



May 21, 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 (absent)
Gerald Shorey
Rayetta Clark
Robert Moe
Randy Dreiling

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

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

Oakridge History Moment: The Clifford Family in 1945

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue True, 76414 Cherry St. Oakridge, OR: We are here to introduce the group to the council. We were formerly the CRC. We have changed the name and are a non-profit group. We want to change the direction of where this group is going. The new name is HOPE (Helping Oakridge Prosper Efficiently). We are not a political action committee. We are just here to help the community.

Elizabeth Barclay, Cascade Motel, Oakridge, OR: Our goal for this group is to bring our citizens together. We want to have a better bond between our businesses and the people of Oakridge. We want to help improve our community and become self sustained. We rely on sponsors and fund raisers to run our organization. On June 6 we will be hosting a barbeque for the community at Greenwaters Park. We are here to ask for the Council's approval. We will look to the council for help, advice and approval. Our motto is "If all else fails, there is always HOPE." We would like to invite all of you to the picnic.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gerald Shorey: I would like to address our Council Goals and start working on them now for next year. I would like to get moving on the remodel of the Council Chambers by getting an estimate on the cost and when we can get this accomplished.

Mayor Hampton: I have a letter from Oakridge/Westfir Kids thanking us for waiving the summer rental fees at the WAC.

We will have refreshments following the meeting to honor Mayor Hampton's birthday.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.3 Fireworks Funding Request

11.0 Executive session ORS 192.660 (2) h: Potential litigation.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of May 7, 2009

5.2 Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Fee Waiver Request

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Railroad Quiet Zone Update

Gordon Zimmerman explained the process for moving forward with the project. He put together a chart showing what we need to do and passed them out to the councilors. The county is willing to be a participant in this process if the city bears all costs. Gordon read all of the requirements.

Gordon was going to ask the Council for direction, either go ahead and approve this \$25,000 or give him direction on the \$25,000 expenditure. But what he would encourage the Council to do is to table this until we can get another engineering proposal on this. He will continue to work on this as well.

Mayor Hampton called the city of Westfir and asked them how much they paid for their quiet zone and they didn't pay anything. They Mayor of Westfir told him that the county commissioners said they would like to do Oakridge and Westfir together.

Gordon said the reason ours is more complicated is because at Hemlock, they only have maybe two or three cars go through a day. We have thousands go through our crossing a day and that makes it riskier.

Mayor Hampton said to get the estimate and the council will have to decide what to do.

Councilor Dreiling wanted to clarify that it was going to cost \$25,000 just to tell us it is going to cost us \$100,000 to \$500,000 to get a quiet zone.

Gordon said that is per crossing and that is if we have to build a bridge over it, but he does not think we will have to go to that extreme. He can't tell them that for sure because he does not know where the threshold is and the risk and what the railroad is going to require. This is why we need to get an engineer.

Councilor Shorey stated that one of the issues is that the train continues to blow the horn after the crossing. They are required to blow the horn before and at the crossing.

Mayor Hampton stated he thinks we should pursue this as it is an annoyance.

6.2 Res. 6-2009 Identity Theft Policy

Gordon said we adopted an Identity theft policy last year and upon further review they determined that it was not broad enough. The City Attorney has kindly given us another identity theft policy that covers anywhere in the city where the city government can collect funds.

Councilor Clark moved to approve Res. 6-2009 Revising the City's Identity Theft Prevention Policy. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Shorey asked who the Identity Theft person is and who is the Identity Theft Committee.

Gordon said that the Finance Director is the Identity Theft Administrator and the committee is the Utility Billing Clerk and the Accounts Payable Clerk.

6.3 Fireworks

Gordon said that Dennis Foster brought in a request for fireworks funding support. This is something we have done in the past. The rules are laid out in the staff report.

There was discussion on when this has to be approved.

Councilor Kordosky moved to approve the request from Oakridge/Westfir Fireworks Committee for \$2,000 for the fiscal year 2009-2010. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark said she thinks this is a good thing. Many people in the community go and enjoy it. We should support this.

Gordon said that because they signed a three year contract last year, the prices for fireworks won't go up this year.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Water Project Addendum

Gordon said there were no changes to the staff report.

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the additional funding for the Water Project from OECDD. Councilor Moe seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton explained to the citizens that the loan rate is at 1% and that rate is hard to find.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez said there is nothing to report.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers reported that they have submitted their Assistance to Firefighters grant.

Chief Demers reported that one of their paramedics that have worked for us for about five years, Mike Troutman, passed away on Sunday after a long battle with cancer.

FireMed applications are out.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Lane Council of Governments Board: Mayor Hampton reported that they don't meet until June.

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency: The budget was passed on to the Board.

Library Board: Jerry Shorey the new library is moving forward. It is going to be a steel-built building to begin construction, hopefully in the fall. The Summer Reading Program

registration is June 15, 2009, and we are looking for volunteers. This will run until July 19, 2009.

Team Oakridge: Gordon reported that three people showed up for this meeting. They found out about the fuel reduction project from the Forest Service.

Administration Committee: They will meet on Tuesday instead of Monday.

Chamber of Commerce: We had a very nice meeting. They had a great talk from Jenifer about customer service. This was some good training.

The council went to executive session at 7:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council met in open session with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 4, 2009.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder