



February 18, 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

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

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

James Affa, 76340 Garden Rd., wanted to call to the Council's attention an Ordinance on the Planning Commission 32.02 paragraph b item #2. It states that Planning Commissioners can live outside the city limits. He finds this odd particularly in a city that is most emphatic about having residents live here before running for any type of Commission. He would like to encourage that we drop that last phrase.

Don Hadley, 47696 Beaver Street, Don passed out copies of the United States Constitution to the Council. In the first amendment it gives him the right to speak. There are several things in there that he thinks all of us need to start looking at. He doesn't like what is happening with the Country, State or the City. We as a people need to start looking at what is happening.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Moe said he has asked Chief Gomez about riding along in a patrol car to see how things are running on the force. So far he has not received a response from him.

Chief Gomez said he is trying to get him set up with the officer with whom he has the most concerns. He is a volunteer and only works part time. Councilor Moe is welcome to ride along any time with any of the full time officers.

Councilor Moe said the time delay is inappropriate.

Mayor Hampton said he will be traveling during the April 15 City Council meeting. He wanted to make sure Council President Kordosky will be here, which she indicated that she would be.

Mayor Hampton addressed questions presented from the 912 group regarding the library which Mr. Hadley had passed to the Council at the beginning of the meeting.

1. Is there an actual design?

Gordon said yes there is a design.

2. Has the grant application been submitted?

Gordon said no, we are waiting for the new cost estimates.

3. Has a public survey ever been conducted related to current usage?

Gordon said no, we just have the regular monthly usage numbers.

Mayor Hampton said the Council has been elected to represent and obviously if we get to the point that people don't think we do represent the community, then other people could run and get elected. For the number of years that the City has been looking at this library project, the Council feels that there is a community interest in this.

4. Have new shelving or schematic ideas been tried or considered?

Gordon said yes, during the design process.

5. What long term financial impacts will be created with a new library?

Gordon said we are going to build the library as green as we can to keep maintenance costs low. There will be no additional personnel changes because it will be staffed by volunteers.

6. Have they talked about volunteer labor to help do this?

Gordon said we have talked about this many times.

The last comment on the letter from Mr. Hadley talks about "out of the box" ideas. The Mayor said that none of the ideas are really "out of the box." We have already looked at

all of them. The only thing we disagree with is at the top of the letter, the business of spending borrowed money from the Federal Government. If we say we are not going to go for this grant, it will save the Federal Government money; this money has already been allocated to be spent. Somebody is going to spend it whether it is us or somebody else. If you don't like the idea of Federal or State Government allocating money this way, we are the wrong people to be talking to. You need to be talking to the State and Federal people who earmark this money for various projects.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Gordon handed out a correction on the Memorandum of Agreement with the School District to the Council.

Mayor Hampton has a sample letter of support for St. Vincent DePaul requesting United Way money for the program they have done here before teaching people about financial responsibility and better ways to handle money. The question before the council is do they want Mayor Hampton to respond for the Council or as an individual.

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to approve Mayor Hampton to write the letter of support to St. Vincent De Paul as support from the City. Seconded by Councilor Clark. 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.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 21, 2010

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Parks facilities permit review

Councilor Shorey has concerns about the city sponsoring events. The permit is not made out by anyone in particular. He does not think the city should be sponsoring these events. He has a problem with Vivian being listed as two different things. She is listed as Committee Chair for Projects in the Park and she is also the agent for the city. He thinks there may be another type of process for this permit. Can this permit be used outside the park?

Gordon said all of the venues are listed on the permit.

Councilor Shorey asked if they can get an alcohol permit for venues outside of the park.

Gordon said the facilities alcohol permit is for Greenwaters Park only.

Councilor Shorey asked if someone wanted to come in somewhere else and serve alcohol, what permit would they use.

Mayor Hampton said maybe we could have two separate permits; one for people who want to serve alcohol and one for people that won't serve alcohol. We will refer this question to the Administration Committee. The issue at hand is changing or to *and* which really only deals with one very tiny piece of this.

The council agreed that would make more sense to have two separate permits.

Gordon suggested that we wait on this item until the committee is done with their review of the permit forms because some of the rules apply to alcohol and some do not.

6.2 Goals Process

Gordon showed the steps that some of the committees have taken. He just got the Community Services Committee's steps, but he hasn't seen anything from the Public Safety Committee. If you have suggestions on what is before you on wording, send Gordon an email.

Mayor Hampton asked if we are going to put the goals on the form that was presented at the goal planning work session. Does the Council want these put on the form that talks about responsible parties and has a timeline.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES –

7.1 Public Hearing on 48455 Highway 58 Zone Change

7.1.1 Statements of Ex Parte Contact/Conflict of interest

Councilor Dreiling said he wasn't sure if he had to declare anything. He has used the parking lot in the past when the Forest Service owned the property. He has talked to Tom about parking there also during his events.

Mayor Hampton and Gordon agreed there is no issue with that and he can participate in the hearing. He does not gain or lose money from this change.

7.1.2 Staff Report

The City Attorney drafted a new motion.

7.1.3 Statements in Favor

Doug Bergner, the local realtor representing Mr. Tom Hamilton, stated that the new zone change from I-1 to C-3 is more conducive to the Highway 58 corridor zoning. It opens a lot more doors as to what can go in that property.

