



March 4, 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 (Absent)
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 –

Eugene Cathcart, 76589 View Ct, Fat 55 Mountain Bike Race, has been involved with the Greater Oakridge Area Trail Stewards. Mr. Cathcart along with Norm Coyer is putting on a mountain bike marathon. They are working with the City of Oakridge fire and police services and the Forest Service. They would like to involve the Kiwanis Club. Ten percent of the proceeds from the event will go back to GOATS to help accomplish their mission of implementing the trails plan and keeping the area maintained. Mr. Coyer stated that they hope to be able to give back more than 10% to the GOATS. That is a minimum. This is the first year and they don't know how successful this will be. They have a rider limit of 150 people.

Gordon asked what the date of this event is.

Mr. Coyer said the date is September 18, 2010. The race is 55 miles and goes throughout and around Oakridge that will start on 1st Street and will end at Greenwaters Park. They really want the community to be involved in this event. They will be serving hot meals for bike riders.

Leo Robb, PO Box 156, Oakridge, Oakridge Fire Department, wanted to discuss ambulance service levels. Councilor Shorey will bring this up at a later time in this meeting. We will have a firefighter down and want to discuss how we will provide service to the City.

Don Hadley, 47696 Beaver Street, passed out letters to the councilors. He has a request to each councilor and wants an answer back. Mr. Hadley also passed out letters to the council regarding the library. Mr. Hadley wants a copy of the Charter prior to 2004 when Mr. Zimmerman came here.

Gordon said he does not have a copy of that on his computer but he can provide a copy of the 2004 Charter with the recommended changes and he can figure out what the 1993 charter said.

Mr. Hadley said he wants the minutes from the last meeting changed. He is the one who addressed the letter regarding the library, not Mr. Affa. Our agenda is supposed to be truthful and he wants that item changed.

John Rich, PO Box 837, wants to talk about Brock Road and who provides police services in that area. He said Councilor Clark told him at the last meeting that Brock Road is out of the Oakridge Police jurisdiction and that the Sherriff's Department patrols that area.

Councilor Clark stated that she asked that question. She did not tell him that.

Mr. Rich said that he has a friend on Brock Road and they called State Police and State Police say it is Sherriff's Department jurisdiction and then the Sheriff's office passed the buck on to Mr. Gomez. No one wants to go up there. Who is supposed to go up there?

Mayor Hampton suggested that Mr. Rich talk to Chief Gomez. If the Chief can't give him what he considers a good answer, then he should go the City Administrator. If the City Administrator doesn't give him what he is looking for, then he can come to the council and tell them that he hasn't received an answer. The Council is not going to do anything right now because Mr. Rich hasn't made contact with Chief Gomez or Mr. Zimmerman.

Mr. Rich said that Marge has tried and not been able to get an answer. He said he has tried to get an answer from Chief Gomez and has not been able to.

Councilor Fortune stated that Brock Road is the jurisdiction of either State Police or Lane County Sheriff's Department. How they respond to him is between them and Mr. Rich. It is not the City of Oakridge's jurisdiction.

Keith Leavitt, 76667 Westoak Rd, explained that for the last few years he has been working on finding the Lost Wagon Road. They have located it and would like to share the information with the Council. He would like to give them a map.

Mike Kinyon, 47709 School Street, compiled the GPS coordinates and put them in order. He added photographs of the trail and artifacts that have been found along the trail. He donated four copies to the Council that they can distribute.

Dan Barclay 47487 Hwy. 58, explained that there are variety of people here and everyone here is here for the benefit of what we call home. What a difference a year makes. March 19, 2009, he brought out some numbers on room taxes. Mr. Barclay talked about past year's Mountain Bike Oregon Events and the dollar amounts that they brought in. As a citizen it concerns him when 47% of the room taxes are coming back to the City of Oakridge and the rest of them are getting 53%. At no point has he said anything about this event. Randy has brought the Chamber members up from 18 members to 80 members. Mr. Barclay thinks Councilor Dreiling does a great job with the Chamber and without him the Chamber would be considerably weaker. This year Mountain Bike Oregon actually got the permits for the event before the Council gave them the grant money. Last year it happened two weeks after. Take the Grant money, spend it to your heart's content, do the most you can for the most people that you can. When a grant comes back to the City, it comes back to the City.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Shorey stated he is still somewhat fuzzy on the room tax.

Mayor Hampton stated that the Council decided that the Chamber of Commerce Board would run the process of reviewing the room tax applications and then pass a recommended distribution on to the Council. It would be just as possible for the Council to do the same thing without the Chamber of Commerce. That is a decision that this Council can make if we don't think there needs to be screening from anyone else. It's our money to distribute.

Councilor Shorey asked for more clarification.

