



May 6, 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 (Absent)
Jackie Baker, Assistant Planner

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

Nancy Kelly, 48328 E 1st Street, voiced her concerns regarding the Keg and Cask Festival. She thanked the Blue Wolf Motel for offering her a room for the night. She did attend a meeting this week with the Keg and Cask people and they suggested she leave her home for the day. She is concerned that if the music is amplified it could damage her hearing. She asked to reconsider having the event in front of her house. She does believe that this type of event can be an enormous value to the community of Oakridge.

Gary Carl, Oakridge, wanted to discuss the railroad quiet zone. He has done some independent research on this and would like to present this to the council tonight. He has talked to Gordon about the quiet zone and they agreed to get together after Gordon completes the budget. Mr. Carl is taking off on this where Mr. Dan Rehwalt left off. When you look through this you will see that there is a method that does not cost half a million dollars; it is called channelization and it is discussed in the packet.

Doug Bates, 76703 Bugle Loop, Keg and Cask Festival. They did meet with Ms. Kelly and listened to her concerns with the intent of doing what they could to work something

out, but he doesn't think they were able to do that. He feels for her and knows her concerns are real to her. The first time he moved to Oakridge was in 1956 and it was right here on First Street. At that time First Street had a movie theater, a bowling alley, several watering holes, a teen club and a lot of stores including his father's shoe store. This partly explains his interest in volunteering for this event besides helping the Food Bank and the Chamber. He would like to do what little he can do to bring a spark back to what was once one of the most vibrant main streets in Oregon. He would like to urge you to give them a chance to do it a second year.

Don Hadley, 47696 Beaver Street, He gave the council letters to read. He feels he is being harassed by the City. Code enforcement has come to his business three times about his signs. It just takes a little bit of math to see that the signs are within ordinance compliance. He asked David Mortier about a letter that he wrote to him. He said Dave didn't understand anything about it. After looking at other documents and the letter, Mr. Hadley said the signatures didn't match. That is why Mr. Mortier didn't remember the letter. Mr. Hadley would like to know who is behind the letter and who sent it. Laura Howery is the one who hand delivered it to Mr. Hadley. He has a problem with the City for harassing him over a sign that it got a complaint about. He believes someone is not doing his/her job.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Mayor Hampton thanked Amy for taking his place when he was out.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.5 Salmon Run Fee waiver

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 1, 2010

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Moe seconded the motion. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Appoint Budget Committee Vacancies

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to appoint Brian Farrally to the one year term on the City of Oakridge Budget Committee. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

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

6.2 Keg and Cask Permit Approval

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Alcohol and Street Closure Permit for the Keg and Cask Festival on August 28 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Gordon asked Mr. Bates if the Keg and Cask Festival is going to add Ms. Kelly as an additional insured to its insurance policy and if the music was going to be amplified.

Mr. Bates said the committee is going to add her to the policy for the day and the music is not going to be amplified, just like last year.

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

6.3 Res. 8-2010 Endorsing Lane County Area Commission on Transportation

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve Res. 8-2010 Endorsing the creation of a Lane County Area Commission on Transportation as developed by the forum on the ACT outlined in the April 16, 2010, bylaws as drafted. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton brought up a couple of things. First of all, anytime when you get 20 agencies to agree on anything it's a miracle. On page 22 of your packet it lists the concerns of the County Commissioners. They were concerned about the 80% majority threshold. They are recommending it be 3/5th's majority. The commissioners are concerned that the cities of Eugene and Westfir both get just one vote. You would think the person most concerned about this would be the mayor of Eugene. In discussion of the super majority everyone agreed that each agency would get one vote and that is the way it would be. We heard from two other area commissions on transportation, and I think between the two in the last two to three years they actually took a vote one time (only because they could not reach consensus). All of the other decisions they made were by consensus.

They agreed to have up to six private sector members; the County Commissioners want to approve these private sector members. It should be the Area Commission on Transportation that says yes we are approving these. Somehow--and this is more my opinion than anything I've said so far--our County Commissioners are not getting the intent of the state law which told them they must have an Area of Commission on Transportation. They are failing to realize that the legislature wants them out of the transportation business and wants to have an agency like the Area Commission on Transportation. If they can't approve this and be satisfied with these three things, then the Mayor will probably not vote for anything that comes out of this group and let the Commissioners stew about what they are going to do about the establishment of this

commission. Everyone is sticking together saying this is the way we want it; and if you start tinkering with it, then we don't approve of it anymore.

Councilor Fortune asked if the preliminary work on this commission was done by them-- and he is assuming it was headed up by Rob Handy.

Mayor Hampton said he was present but the County hired Rob Zako to be the facilitator. On page 22 of your packet where it says "my advice"; that is Rob Zako's advice.

Mayor Hampton said that this Area Commission on Transportation is just an advisory group and they will issue advice to the Oregon Transportation Commission. And then that Commission has the final say. When you can get 20 separate agencies to reach a consensus, his feeling is why tinker with the bylaws that everyone is satisfied with.

Mayor Hampton said Lowell has already passed a resolution pretty much identical to this one. There is a deadline on this when the County Commissioners want to be informed of our action.