7.1.4 **Statements in Opposition:** None

7.1.5 **Statements in General:** None

7.1.6 **Close Public Hearing:** Closed at 7:27 p.m.

7.1.7 **Council Discussion**

Randy asked Mr. Bergner if he had any leads on potential renters. Is that the reason for the zone change?

Mr. Bergner said that they do have some leads and they were not zoned for the type of businesses those leads would like to conduct.

7.1.8 **Council Motion**

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved the following: after reviewing the Planning Commission finding of fact, I move to approve the zone change request from Tom Hamilton from I-1 to C-3 for Assessor's map 21-35-00-00 Tax lot 0400. Seconded by Councilor Shorey. 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.

7.2 Selection of Engineer of Record

Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the selection of Curran-McLeod, Inc., to be the City Engineer of record and authorize the City Administrator to sign a contract after review by the City Attorney. Councilor Moe seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey asked if these are standard rates or are they rates that they bid.

Kevin said these are the rates they submitted with their bid. Once we approve this, we can negotiate with them. These rates are lower than what we were paying before.

Councilor Shorey asked Kevin how many times a year do you expect that they will come to town?

Kevin said they don't come to town very often. They can do a lot by phone, email or FedEx. Our Engineer from that firm is Ed Hodges who moved to this firm to become a principal from Pace Engineering. He is very familiar with the city. We will also have Dave Weibe for inspection purposes. He worked on the water project. He works for both Pace and Curran-McLeod. Kevin is very comfortable with him.

Councilor Shorey asked about the Resident Project Representative.

Kevin wasn't sure about that, he will get back to the Council on this.

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

7.0 POLICE SERVICES - None

8.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES –

Chief Demers reminded the Council they have invitations in their boxes for the March 13, 2010, event and to please RSVP.

9.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration Committee meets next week.

Community Services: We are waiting on the final I&I report from DEQ before we make a recommendation on sewer rates. We have set the committee goals. They talked about the Parks Master Plan. Councilor Dreiling handed out a schedule for that. The U of O landscape architect class is going to help with this for us. They will be working on all of our parks. There will be a public hearing on this and they will be doing presentations for the Parks Board.

Public Safety: Talked about emergency and fire services for Oakridge. They haven't estimated the cost for anything yet. If anyone has ideas, the next meeting is on Feb. 24 at noon at the Fire Hall.

Chamber of Commerce: Talked about the new logo and membership decals. They are getting rid of the plaques and will use static decals for the business windows.

Watershed Council meets next week.

LRAPA: They appointed a new Chairperson--Councilor Fortune. One of the actions was the makeup of the board. They formed a subcommittee and are contacting different cities to see if they want to be part of this. Someone will be contacting Mayor Hampton or Gordon regarding this. They did appoint an at-large member.

Tree Planting: Councilor Kordosky asked to be taken off of this Committee; she has a hard time making the meetings because of her job. Mayor Hampton said he will take her place for now.

Councilor Dreiling reported on the Street Fair and some of the changes they are going to make this year. They are going to have an art walk along First Street; hopefully this will generate some new interest, as this has been a weak area.

Library Board: They discussed the new Library proposal and looked at the plans. The new Library will 3,300 sq. ft. It is currently 800 sq. ft. We have approximately 5,000

books in storage. Read Across America will be held March 2, 2010, at Oakridge Elementary School. Reading will start at 6:30. Registration starts at 5:45.

OEDAC: Councilor Moe said they will meet next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Team Oakridge: Seven people showed up for the meeting. This was the largest group yet. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 at the School District Office. They basically share what each agency is doing and sometimes ask for help.

ACT (Area Commission on Transportation): It had people from other area commissions on transportation talk to them about what they thought they had done right. One concern was do they want weighted voting or does each member get one vote. The makeup the board should be about 25-40 people and each person will have the same weighted vote.

Census: Mayor Hampton talked to the lady that is responsible for this area. As he reported last time, even though the local postmaster would be personally willing to forward things to the post office boxes, he is not allowed to do so without names in the addresses. Sayre Custer, our chairperson for the Complete Count Committee, sent her an email requesting that we get 1,500 additional census forms since we have about 1,500 post office boxes. The reply was that they cannot do that. They don't give out extra forms. They are afraid there will be an over count, not an under count. There will be a box at the WAC that will have about 500 census forms in it. Her advice was to take forms out of the box as we need them and call her when we need more forms for our box. One strategy they are working on is to have someone representing the City stand out in front of the Post Office and asked people as they are going in if they have a post office box. If they say yes, tell them they won't receive census material and that we have forms for them and ask if they would be willing to fill one out. One census worker will work 15 hours a week at the WAC, and they thought it would good idea to have them when the Food Box is open. There is usually a large number of people there at that time. The Mayor has never received a census form and has never had a census worker come to his door. We need to emphasize that everyone is required to fill this form out. If they don't want to give information, acceptable answers include "I refuse to answer" or "I don't know". He is afraid that this whole census count for the nation is going to be a disaster. Most census workers are hired for about a year and a half, and then ten years later they hire different workers.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council March 4, 2010.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Jackie Baker, Assistant City Recorder