



April 1, 2010  
City Council Regular Session  
City Council Room  
48318 E. First Street, Oakridge OR 97463  
7:00 p.m.



# MINUTES

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## 1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council Present: Don Hampton, Mayor  
Amy Kordosky, Council President  
Randy Dreiling  
Glenn Fortune (Absent)  
Gerald Shorey  
Rayetta Clark (Absent)  
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 –

The 2010 Tree Planting Princesses introduced themselves and presented their speeches.

Gene Altemus, 48521 Hwy 58, is concerned about safety on Highway 58 near the OIP office entrance. He would like the speed limit to be changed from 55 mph to 45 mph, and will talk to ODOT concerning this safety issue.

Don Hadley, 47696 Beaver Street, would like to discuss a letter he received from Gordon concerning his water meter. Mr. Hadley gave Mayor Hampton a letter in response. He wants Mayor Hampton to call him to set up a meeting time. Mr. Hadley explained to the councilors what the letter is about. Mr. Hadley said Mr. Zimmerman is blackmailing him into getting his meter box fixed. Mr. Hadley didn't go to Chief Gomez. He went to someone much higher than him. If Mayor Hampton does not call to set up a time to talk about this Mr. Hadley will go to Chief Gomez, the State Police and the FBI. When Mr. Zimmerman sent this letter to him in the mail, it was blackmail.

James Affa, 76380 Garden Road, asked Councilor Dreiling for an update on his visit to DC.

## 3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Dreiling said he agrees with Mr. Altemus about that part of the Highway, it is dangerous. He has almost been hit a couple of times going into the Industrial Park.

Councilor Dreiling gave a brief update on his DC visit. He is putting together a report for the next council meeting. He has been out on medical leave. The first day he was able to meet with Senator Wyden's staff and he talked to them about the Library Grant, the WAC, and the ambulance issues we have going on right now. He talked about the census issues. He talked in depth about the Ambulance reimbursements and how we are not getting reimbursed.

On a personal note he went to Vietnam and Korean War Memorials. It was pretty moving.

Oakridge was promoted a lot at the National Bike Summit. They had a big kickoff with about a thousand people. One of the first things they talked about was the ride center in Oakridge.

Councilor Shorey had a citizen contact him regarding the quiet zone with the railroad. He would like to resurrect that if they can and see if there is any money out there for this.

Mayor Hampton said we will discuss that tonight when we adopt our goals.

Mayor Hampton gave everyone a copy of a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. He will be signing it unless someone has a valid objection to this.

Mayor Hampton received a letter from the family of an accident victim. The family was very appreciative of the Fire Department and how they went above and beyond the call of duty. They rescued and tended to a parrot until the owner could come up from Nevada to pick it up.

Mayor Hampton had a letter from Barbara Leary concerning ambulance service. She addressed a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant that the school district obtained. Mayor Hampton stated that these grants have very rigid requirements and can only be spent for what they are designated to be spent for.

On April 17, 2010 there will be an event that will start at the Westfir Covered Bridge and end at Fish Hatchery Road in Oakridge. The intent is to remove invasive species.

Mayor Hampton received an email from Charter Communications. They talked about how they are going to decrease the prices on some of the leased equipment and then they talked about a couple of items they are going to increase.

Mayor Hampton received a thank you note from some senior citizens that he entertained on a field trip to Oakridge. And just to let you know, whether it is a letter from you or a letter from these people, the minute a public official receives a letter, it is a public document. There is no such thing as a confidential e-mail or letter. Mayor Hampton read the letter from the bus driver and residents of Sheldon Oaks Assisted living.

#### **4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

##### **6.3 Transient Room Tax Distribution**

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

## **5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 18, 2010**

**Motion:** Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the consent agenda for March 18, 2010. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. R. Moe (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **6.1 Goals Adoption**

**Motion:** Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the council goals as presented for the Fiscal year 2010-2011. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

### **6.2 Adopt the Budget Calendar**

**Motion:** Councilor Dreiling moved to approve the budget calendar for fiscal year 2010-2011. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Moe (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Shorey asked how many budget committee vacancies we have.

