



October 15, 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 (Telephone)
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 (Absent)
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Linda Martin Senior Accounting Clerk
Louis Gomez, Police Chief

Council President Amy Kordosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor was attending via telephone.

A moment in Oakridge history was read by Councilor Kordosky.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

Eugene Cathcart: Has worked at Willamette Mountain Mercantile for 4 years. Has witnessed officers going by at 60 mph or greater. On one occasion he was walking his bike across the highway and a police car came down the road with no lights or sirens at a high rate of speed and he had to jump back out of the way. He talked to Chief Gomez about this incident and he said it was the officers' discretion as to how fast they go and if they have their lights on or not. He is concerned for citizens and his customers at the Mercantile. He would like the procedures to be reviewed.

Dawn Chase: School Street. She is very sorry for the loss of Mrs. Spalinger and the injuries to Officer Miller. She has heard a lot of concerns from citizens about the rate of speed officers go when pursuing speeders going through town. It would make a lot of people feel better if there was a limit on the speed that an officer can go when going out on a call. She knows it is a difficult job and the officers have hard decisions to make.

Joan Shorey: Represents the American Legion Auxiliary and they would like to put a coffee stand out at the rest area for donations. They just need to get permission from the City and then the county for the permit. She has already spoken to ODOT.

Mayor Hampton suggested the Community Services Committee discuss this.

Councilor Dreiling made a motion to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to have a coffee stand at the rest area. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

Gordon commented that they will be in direct competition with the businesses in Oakridge that sell coffee.

The American Legion Auxiliary is planning on supplying the coffee only on weekends and it won't be every weekend.

Councilor Dreiling withdrew his motion. They want more discussion and clarity on this.

Dan Ernst: 48589 E 3rd Street. He has witnessed the Oakridge Police speeding. This seems to be a fairly common occurrence. He suggested photo radar and this could eliminate chasing after speeders.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Shorey asked if the subject of the Police speed is going to be referred to the Public Safety Committee. The council agreed that it should.

Mayor Hampton said they need to decide if they are going to do anything about the December 3rd Council meeting since it is Civil War game night.

Councilor Moe asked about making a motion to get a committee of citizens to work with the Police Department to review policies to satisfy some of the concerns of the community.

Mayor Hampton said to bring that up at a Public Safety meeting and handle it that way. They will make a special effort to publicize that they will be talking about the police policies and concerns.

Councilor Shorey said the Council has a long list of goals and it is time to review where they are on the goals and decide what they need to do to meet the goals.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA –

Gordon added 6.2 Fee waiver request for Greater Oakridge Alliance Trails Stewards.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of City Council Meeting of September 17, 2009
5.2 LIEAP Classes Community Building Fee Waiver

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrator Evaluation

Gordon stated that they need to determine what format they want to conduct this year. Last year we used the 360 evaluation form.

Councilor Shorey said he thinks the 360 evaluation is a pretty complete evaluation and it seems like a lot of work to do that every year.

The council agreed on just a council evaluation.

Mayor Hampton asked if they are obligated to do a written evaluation.

Gordon said they are just required to do an evaluation.

Mayor Hampton suggested doing an oral evaluation in executive session. It would be faster and more efficient.

The evaluation is scheduled for the next meeting on November 5, 2009.

6.2 Greater Oakridge Alliance Trails Stewards (GOATS) Fee Waiver

Ben Beamer talked to the council about their new name and what they do for Oakridge. They have created a strong partnership with the International Mountain Biking Association and other trail user groups. Their group is growing very rapidly and they are finding themselves needing a bigger space. They would like the fees waived for the Community Building at Greenwaters Park so they can hold their meetings in a quiet space with enough room for everyone. They hold the meetings on the 1st Monday of every month.

Councilor Shorey asked how many people they have right now.

Ben stated they have about 30 people and are expecting it to grow.

Councilor Clark motion for GOATS to have the fees waived for the community building. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton suggested they could use Room 10 at the WAC.

Ben stated he prefers to have the meetings at Greenwaters.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES – None/ Kevin is ill

8.0 POLICE SERVICES – Chief Gomez stated that he has not done an official release, but Officer Miller was released from the hospital today.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES – None.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Public Safety Committee: Councilor Fortune reported they had a couple of people come to the meeting. They discussed the speed on Cline Street. The solution at that time was to have more presence there during the high traffic times.

Jerrie Lowery attended the meeting also regarding Sanford Street. It was their recommendation to lock the gate to keep people from driving up and down the street.

They talked about and Chief Gomez is going to do some more work on a drug free zone in the City.

They are having another work session on the cattery on October 24, 2009.

Gordon asked that since the Public Safety Committee gave the Sanford Street issue a recommendation to close the street that they move the discussion to the Community Services Committee for review.

Councilor Shorey asked why they would do that.

Gordon stated the staff has some concerns about blocking a public right of way. It was suggested that both the Public Safety Committee and the Community Services Committee could hold a joint meeting to discuss the issues.

LCOG: Mayor Hampton reported they had a meeting a couple of weeks ago. It was the most energized meeting that LCOG has had. They broke out into groups and allowed LCOG board members to talk to each other. They talked about the top three priorities that they want LCOG to work on.

Watershed Council: Mayor Hampton reported that there will be an open house at the MFWWC's new offices on October 22, 2009.

LRAPA: Councilor Fortune said they discussed a vote of 4-3 was passed when two people were absent from the meeting. The LRAPA Board decided that LRAPA's voting procedures fall under ORS 174 which states that they have to have 5 voting in the affirmative capacity to pass any action. It was suggested that we go to each jurisdiction such as Oakridge, Cottage Grove and see whether they would be will to get together and amend the interagency agreement to allow the majority of those present and voting

to establish action of the board. Would this council be agreeable to do something like this? It would take 100% agreement on every represented agency on the LRAPA Board to make that change.

There was discussion among the councilors about the voting procedures. The council took a poll and it was agreed that there should be five votes to be able to pass.

Trails Committee (GOATS): Councilor Dreiling reported that they had someone from the Cascade Burning Group be a guest speaker. They elected nine new officers. Ben Beamer is the new Chair and John Lucachick is the new Vice Chair.

Library Board: Councilor Shorey reported that they discussed the budget and the new library. Fee changes were also discussed.

There was discussion on library cards and how out of town citizens can get one. They can volunteer their time in order to get one.

December 3rd Council Meeting: Councilor Fortune announced that he will not be able to attend the December 3rd meeting.

Gordon said they usually cancel the 2nd meeting in December due to the holiday season. That will be the 17th.

Councilor Clark said we should keep our scheduled meetings.

Mayor Hampton recommended meeting on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Councilor Fortune moved to move the December 3rd City Council Meeting to December 2nd. Mayor Hampton seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), G. Shorey (Nay), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), R. Clark (Nay). Motion carried 5-2.

11.0 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(e) Property Negotiations and (2)(f) Franchise Negotiations

Adjourned for executive session at 8:00. The Council reconvened out of executive session and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council November 5, 2009.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Alicia Davidson, Interim City Recorder