



May 7, 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: Don Hampton, Mayor
Amy Kordosky, Council President
Glenn Fortune
Gerald Shorey
Rayetta Clark
Randy Dreiling (Absent)
Robert Moe

Staff Present: Kevin Urban, Community Services Director (Absent)
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Pamela Hart, Finance Director/City Recorder (Absent)
Linda Martin
Dale Scobert, Deputy Chief
Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Oregon 150 History Moment: 6th Annual Tree Planting Festival

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Danielle Bowerman 48458 Vine Street. She would like to hang two or three banners for the Keg and Cask Festival. One across First Street, one on Hills Street by Highway 58, and another on Crestview by the Highway. She wants people to know about the festival and how to get there. This will be on August 29, 2009. Council gave direction to the City Administrator to work with the Festival and Public Works to have the banners hung.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Moe stated that a citizen told him that because of the new water system his water pressure is much better and he is very happy.

Mayor Hampton announced that former Westfir Mayor Diana Tonkin passed away and her funeral will be held this Sunday at the Lutheran Church.

Mayor Hampton had asked the councilors to bring their calendars to tonight's meeting but he has been battling health issues this week and is not feeling up to it. They will just get through the budget and then in June or July tackle the training issue.

Mayor Hampton asked if the councilors would like him to call them if they don't show up for a council meeting. He said to give him their phone number if that is what they would like him to do.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Hampton would like to have an executive session under ORS 192.660 paragraph (1) (d) Labor Negotiations prior to considering the collective bargaining agreements in agenda items 7.1 and 8.1. The public and the press will be excluded from this session.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of April 16, 2009

Councilor Clark wanted to make a change to the minutes. On page three it said Councilor Clark stands by her decision; it was Councilor Kordosky who said that.

5.1 Oakridge Westfir Kids Incorporated Fee Waiver Request

Councilor Clark moves to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Seconded by Councilor Shorey. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Budget Committee Member Terms

Councilor Fortune moved to appoint Barbara Leary to a two-year term and Wayne Baker and Helene Fiske to one-year terms. Seconded by Councilor Shorey. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hampton asked when the budget meetings will begin.

Gordon said they will begin on May 11th at 6:00.

6.2 CIS Trust Membership Participation Agreement

Gordon said that what they have in front of them is the entirety of the trust agreement that we have with CIS and the overviews and the CIS Trust Membership Participation Agreement if you choose to continue with CIS Insurance. They have been our insurance carrier for several years.

Councilor Fortune said they had CIS Insurance and then they pulled out of the market and another company moved in and they weren't satisfied with the service with that particular company. CIS was pulling strong so they went back to them.

Mayor Hampton asked if Councilor Fortune was the agent of record for the CIS Insurance.

Councilor Fortune said yes he is.

Mayor Hampton advised him to declare an actual conflict of interest and not participate in this discussion. He will be receiving commission from his efforts.

Councilor Fortune declared an actual conflict of interest because he is the agent of record for CIS Insurance.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the City of Oakridge's participation in the CIS Trust and authorize the City Administrator to complete and sign the Participation Agreement. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky.

Mayor Hampton stated a somewhat unresolved problem had to do with muddiness of our charter language. Mayor Hampton read over some of this with the council. What is confusing to him is who should sign such contracts.

There was discussion among the council on this issue.

Mayor Hampton said he does not believe there is anything in the charter that gives the City Administrator authority to sign anything.

Councilor Clark withdrew her previous motion.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the City of Oakridge's participation in the CIS Trust and authorize the Mayor to complete and sign the Participation Agreement. Seconded by Councilor Moe. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 Oakridge CEDS Approval

Mayor Hampton wanted to give Jenifer Hood credit for merging survey information of the town and helping us become grant eligible by writing the CEDS plan. If you can say this is our plan and it is ready to go, we are much more likely to receive grant money for it.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the application of the Oakridge CEDS to the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Councilor Shorey asked if at some point we did get this grant are we bound by the terms of this proposal.

Mayor Hampton said we can always reject any grant offered.

Councilor Shorey asked if we are bound by every piece of this proposal or can we make modifications.

Gordon stated that in discussions with the Economic Development Agency this week, they will pick and choose what they want to. It all depends on the timing. If, for example, we don't get funding for next year and we perform some of things already, we have the ability to alter the application to fit the current status. This is a framework for the City's Economic Development program.

Councilor Shorey asked if this was a hard match or a soft match.

Gordon stated that it depends on what the grant is.

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

Mayor Hampton chose to consider Item 8.2 prior to moving into Executive Session.

8.2 Declaration of Surplus Equipment

Councilor Fortune moved to authorize the Chief of Police to surplus the three listed vehicles. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Councilor Moe asked how often we update our vehicles.

Chief Gomez said that we bought a couple last year and just bought one this year. Our goal is to roll one out every year. We are finally in a position to do this. We were buying cars as needed and didn't have a plan.

Gordon stated that the 1998 vehicles are the ones that we bought from Portland. We bought four vehicles for \$7500. We did get our money's worth.

Councilor Clark said Chief Gomez should be commended because he does a great job in finding great vehicles.

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

Council recessed for an Executive session at 7:27 p.m.

Council resumed the Regular session at 7:42 p.m.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Ratification of Contract for General Bargaining Unit

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the proposed contract with the General Bargaining Unit of AFSCME Council #75-Local 2831-04. Seconded by Councilor Clark. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Ratification of contract for Police Department

Councilor Clark moved to approve the proposed contract with the Oakridge Police Department of AFSCME Council #75-Local 2831-02. Seconded by councilor Fortune. Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

Chief Gomez said in regards to Dead Mountain project; he had a meeting yesterday. In the project they had a \$57,000 soft match that they had to come up with and in negotiations with Oregon Wireless Network they chose to pay for the \$150,000 tower so by them doing that we have no match to pay and the project will go forward.

Deputy Chief Scobert and Officer Cooper attended the Memorial Service for the fallen officer in Salem.

Officer Dan Miller finished his 16-week training in Salem.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers said they have the annual training for the staff and volunteers. The Firefighters have about 60 hours and the EMTs have 45 hours in training completed.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Emergency Services - Councilor Shorey: They talked about Dead Mountain Radio Communications project.

Chuck Kurnick and his crew took out the chimney that they needed removed. Chief Gomez will start picking up materials for the cattery. It should be completed before the end of the Fiscal Year.

Chief Gomez attended a 911 State Task Force meeting and they will have another meeting in Salem next Thursday.

Chief Gomez has a new car; it is a 2005 Chevy Impala that the city of The Dalles sold us for \$1,000. We are thankful to them for that. The reason we got rid of the other car is because of engine knock.

We covered Swine Flu pandemic.

Lane Council of Governments Board – Mayor Hampton: The focus was on public safety. Most city people would like to see more jail beds, but at this point it appears that there is not a majority of county commissioners that are willing to put up money for additional jail beds.

Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority – Councilor Fortune: We had a meeting and reviewed the budget.

Treeplanting Meeting – Councilor Kordosky: They will have the wrap up meeting on Monday May 11, 2009 at 5:30.

Watershed Council – Mayor Hampton: The local sixth graders who are known as the watershed rangers went to the Buckhead Natural Area and planted over 100 black cottonwood trees. They are getting ready for Outdoor School that occurs next week.

UPBEAT – Mayor Hampton: An existing client will be enlarging his/her business. The board gave them some advice on making the new business location visible and more attractive.

Mayor Hampton announced that the next meeting will be on his birthday. Refreshments will be served.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 21, 2009

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder