



June 4, 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
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 (absent)
Louis Gomez, Police Chief (absent)
Linda Martin, Utility Billing Clerk

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

Oakridge History Moment: This was a brief report on the history of the Oakridge and Westfir Schools and annexing Willamette City with Oakridge.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Beamer; Maple Street, Oakridge. He is a big participant in the Trails Committee that put together the Oakridge/Westfir Community Trails plan. They are now a 501(c)3 non-profit under the wing of IMBA. They are now going to be called the Oakridge Area Trail Alliance. Over the last couple of weeks IMBA was in town with their trail care crew. This was paid entirely by Subaru, Yakima Racks, and Gary Fisher. People came from Portland and California for this training. They were teaching them trail building in a sustainable way.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Dreiling announced that this weekend is Free Fishing weekend and graduation at the High School.

Mayor Hampton asked if the council wanted to change the July 2, 2009, council meeting because of Independence Day weekend. No decision was reached.

Mayor Hampton said he wants the staff to check on the Trails Committee not being a City committee anymore. This presents some legal issues that we have not thought about for example, the ditch witch use. When they used it before, it was a pretty easy thing to decide, but now they will be using city equipment. So we need to check with the insurance.

Councilor Dreiling said they are still partnered with the City. This could make us eligible for more grants, too.

Mayor Hampton said they need some legal clarity of what their status is.

Gordon gave an update on the quiet zone. Mr. Brock Nelson, the Public Relations Officer for Union Pacific out of Portland, did stop by. Gordon and the mayor did discuss the quiet zone. The official UPRR position on the quiet zone is that they are neither for or against that. They will do what ODOT and the FRA tells them. They discussed Commercial Street and the refurbishment of the rail line from Beech Street to the OIP. They also discussed a pedestrian overpass near the west end of Commercial Street.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Hampton wanted to add an Executive session tonight on real property transactions. ORS 192.660 (2) (e) real property transactions.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Session of May 21, 2009

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. 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 OIP Real Estate Transactions

Councilor Clark moved to approve the changes to the Economic Development Policies for the Oakridge Industrial Park. Councilor Shorey 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.

6.2 City Administrator Contract Addendum

Councilor Kordosky moved to accept the contract addendum. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Moe stated he is always skittish when he sees something like the \$2,200 on here.

Gordon said he is saving the city \$2.200 by proposing this addendum.

Councilor Moe asked why.

Gordon said the alternative is that if they don't approve this, then we go back to his contract which is a 5% increase and it will cost the city \$2,200 more. With the tight budget, he is willing to do this.

Mayor Hampton said from his standpoint this is a very benevolent act on Gordon's part.

Councilor Moe said it just seems a little too good to be true.

Councilor Dreiling stated Gordon is doing this for the city.

Councilor Shorey asked how much he is talking about with the utilities.

Gordon said the bill runs from \$54.00 to \$60.00 a month.

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

6.3 US Census Complete Count Committee

Gordon explained the how the census will work. Census workers will mail out forms to every street address. They will also go door to door to those who don't return the forms. The short form needs to be filled out by every residence. We hope they will also count the people with P.O. boxes this time.

Postmasters will be asked to forward the census forms to the people with P.O. boxes. The past postmaster refused to forward the mail the last time they did the census.

Councilor Clark asked what they do when people don't return the forms?

Gordon said there is a series of six phone calls: three at various times of the day and a site visit. If they don't get them at the site visit, then they call three more times. After that they go to your neighbors to find out when the resident is home.

The last time they did not do any of that. No phone calls or visits.

Councilor Dreiling moved to create a complete count committee for the US Census 2010. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton said they need to decide who will be the head of the committee.

There was discussion on who they think should be on this committee.

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 Railroad Quiet Zone Proposal

Gordon explained the proposal to the council. This came about because of the article in the Register Guard newspaper.

Councilor Fortune moved to accept the railroad proposal. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Councilor Dreiling asked how many people are asking for the quiet zone. Is it a handful of people or a lot of people?

There was discussion on the quiet zone and how much this proposal will cost. There is concern on the cost of the equipment for this proposal.

Councilor Shorey would like to see all of the proposals before accepting one.

Councilor Dreiling agreed.

Gordon is going to make some phone calls on this.

Councilor Fortune withdrew his motion.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Kevin announced that we finally received some stimulus funds. We received \$47,000 to crack seal Hills Street, Beech Street, First Street, Second Street and School Street. This will extend the life of the roads by quite a bit.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers announced that Mike Troutman's memorial service will be at 1:00, June 7, 2009 at Greenwaters Park.

The volunteers are having an open house on the June 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9.1 Res. 7-2009 FEMA Unanticipated Revenue

Councilor Fortune moved to approve Res. 7-2009 for the use of FEMA grant money to purchase heart monitors for the Emergency Services Department. Councilor Moe seconded the motion. Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency: They will meet on Tuesday.

Tree Planting: The last meeting for this year will be at the Brew Pub at 5:30 next Monday.

Library Board: Summer reading is June 15, 2009, for kids from four to high school age. They will bring in a magician this year. They need volunteers to read to kids.

Chamber of Commerce: They will have their annual BBQ on the June 15 at the Fish Hatchery.

Public Safety Committee: They met and discussed the anti-smoke devices for the vehicles. All of our EMT's and medics have received or are receiving their certifications. We are hoping to have the cattery done by July 1st. The COPS grant application is completed.

Watershed Council: They are in the process of developing a ten-year work plan.

UPBEAT: The UPBEAT Board had what could have been its final meeting on Tuesday.

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

After a brief break the Council went into Executive Session at 8:15 to discuss the status of on-going property negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council reconvened into open session with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 18, 2009.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela S. Hart, City Recorder