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

6.4 Charter Review Committee

Mayor Hampton said the first thing we are going to decide is how many members they are going to have and how many City Councilors are going to sit in on this.

Councilor Fortune asked if we are getting any feedback on this or are we just going to throw this out to the community and say we are looking for volunteers.

Mayor Hampton said we will advertise for volunteers.

Mayor Hampton said he feels that it should be like the Budget Committee, with all of the Councilors on and an equal number of citizens with an application process and city residency requirements.

Councilor Fortune thinks that is too many councilors to have on this; he thought maybe two.

Mayor Hampton said his reasoning on this is if we only have two and they come up with something that the other five don't like, then there is some wasted time. The other thing is if we have a councilor on here that doesn't care one way or another and doesn't want to attend, the committee will still have someone present. There is a short time frame on this.

Councilor Shorey agreed that all of the Councilors should be on here so things can be discussed and worked out at the meeting and not have to go back and forth. He agrees with the Mayor that it is faster to have all of the Council on this.

Councilor Fortune asked what the deadline is on this.

Gordon gave the information requested.

6.5 Salmon Run Fee Waiver

Gordon said Catrina Davis came in with this request to ask that we waive the fee for the use of the Greenwaters Community Building by the Salmon Run organizers.

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to approve the fee waiver for the Salmon Run. Councilor Fortune 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.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES-

7.1 Appoint Planning Commissioner Vacancy

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to appoint George Custer to the Planning Commission. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

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

7.2 CDBG Grant vs. Bike/Pedestrian Grant Discussion

Gordon said the council had authorized the CDBG grant for the downtown revitalization program. We have talked to the Bike/Ped people to whom we applied for this grant last year. They indicated that they looked long and hard at our grant. They really liked it but so many other grants came in last year that had a safety component that they funded those first. If we resubmit this under the Bike/Pedestrian and not under the CDBG grant, then that allows us to submit a grant under the CDBG for the inflow and infiltration project. The maximum we can apply for is \$1.5 million, which is half of the cost. Is it O.K. with the Council if they don't go after the downtown revitalization dollars under the CDBG but rather for the Bike/Ped? We can then start the process over for an application for the CDBG Grant after we get the library grant.

Councilor Shorey asked if any of these grants ask for matching funds from the city.

Gordon said there are no matches required but we are going to be doing some of the work ourselves. There is no deadline, but they usually give out most of the money the first half of the year.

Councilor Fortune asked what \$400,000 would do for the downtown revitalization.

Gordon said we would have concrete crosswalks, benches, street furnishings, sidewalks, street trees and artwork. This revitalization effort is from Beech Street to Hazel Street.

Mayor Hampton asked if we have consensus to apply for the ODOT grant first.

That was the consensus.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES-

Chief Gomez reported that the dispatch staff is receiving training in Albany for the priority dispatching system we have implemented.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES –

Chief Demers reported that the goal of the priority dispatch system was to mitigate at least once a week the amount of time a paramedic spends outside of the city. So far they have been able to do that. The volunteers have stepped up and are taking care of the second-out hole that we have without the staff member so far. They are in week four. So far it's done very well.

Thank you for inviting us to the parade, firefighters had a great time.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Hampton said the first thing he wants to say is that in your budget document is a listing of the goals that they established this year. If one of these was created by your committee, he would like a progress report each month on the achievement of the goal.

Administration Committee- Will meet on May 24th.

Public Safety Committee- It is close to bringing to the City Council a plan for funding for Emergency Services.

Lane Regional Housing Authority- Will meet next month.

Chamber of Commerce- Will meet next week. They are having a minor problem with their awards dinner; the ticket sales are low. Tickets need to be purchased by tomorrow. Gordon would encourage everyone to stop by any of the banking institutions and pick up tickets.

Watershed Council- Will meet on May 19, 2010, at the Oakridge Hostel at 6:30 p.m.

LRAPA- Will meet next Tuesday.

Treeplanting Committee- Will have its final meeting for this year and start planning for next year's event. The art fair and entertainment was a great addition. We could use more trees for planting. We only had nine to plant. They are very nice looking trees. We can count on \$500 next year from the Treeplanting Committee. This is one the events that they have families and people that he hasn't seen before come out and enjoy.

OEDAC- Met last month and had all five members there.

Team Oakridge- Will meet Wednesday.

Regional Fiber Consortium-They are still working through bids.

Park, Trails and Trees- They went to the U of O to look at the students' mid-term projects for the Parks Master Plan. Students will come back here after finals and present a plan to the public.

Census- We are done with our work and would like to thank Sayre Custer for all of her hard work and efforts. We have heard that even if you sent in your census form, you are still going to get a home visit from a census worker. Gordon said there are six people assigned to visit the homes of 4,000 people who did not turn in their forms in the Oakridge and McKenzie areas.

The Council took a five minute recess at 7:55 and then went into Executive Session.

11.0 Executive session ORS 192.660 (2) d Labor Negotiations

Started at 8:00 p.m. and ended at 8:45 p.m.

Coming out of session Councilor Fortune moved to accept the interim agreement with the Oakridge Firefighters Union, seconded by Councilor Shorey. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 6, 2010.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____

Jackie Baker, Assistant City Recorder