the people in Washington what we needed and how they could help. We were the only ones who got a private meeting with Representative DeFazio and Senator Wyden's staff and we talked about more than just bikes. We talked about how it was and how we need their help and that we need money to create jobs and sustain jobs in our community. I know just going will benefit the community in the long run. To be clear, Ben's trip was paid for by IMBA, Travel Oregon and myself. The city paid \$370 for my plane ticket and he spent his own money to cover everything else. IMBA helped cover his registration fee. I went from capital to capital, from DC to Salem. In Salem I met with our state representatives Hanna and Prozanski and he talked to them about Oakridge and our needs and they were very well aware of it.

Dan Barclay said Randy is taking this personally. He does not know Randy well enough to like or dislike him. All that he is saying is that every city can apply for 3% of the room tax and 3% of that \$600,000 gross revenue is going to be \$22,000. What he did say is that 90% of that went back to the Chamber so they could spend 90% on an executive director and his expenses to include and \$18,000 salary for an executive director that according to the bylaws has no responsibilities other than to help arrange speakers in the absence of the President or the Vice President with no term limit, no duties. Randy certainly does do a lot for the Chamber. Effectively they put the wrong person in there. The bylaws read that this person can do nothing forever and get paid for it. As for Mountain Bike Oregon after the fact, I can't speak for any body else other than myself, this is the third year and at this point Mountain Bike Oregon kind of sort of put one young lady in a motel this year because she didn't want to sleep on the ground in the tents and eat the food and beer provided at Greenwaters Park. I don't see how tents with food and beer on sight put people in motels and restaurants. Of the transient room tax \$20,000 that went to the Chamber of Commerce directly or indirectly 60% of that 90% went to Councilor Dreiling--\$9,000 in salary, \$3,000 in a grant for Mountain Bike Oregon. There was over two weekends \$279.00 a head 300 participants allowed in which you are talking two \$84,000 weekends.

Councilor Dreiling wanted to address Mr. Barclay. Yes, we do provide food and camping for Mountain Bike Oregon. A lot of those people come back to Oakridge when he is not around and they spend money in town.

Gordon Zimmerman wanted to clarify the fact that Mr. Barclay stated. Of the \$22,000 that we get annually, only \$10,000 goes to the Chamber. The \$11,000 that we are giving out tonight never hits the Chamber books--it stays in the City bank account. When the events bring their receipts for the money they have already spent, the City cuts a check to the event provider. It never goes to the Chamber.

Mr. Barclay said that as long as the city is getting benefit, he absolutely has no issue.

Councilor Moe addressed Mr. Barclay. What Mr. Barclay is saying is that he is concerned that some of this money is going to Councilor Dreiling because of his business.

Mr. Barclay said no, there are two separate issues; the grant money that is open supply for businesses that sponsor overnight room stays.

Councilor Shorey said we have an agenda item on this later in the meeting and he would like to defer this discussion until that time.

Council President Kordosky agreed.

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

No corrections or adjustments.

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Fortune. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

- 5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of March 5, 2009
- 5.2 St. Vincent DePaul Community Building Fee Waiver Request
- 5.3 Salmon Creek Run Community Building Fee Waiver Request
- 5.4 Res. 4-2009 Summer Reading Program Adjustment

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **6.1 Adoption of 2009 Goals**

Gordon said on page 146-147 are the listings of the results of the prioritizations. He changed the wording on some of them to make it more coherent.

Councilor Fortune moved to adopt the 2009 council goals. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling.

Councilor Moe stated that we have a drug and alcohol problem here in Oakridge and asked if he is the only councilor that was concerned about this.

Gordon stated "yes. It was your #1 concern and the other councilors rated it 23, 17, 5, 11, 7, and 23.

Councilor Moe said he cannot believe that out of our community, out of our councilors, I am the only one. He thought there would be more than that.

Gordon said he is welcome to lobby right now. That is what we are here for. This was specifically here for grant funding for programs. We will always enforce it. That is the law.

Councilor Moe said he understands that but there are some issues up here that he didn't think the Council had a big concern with like the building of the library.

Gordon said all he can do is put the scores in the Council gave them, weigh it out, and this is the ranking that came out. This is your opportunity to lobby for increased emphasis on any of these that you want, but that is not how it ranked.

Councilor Moe said it is kind of sad to think that this is not an issue.

Councilor Dreiling said he thinks this is an issue. He is the one who added teen smoking prevention. He was thinking more on trying to get some sort of treatment center.