Mayor Hampton said this is on the agenda and they will discuss it then.

Councilor Moe commented that his sister was taken to McKenzie Willamette Hospital and had a huge thank you to our EMT's and Paramedics. They were very professional. Councilor Moe knows other people in the community that have had the same treatment and it's nice to know that they are out there.

Mayor Hampton addressed a letter that Councilor Kordosky wrote to the newspaper. It was well written and easy to understand until he got to the signature part. It said "President of the City Council." Was she speaking for the council or for herself? Had she been authorized to act on behalf of the city? If she is going to speak for the council, then the Council needs to authorize that.

Councilor Kordosky responded by saying that she was speaking for herself and not the Council.

Mayor Hampton reported that LCOG submitted a grant application on behalf of the Fiber Consortium. The Federal Government has approved the grant. I am sure you have heard the phrase digital divide, which means if you are living in Eugene you have much more access to broadband internet than you do here and it is cheaper. We have fiber running through this town but it is not lit fiber. It is just sitting there waiting for something to happen. The grant is in the amount of \$8,325,530. It will provide improved broadband access to schools, cities and LCOG in a three-county area. We are one of the recipients of the improvements. Now once again, LCOG can say "No, we really don't want this \$8,325,530." Will it go back to the Federal Government? No. They have way more applicants for this money than they have money. Congress has already decided that the money is going to be spent in this way, so it is going to be spent.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

9.2 Bank account for Medicare Revenue

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 18, 2010

Per Mr. Hadley's request, we will change Mr. Affa to say Mr. Hadley.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2010 as corrected. Seconded by Councilor Clark. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

5.2 Just Us Music Festival/Alcohol Permit

Councilor Clark moved to approve the Facilities and Alcohol permit for the Just US Festival on August 7th and 8th. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky.

Councilor Shorey asked if they are pressed for time because we are approving this on the old permit.

Gordon stated that when Mr. Troute came in with his request we gave him the old form because the new forms haven't been approved yet.

Councilor Shorey requested that Mr. Troute fill out a new form that we may approve later on in the meeting.

Mayor Hampton asked about the time, he personally thinks 9:30 is too late to have a concert in the park simply because of the duration. Mayor Hampton asked Mr. Troute to refresh his memory as to the purpose of this event.

Mr. Troute stated that this used to be an event that they did on the outskirts of town and through the bands that he works with, they revised it. For the last four years we have done it out at the park. It is a fundraiser for charitable causes. They have done this for "Butterflies for Abbey" and for Debbie Stalcup to help with medical bills. They raised about \$4,600 last year through donations. They haven't established where the money will go this year. It could go to Food for Lane County or someone local in the City.

Mayor Hampton's concern is the people across the highway having to listen to the music for such a length of time. He is not questioning the event or charity--only the length of time.

Mr. Troute said they are also changing the start time. They are starting later than usual.

Councilor Moe asked if there were going to be any fees charged.

Mr. Troute stated that they will not charge for the event.

Mayor Hampton said they are going to delay this item until after we discuss Item 6.1.

Gordon said the information is not going to change.

Mayor Hampton asked Councilor Shorey how he feels about this.

Councilor Shorey said he thinks it should be on the new forms that they approve tonight and it should begin tonight.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Parks facilities permit review

Gordon reported that the Administration Committee has reviewed the permits and separated the Alcohol Permit from the Facilities Permit with the appropriate comments on the back to address the comments from the council at the last meeting.

Councilor Shorey moved to approve the proposed Facility Permit and Alcohol Permit dated March 4th. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Shorey moved to approve the application for the Just US concert subject to filling out the newly approved forms. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. G. Fortune

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

6.2 Goals Adoption

Gordon has not received the Community Services Committee goals as filled out on the forms; He received the Public Safety Committee's tonight and did not have time to integrate them into the total package so if he could have the Community Services Committee get him the forms, they can put this on the next council agenda.

Mayor Hampton agreed that they need to approve them all at one time.

6.3 LRAPA Representation Discussion

Councilor Fortune reported that they are still meeting as a subcommittee. They want to go around to the various entities and get their opinion on the makeup of the LRAPA Board, and once they get that he will report back.

Mayor Hampton asked what it will take to change the representation.

Councilor Fortune said it is going to take legislative action by the State because that is what formed LRAPA years ago.

Mayor Hampton stated that the "L" in LRAPA stands for Lane, not metro, not Eugene, not Springfield. We split our representation between Cottage Grove and us. There are many unrepresented areas.

Councilor Fortune pointed out that we pay dues to LRAPA. Currently the areas that are not represented don't pay dues. One of the underlying things that will be presented to the non represented communities is do they want to pay dues for representation.

A citizen asked how we got into an agreement with LRAPA and asked what the agreement was.

Mayor Hampton responded that if we "got out of the agreement," we are still under the Federal guidelines for air quality administered by DEQ. All we would be doing is losing any kind of say that we would have with LRAPA.

Councilor Fortune will look into this.

Councilor Fortune feels that Eugene is over represented. What we may end up with is where all Eugene has to do is get one vote and pretty soon the whole County is controlled by what Eugene wants to do.

6.4 RTMP Local Event Distribution

The council has a handout that shows the Chamber's recommendations.

Mayor Hampton stated that they have the statements that show the requested amounts which total \$15,250 and they have the recommended amounts that total \$11,000—the amount that is actually available. What they don't have are the actual applications for the Council to see and what they don't have are the requirements of the Grants.

Mayor Hampton's recommendation is to delay this until the Council can look at that information so they have some measure of why these amounts were decided and if they think they should be changed.

Councilor Fortune moved to postpone the consideration of agenda item 6.4 pending the reception of applications for review by the City Council until our 2nd meeting in April.

Councilor Shorey asked if we have ever asked for a report from the recipients on how this money was spent.

Mayor Hampton said it is a reimbursable thing, they have to spend the money first and then they submit receipts.

Gordon said one condition of the grant is they will not fund more than 50% of the total budget. They have to show us what their budget is and they have to show an estimate of room stays.

Mayor Hampton said for example the Fat 55, someone on the Chamber board said that was a new event and there is no record of overnight stays. All the application says is that they "estimate" overnight stays.

Councilor Fortune asked Mayor Hampton what dictates they spend the RTMP funds on.

Gordon said the money has to be spent on events that create overnight stays.

Councilor Fortune asked if they don't fund everybody, where does the excess money go.

Mayor Hampton said we bank it. Say someone comes to us in November and says they want to put on a winter ski festival. Here is my plan. It is going to generate X number of overnight stays. Then we would have some money to give out.

From the audience, after recognition, Dan Barclay from the Cascade Motel asked if the Fireworks Committee can apply for this money.

Mayor Hampton said they would have to apply just like these folks did.

Mr. Barclay said he knows the fireworks do generate overnight stays. Mr. Barclay said the Chamber is supposed to call them and ask what events brought them to town. He

said the Chamber has not contacted them since 2008. They were not contacted in 2007 or 2009.

Gordon stated that Mr. Barclay was not contacted this year because he or his wife requested to the Chamber not bother them.

Mayor Hampton said if they would like to change that, all they have to do is to let them know.

Mr. Barclay said they were approached about membership. This is something entirely different. They are not currently interested in being members. They can clarify this with the Chamber.

Gordon asked if the Council wants to change the motion from the 2nd meeting in April to the 2nd meeting in March.

Councilor Fortune amended his motion to the 2nd meeting in March. Councilor Clark agreed to this. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 TGM Grant Res 6-2010

Kevin Urban stated no changes to the staff report.

Councilor Clark moved to approve the submission of the grant to the Oregon Department of Transportation for a Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant and adopt Res. 6-2010. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Councilor Fortune asked what this grant is for.

Kevin stated that it is for the Access Management Plan for Highway 58.

Councilor Fortune asked if this is going to be based on the rules and regulations from ODOT.

Kevin said ODOT will be part of this. We will have presentation from ODOT, a transportation planning firm, the City, and the citizens and businesses along Highway 58 all involved in the project.

Councilor Fortune asked if we will be forming a committee on this.

Kevin said yes.

Councilor Shorey asked where the 11% match would come from.

Kevin stated this is a soft match. It would come from staff time.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Social Host Ordinance Discussion

Chief Gomez reported no changes to the staff report.

Councilor Fortune stated they wanted to bring this to the council as a draft so they can look at it and scribble it up however they want to. Then we can go back and put it together before they bring a formal ordinance.

Mayor Hampton asked if this differs from the County Ordinance.

Chief Gomez said it is very similar.

Councilor Moe thinks where it says three years it should be shorter.

Chief Gomez said that is why they are giving this to the council so they can suggest changes.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES –

9.1 Res. 7-2010 Purchase of Fire Command Vehicle

Gordon said that he wants to broaden this request to include a police matter. The police have projected \$85,000 in their next budget to redo the console in dispatch. They have found used equipment that is available now for \$15,000. They could save \$70,000.00 for projected deficit for next year.

Mayor Hampton asked if they want to change the resolution to \$18,000.00.

Gordon handed out a copy of a new resolution. The reason he waited until this point in the meeting is because it is borrowing from the reserve fund which is what we were going to move to purchase the pickup from. Lane County and Central Lane County use the same equipment. Central Lane will be replacing their equipment in two years which provides us with opportunity to get their used equipment to support our equipment if anything breaks and we need to replace it.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve Res. 7-2010 for the transfer of funds from the Agency Reserve Fund to the Emergency Services Fund and the General Fund. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Councilor Fortune asked about the \$5,000 for installation.

