



January 7, 2010
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
Randy Dreiling
Glenn Fortune
Gerald Shorey
Rayetta Clark
Robert Moe (Absent)

Staff Present: Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator
Kevin Urban, Community Services Director
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Louis Gomez, Police Chief
Jackie Baker, Assistant Planner

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dan Barclay; 47487 Hwy 58, Room Taxes: He bought the 2nd most expensive Motel in town three years ago and they have become collectors of the room tax. They have never had anything negative about that duty. The room tax is collected in the interest of promoting tourism. He brought up some numbers last March and some people may have taken it as a personal attack against Randy, which was not intended, he has never said that cycling doesn't bring something to this town. Mountain Bike Oregon brings something to this town and Randy sure does bring something to this town. He has written a lot of grants and generated a lot of revenue for the City. Anytime Randy needs a cheering section, I will be his biggest fan because anything anyone does to make this town healthier or drive up real estate is working on his payday. He thinks the room taxes do, do some good. He stopped coming to the meetings because if he does research and comment on the council approving all motions coming to them, then his water bill might be six fold that month. It might be explained as a busted pipe or neighbors stealing water. He has never said that anyone on the council that he believes are good and decent people, some he sees in church at times. The room taxes are generated by the motels for the benefit of Oakridge to promote tourism. He supports

the Fireworks and the Concerts in the Parks. Distribute the room tax money based on need, not association.

Skip Baker; 76326 Klohn Road, Grants: Has served on the budget committee but mostly has just been an observer at meetings. He attended the 9.12 meeting at the WAC a few nights ago. They discussed grants and what they believe the money should be spent on. He thinks we should give back the grant money and not accept it to help pay down some of the national debt, even though he knows that is not an option. He thinks we should spend the money on the WAC and move the library down there. We need to stop spending money.

Don Hadley; 48203 Hwy 58: He has been to the last two council meetings and has not said a word. The council asked for citizen input but they did not advertise in the paper. He spoke to quite a few people in the community and asked how they felt about the grant and how we didn't notify them. The reason the meeting is full tonight is because a citizen asked a few people to come and they said they don't get notice of what is going on.

James Affa; 36740 Garden Road, Library letters: He is delivering letters for Don Hadley regarding people who are opposed to the library grant. They basically think it is a waste of time for the City and a waste of manpower and resources and money for the City to even attempt to get a grant for the library, which as we know, does not generate all the much revenue.

J. Rich; PO Box 837 Oakridge: He has lived here for three years and the street in front of the courthouse has never been fixed. He walks his dog at night and sees teenagers out running around vandalizing cars and the police are messing with him and not the kids. We need to spend the money on a YMCA to get the kids off of the streets. Where is all the money going? We have nine police officers in this town and there have been several break-ins with no arrests. We should have volunteers to do the police work.

Sayre Custer; 47747 Portal Drive, 2010 Census: Reporting on the census meetings she attended. She is the Chairperson for the 2010 complete count census. Her assistant is Dr. Charles Tucker; he is a professor of Emeritus from Northern Illinois University. We were the only city that showed up to both the meetings. She is forming a count plan customized for Oakridge. Their goal is to get as close to 100% of a true count as possible. We are lucky that our Postmaster is going to put them in the post office boxes. Very few postmasters in the county are willing to do that. We lost several hundred counts last time because of this. There will be an article for the census jobs in the Dead Mountain Echo in the next couple of weeks. The testing dates are January 13th and January 20th.

Mayor Hampton asked Sayre based on her experience with this census organization, on a scale of one to ten how she would rate this census organization process.

Sayre stated 4½.

Mayor Hampton asked how she would rate the chances that Oakridge will receive an accurate census count.

Sayre reported a good 87%. She has been told that Oakridge will nail this census.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Clark said it is nice to see so many people in attendance at tonight's meeting. It is good to have interested citizens.

Mayor Hampton read a Thank you note from Rachael Spencer for the gift card.

Mayor Hampton read a note from Wanda Wilson from the Oakridge/Westfir Birding group. Everyone had a wonderful time and is looking forward to returning to do this again. This was reported in the Register Guard.

Mayor Hampton brought up Chickens in the City for Councilor Moe who is not in attendance tonight. What is the ordinance on this issue?

Kevin said it is in the zoning code and is based on how big the area is that you live on but you have to have a minimum of 10,000 square feet. This is for chickens; not roosters.

Mayor Hampton wanted to address the Grants brought up by Skip Baker. What happens to the grant money if we don't apply for it?

Gordon replied that the money will go somewhere else. The money will be spent regardless. It won't be returned to the Federal Government.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Addition: Item 6.5 the US Census request

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 17, 2009**
- 5.2 RTMP Funds for 2010**
- 5.3 Adoption of Internal Control Program**
- 5.4 Parks Master Plan Contract**
- 5.5 MBO Park Facilities Permit**

Councilor Dreiling declared an actual conflict of interest for 5.5 because he is the owner of Mtn. Bike Oregon and his permit is on the agenda and he can profit from this event.

Councilor Dreiling also declared an actual conflict of interest for 5.2 RTMP funds because his salary comes out of this for the Chamber.

Councilor Shorey stated he wanted to pull 5.3.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the consent agenda items 5.1 and 5.4. Seconded by Councilor Clark. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), Dreiling (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

5.3 Councilor Shorey asked if this was approved as an administrative procedure after the last audit.

Gordon stated it was implemented by the staff in September of 2008. We didn't receive this audit until 2009.

Councilor Shorey wanted to direct attention to the cash disbursement system.

Mayor Hampton asked Gordon if there was any hurry that we adopt this tonight.

Gordon said no.

Mayor Hampton said we will remove this item from the agenda tonight.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda items 5.2 and 5.5. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (conflict of interest due to monetary gain), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Ordinance Protocol

Gordon said that read by title only is a question not a motion.

There was clarification on how to move forward on these issues from now on.

6.2 Second Reading and Adoption of Ord. 897 Building Inspection Appeals Process

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the second reading of Ord. 897 establishing an administrative penalty and procedures per Senate Bill 915, read by title only. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.3 First Reading Ord. 898 Solid Waste Franchise

Councilor Clark moved to amend Ord. 898 granting a solid waste franchise to Oakridge Sani Haul and to add an emergency clause. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling.

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

Gordon read Ordinance 898 amended by the addition of an emergency clause in full.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the first reading of Ord. 898 read in full. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion.

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

Councilor Clark moved to approve the second reading of Ord. 898 read by title only. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion.

Council Clark read the Ordinance by title only.

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

6.4 LCOG Appreciation Dinner council Attendance

The dinner is Thursday January 28th and Gordon needs to know who will be attending by the 21st and if they are bringing a guest. The city does not pay for the guest to attend.

6.5 US Census Request

Gordon received an email for a written request to waive any and all fees for the WAC for testing US Census applicants on Wednesday January 13th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and Wednesday January 20th from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Mayor Hampton moved to approve the fee waiver for the US Census Training in room 10 at the WAC. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 WAC Laundry Services

Gordon received a call from Randy Fisher, one of the building owners. He has an active client that is looking to restore laundry services to the city. Gordon requested that we defer this until this is determined.

7.2 Public Hearing for Ord. 899 Concerning Zoning for Storage Containers

7.2.1 Staff Report: No staff report. Minutes from meeting are in the packets.

7.2.2 Statements in Favor: None

7.2.3 Statements in Opposition: None

7.2.4 Statements in General

Larry Phipps, 76587 Westoak Road; he is a member of the Planning Commission and he is lukewarm on this ordinance. He understands the need because we have two of these that already exist in town. His concern is on the image of Oakridge. You are going to put a great deal of responsibility on the Planning Commission in the future to ensure that these are screened properly and fit each particular situation. This is just some advice to take into consideration.

Dan Barclay asked for some clarification on this.

Gordon and Kevin explained how and where this will work.

7.2.5 Council Discussion

Councilor Shorey wanted to confirm that these were not for long-term use in residential areas.

Each request will be reviewed separately by the Planning Commission.

7.3 First Reading Ord. 899 Amending Zoning Ordinance Regarding Storage Containers

Councilor Dreiling moved after completing the finding of fact and reviewing the Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council to amend the city of Oakridge Zoning Code per Ord 899 read by title only. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez said the Cattery work party will be on January 23 at 9:00 am.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

9.1 Res. 1-2010 Emergency Services Unanticipated Revenue

Councilor Clark moved to approve Res. 1-2010 Emergency Services Unanticipated Revenue. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

LCOG: Mayor Hampton is no longer on the Executive Board. He did serve on the awards committee and he knows who the award winners are for the upcoming appreciation dinner. He will be making one of the presentations.

Chamber of Commerce: Will meet on the 19th.

Watershed Council: Will have their 10th anniversary open house on January 20, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Lowell Grange. This is a potluck dinner. There will be a desert auction and musical entertainment.

Trails Committee: Discussed the Birding group

Regional Fiber Consortium: The Feds asked for a second round of information for the request for a Federal Grant to bring broadband to communities like ours.

Mayor Hampton asked to move the next meeting date to February 2nd; Councilor Fortune and Gordon will be out of town on the 4th.

The Council agreed to have the meeting on Tuesday February 2nd, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council January 21, 2010.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Jackie Baker, Assistant City Recorder