Kevin Urban stated that if I see a grant pertaining to any of the goals on here, I will apply for it.

Gordon said we will bring those grants back to the Council for your approval so you understand what we are working on.

Chief Gomez said Oakridge/Westfir Together is an organization to fight drugs and alcohol abuse. They are writing a grant which will address a number of these issues. It is in process. Let him know if he would like to attend a meeting. Chief Gomez said he will send him an email.

Councilor Shorey said he has some comments. I went down through this list of 16 and in walking down through this there are a number of goals which will be completed this year or early next year. He would like to move them to completed and move the other goals which are long-term up to the short-term. I would like to see the remodel on the council chambers addressed.



We have 24 people in space that is supposed to have 21 people. This is not uncommon and it is time, that if we don't have the money, at least we should identify what the cost is going to be to provide more Council space to the community. If we can't do that, then we should hold the council meetings in a place where we can accommodate the people. It is a disservice to the people to not have enough room.

Councilor Fortune moved to postpone the 2009 goals decision making to the next meeting at that time Councilor Shorey will present his proposal of the realignment of the goals. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye) A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

## **6.2 Transient Room Tax Distribution**

Councilor Dreiling stated that he is declaring an actual conflict of interest.

Gordon said you have before you from the recommendation from the Chamber Board which runs the process but never sees the money for the distribution of the \$11,000 to events that generate overnight stays. We have more dollars requested than we have funds available. The Chamber Board came back with these recommendations. Councilor Dreiling was not at this meeting and he did not have any input on this. Even though I am on the board as an ex officio member, I do not have a vote.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the distribution of the transient room tax funds received from Travel Lane County as recommended by the Oakridge/Westfir Area Chamber of Commerce Board. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Councilor Shorey asked how many people are in the Chamber.

Gordon stated that there are over 80 members/businesses in the Chamber.

Councilor Shorey asked how many are on the Chamber Board.

Gordon stated that eight or nine.

Councilor Shorey asked if these are the same people that requested last year.

Gordon said "Pretty much, maybe one different."

There was discussion on the Tired Dog Ranch and what they do. They are a rescue camp.

Councilor Clark asked if they generate overnight stays.

Gordon said "They indicate in their application that they do generate motel stays. When the Chamber asked the motels, they were unable to identify who or if. That is why the amount was reduced. They also asked for some capital improvements which we generally don't fund."

Councilor Clark asked if one of the prerequisites is that they have to generate motel room stays.

Gordon said they indicated that they do on their application. We don't know if they do or they don't.

Councilor Fortune asked if motel owners are consulted about this is.

Gordon said "The Chamber contacts the motels."

R. Moe (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

### **6.3 Oakridge Community Economic Development Strategy**

Gordon said that what we are trying to do is to codify the economic strategy for the City into one document so that we draw all parts in to a framework that makes sense. We have the opportunity to seek funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency (EDA) to the tune of about \$500,000 a year for three years. This will support all of the different facets of the economic development strategy. We are trying to put some half-time people in to the agencies that are in need professional help. For example, the Uptown Business Revitalization Association needs an uptown manager to focus on the Uptown, and the IMBA Ride Center needs at least a halftime director. We have to have a public comment period for 30 days which means that anyone who wants a copy of this is welcome to take a copy and mark it up. Gordon and Jenifer will sit down and go through all the comments. They will bring it back to the Council for final approval. They ran this by the Oakridge Economic Development Advisory Committee (OEDAC).

Jenifer wanted to say that they did look at all of the reports and some things just kept coming up that need to be done. The thing that is important to realize is that this is something we can work with the community.

Randy said he read this on the plane and he knows they put a lot of work into this. Randy suggested putting this on the website for the community to read and review.

### **6.4 UBRA Consultants Report**

Gordon said this is from a group of professionals from Chicago and from Texas that came in and spent over two days with us. They did a lot of interviews and walked the streets. They are hired by the Oregon Main Street Program to do this report. They recommended hiring a Main Street Manager. They would like to get this kick started and get grants for this position. It is an excellent report and it validates a great deal of what we have already done and what we are doing and the direction we are going.

Gordon handed out the report.

Councilor Shorey said what he likes about this is that it fits in with the strategic plan.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **7.1 Approval of Diamond Express Bus Shelter Design**

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the construction of a bus shelter on Crestview Street with the assistance of the City staff. Seconded by Councilor Shorey.

Councilor Kordosky said it is missing clear plexiglass for the sides and the back.