Gordon said he hasn't put it together yet, but he thinks three or four.

### **6.3 Transient Room Tax Distribution**

Councilor Dreiling declared a conflict of interest because he is one of the applicants.

When putting this together the wrong amount was entered for the Where's Waldo 100k Run; the amount requested should have been \$3,000 and the amount recommended should have been \$2,000, instead of \$1,000. Gordon recommended approval of the change.

No motion was made.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES- None**

## **8.0 POLICE SERVICES**

Chief Gomez announced that on April 6, 2010 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the WAC we are having a Drug and Alcohol Town Hall. The Kiwanis Club will be there distributing bike helmets. The Mercantile will be there to do bike safety checks. St. Vincent DePaul will be there with their savers club. There will be an Officer there to answer questions about the use of tasers and use of force levels. There will also be a taser demonstration. The narcotics dog will be there to do a presentation. Lane County will have some folks discussing the social host ordinance, smoking cessation, gambling addiction, and who to contact. Refreshments will be available.

## **9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES –**

Chief Demers reported that their staff member who is out from back surgery, he came through the surgery and is doing well.

## **10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**LCOG-** Had a meeting with volunteers last night working on the goals that the Lane Council of Governments set for itself. One of the three sub groups finished and two will need more time, Mayor Hampton is on one of the sub committees that will need more time.

**Chamber of Commerce-** Councilor Dreiling wanted to bring up that room tax funds can't be rolled over to the next year. It must be spent in the same fiscal year.

The Chamber is partnering with Travel Oregon and The Rural Tourism staff and they will be offering free customer service training.

All of the decals for Chamber Members have been mailed out or delivered.

**Trails Committee-** Meets next Monday

**Tree Planting-** They have decided to hire a photographer this year because the intent is to more broadly advertise the event next year. One of the committee members has started a face book page. It has pictures and events from years past.

The street dance will be an 80's street dance this year.

In years past they had an understanding with various groups in the Community that if they received notice in our brochure that it would be nice for them to contribute to the cost of the printing of the brochures. This year the Moose Lodge did not want to contribute so they had to decide at the last meeting if everyone has to contribute or no one contributes. The decision was made that no one contributes this year.

**Library Board-** They will meet on April 6, 2010

**Parks, Trees and Trail Board-** Students from the U of O visited us this month and toured each of the Parks in town. This is part of the new Parks Master Plan. Afterwards we had dinner at Lee's where Dan Rehwalt spoke to the class about the history of Oakridge and gave the students books that he wrote. Ben Beamer spoke about the GOATS. On April 26 we will go the U of O for their mid-term progress.

**Area Commission of Transportation-** They are working on their bylaws. They will have an extra meeting to agree on the bylaws and they may need another meeting to get caught up. The opinions of the eight Mayors that signed the letter prevailed at the meeting.

**Census-** We do have a census worker down at the WAC, Mayor Hampton went down and introduced himself and told her what the concerns were with the City about the availability of forms. Every time a census worker visits your home it will cost approximately \$60.00. They are working on getting more census forms for the PO Box customers. The census wants to have an event called "Walk to the

Mailbox” next week we will be receiving promotional materials. We are looking at the Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9 to do this event.

**Public Safety-** They discussed Priority Dispatcher Training and Policy in the Police Department. They discussed the Ambulance Service Reduction that came up at the last meeting, they approved; at the recommendation of the Fire Department a reduction in service, not because they wanted to but because they are one person short due to one employee out for surgery. The Fire Chief came up with three options. Councilor Shorey explained the options to the council.

**Recessed 5 minutes then went into Executive Session 8:10 p.m.**

**11.0 Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations**

**The Council ended the Executive Session and reconvened into Open session 8:50 p.m.**

The Council briefly discussed emergency services staffing situation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Council adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council April 15, 2010.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Baker, Assistant City Recorder