Chief Gomez said they are going to try to do that out of the current budget.

Councilor Moe asked Chief Gomez if he is going to be able to see this before he purchases this.

Chief Gomez said he has a consultant from Coyote Communications that has been in contact with the sellers. It does have a 90 day warranty and we won't have to send a check immediately.

Councilor Shorey asked how this will improve our dispatch.

Chief Gomez said right now our dispatch consoles are hard-wired consoles; basically we have to do everything through a phone line or through a base station of some type. With this system it has voice-over-internet protocol. If we needed redundancy from Junction City, we could push a receiver box for them. If we couldn't run our dispatch center because of some kind of emergency, with a push of a button we can shift everything to Junction City and they could run our dispatch for us.

Chief Demers said another thing this will allow them to do is print information in the fire station. It will also allow them to form a redundant system with alpha pagers that will give them text messages but will also put it over cell phones. This will save money or eliminate pager costs.

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

9.2 Bank Account for Medicare

Gordon stated that in the past Medicare has given their payments for ambulance directly to Springfield Fire who then gives it to us. We have to set up an account for Medicare to send the money electronically to us. We will have a separate account at Siuslaw Bank.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the request to establish a separate fund to deposit Medicare transfer at Siuslaw Valley Bank. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

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

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration: Handled the Park Permits and access to the restrooms during Council meetings.

Public Safety: The Cattery is moving along. Discussed Emergency Services staffing issues. One of our employees is going to be out for back surgery. The fund does not have sufficient money in the Personnel Services line item that allows us to backfill the vacant spot. There is a chance that the surgery may preclude him from coming back, however they won't know that for probably six months. This could affect the service levels to the City mainly on 2nd out ambulance calls. The next meeting will be on March 17, 2010.

From the audience, after recognition, Mr. Hadley would like to thank Chief Gomez for parking a patrol car down by his business. He watches the traffic very thoroughly and cars have slowed way down just from having the patrol car parked there all day.

Chief Gomez will pass that along to Councilors Moe and Shorey and another citizen who requested this from us.

LCOG: They met and the wish of the Chair is to divide up the LCOG board to decide how to implement the goals that they established for this year. Mayor Hampton was originally put on the Economic Development Committee and he requested that he be placed on the Communication Committee because he is more interested in that.

Chamber of Commerce: Picked the decals that they will use for chamber members to stick on their windows.

Watershed Council: Discussed the hazardous waste round up. They will take electronics. This will take place on March 20, 2010, at the Fire Hall.

LRAPA: Will meet on Tuesday.

Trails Committee: Talked about IMBA and what trail they would like to do work on.

Tree Planting: The shirts and banners have been ordered. This is going to be pretty good this year.

Library Board: No meeting. Thanks to Coral Zimmerman for spearheading the Read Across America event held at the elementary school.

OEDAC: No meeting.

Team Oakridge: Had their best turnout for information sharing.

Census: LCOG is requesting the mayors attend a press conference stating the importance of the Census. There won't be any census material sent to PO Box holders. Sayre Custer and the Mayor will be devising a plan to have someone out in front of the Post Office sometime in mid-March when the census forms go out. They will inform people that if they have a PO Box, they won't get census material and let them know

that we have the forms here and would they please fill one out. There is supposed to be a census worker at the WAC for 15 hours a week for some time to help people fill them out.

Area Commission on Transportation: Will meet Wednesday evening, eight mayors have signed a letter suggesting some changes on proposed by laws. The current proposal would allow the County Commissioners to have a majority voice on the Area Commission on Transportation. This commission should be a totally autonomous separate agency with each city having a single separate vote.

Councilor Shorey asked how they are going to handle the request for documents that the Council was handed tonight.

Mayor Hampton said that people can request public documents, but if they ask for their own personal copy then we charge them for the printing and the research and staff time. His understanding is that Mr. Hadley wanted a response from each one us. You can decide whether you choose to respond to that right or not.

Councilor Shorey said that some of these could be very expensive to copy.

Councilor Fortune asked who is doing all the research and who is paying for it.

Gordon said he has to estimate what the cost is going to be and how long it will take to do it. He will then send the request a cost estimate and ask if he would still like the information.

Councilor Fortune asked if the Administrative Committee is working on our Charter.

Gordon said that is one of the goals.

Councilor Fortune asked what the dates for Junk Amnesty will be.

We believe it will be April 19th through April 30th. This has not been confirmed though.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council March 18, 2010.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Jackie Baker, Assistant City Recorder