George Custer stated that there has not been a final determination on what material they are going to use. He is researching material at this time.

Councilors Kordosky and Clark are concerned about whether or not the buses will have room to pull in and out of there.

George had a meeting with Aline Goddard and the Senior Mobility Services bus driver and they discussed those issues. He told them the height and they can actually pull the buses right up there. The new buses will have handicapped ramps. As long as they have the shelter right up against the fence, it will give the bus plenty of room. This issue has been solved.

Councilor Shorey said he spoke with a driver earlier this evening and he indicated that there is not enough room there.

Gordon stated it is just like in Eugene, the buses pull over to the curb and if there is not enough room to go around, just stay behind it. If you pass the bus, you may get a ticket. We are building this on the right of way, but there is room there.

George Custer said they had measured and with the bus stop there and a bus, there is still almost an eleven-foot travel lane when staying in your lane.

Councilor Shorey asked if they are voting on design or on concept.

Councilor Fortune said the motion was to vote on construction of the building.

R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

## **7.2 Inflow and Infiltration Project**

Councilor Kordosky asked if they needed to make a motion on this.

Kevin said it is already in, if they come back and say we are funded then we will bring it back to the Council because there is a component that they are willing to forgive 75% of the loan. The rest of the loan will be at 0% interest over 20 years.

Kevin said that we put aside as a condition of our sewer permit \$25,000 a year for I and I (Inflow and Infiltration) reduction. We won't have to worry about raising rates or anything like that.

## **7.3 Bobcat T-250 Purchase Update**

Gordon wanted to let the council know that they were unsuccessful in decreasing the purchase of the bobcat. They did agree to completely service the unit and give us a set of forks. This is worth about \$1,500.

## **8.0 POLICE SERVICES**

### **8.1 COPS Grant**

Chief Gomez wanted to report on the cattery. They did get their permit in and the cost is \$199. This could have been much more, so he recommends just paying it.

Chief Gomez reported on the COPS grant. This is stimulus money and he has about 10-12 days to get this in. This is what he will be working on this week.

## **8.2 Res. 3-2009 CIS Insurance Renewal and Grant**

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve Res 3-2009, the renewal of coverage with CIS and to adjust the budget for receipt and expenditure of \$9,416 for the purchase of in-car video camera equipment for our police vehicles. Seconded by Councilor Shorey.

Gordon said this is a two-part resolution; they are willing to give us 25% of our premium back if we agree to renew for three more years.

Councilor Shorey asked if these units will be mounted.

Chief Gomez said yes they will be mounted right in between the two visors of the vehicle. The camera has a front and rear lens. He got them to throw in a GPS system. This will protect citizens and the officers. This will have an audio system that will be good at 2000 feet. There are also different options to turn on the unit.

Councilor Moe asked if the officers could turn it on or off at their discretion?

Chief Gomez said there is a programming module on there that they can program to how they see fit.

Councilor Clark asked how many units they are purchasing.

Chief Gomez said they want to get two, one for day shift and one for night shift. These will download right to a dvd.

A.Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

## **8.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chief Demers reported that Councilor Shorey and Captain Whitaker were successful in getting an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) grant for \$83,000. That will buy two upgraded heart monitors and put smokeless exhaust on the diesel vehicles that they have.

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

**Lane Regional Housing:** Councilor Clark said they met today in Junction City and they have a several new members. They did a lot of training of the new members. The next grant will be for the McKenzie River area. They will have someone from HUD let them know what they can do with the loan funds that have been paid back. We discussed our 2010 target areas, Creswell, Coburg and the Veneta and Elmira areas.

**Tree Planting Festival:** The parade this year will be stretched one more block on East Second and there are more participants. Things are on track. Vivian Erikson is doing a great job. There will be lots of new stuff.

**OEDAC:** Larry Phipps reported that three members of the committee and the City Administrator met on Wednesday and spent the entire day at the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) getting educated on geothermal energy. It was very informative.

**UPBEAT:** We have three new clients in the last month.

**Team Oakridge:** We had a meeting and worked on where we can put the circus.

**Parks, Trails Committee:** We adopted the mission statement. We talked about the street trees. We talked about park grants and we can get up to \$25,000 this year for the first time. We will be able to get more park work done.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Randy reported the circus will be here on May 15<sup>th</sup> and it will be at the OIP. They will be performing at 5:00 and 7:30.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** After the Executive Session, the Council met in regular session and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council April 2, 2009.

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

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