



June 3, 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  
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 –

Vern Gibbons, 76396 Thatcher Lane, PUD. He is for the PUD but just wants to make a suggestion about putting a sign going into Thatcher Lane that reads something like this “All construction vehicles for Middle Fork Village PUD are required to use River Road as and exit and entrance”

James Affa, 76340 Garden Road, Budget. Mr. Affa wants to urge the council not to approve the budget at this time until some questions are answered. There are some basic accounting equations missing out of this budget. There is no starting or ending point.

Dan Barclay, 47487 Hwy 58, Misc comments. Asked if any of the councilors look at the city website. The business section is an unprotected excels worksheet. This needs to be looked at and fixed. Things like this would be beneficial to the city. Talked about the room tax and how it is distributed.

### **3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –**

Councilor Dreiling wanted to address the City website. Our former Finance Director was working on that when she left and we just recently hired someone to take over.

Councilor Dreiling also responded on the % that goes to his salary, it is a small budget. They have got new members but it is not about getting members, it's about promoting the Oakridge area and that is mostly what his job is. The reason the same people get the same grants is because the same people apply each year. He won't apply next year for the room tax money. As far as putting money into a website, the people in the tourism grant world say a website is like a phone number, you should have one.

Mayor Hampton wanted to remind everyone that there will be a Relay for Life dinner on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church, the cost is \$10.00. It is based on travels that Mayor Hampton and his wife went on earlier this year. 100% of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Mayor Hampton addressed the response he got from Dan Barclay concerning the letter Councilor Kordosky wrote in the Dead Mtn Echo. What he was criticizing was "are you speaking as an individual or are you speaking for the council?" He tried to make himself clear as to why. The way she signed the letter it sounded like she was signing for the council. The main issue of the league of Oregon Cities had an article on this same thing. It is a problem for any group and he encourages you to read it. He will email Mr. Barclay a copy of this.

Mayor Hampton agrees that the City website is pathetic right now and he and Gordon Zimmerman are the ones responsible for improving communications. If by the end of this calendar year it is still pathetic you know exactly who to blame.

Mayor Hampton wanted to address how the City and the School district are different than a business. The whole idea of a business is to make money. When we send someone out to chip your branches, we are actually losing money. Is there a public benefit? Yes. Is there a public benefit to having a decent school system? Yes. But, the reason they exist is not to make money.

### **4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA- None**

### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

## 6.1 Appointment of Charter Review Committee

Mayor Hampton reported that we only have one applicant right now that has volunteered to be a part of this. The City Administrator told Mayor Hampton that we did get another application today. If you want you can approve this person and then at the next meeting we can approve any other applicants that we get.

**Motion:** Councilor Moe moved to appoint Mr. James Affa to the 2010 Charter Review Committee. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion. 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

Councilor Fortune asked if we need to set a deadline for applicants for the Charter Review Committee.

Kevin Urban said the application was made after the cut off date. Unless we move to re open then it couldn't be accepted.

Mayor Hampton said the pluses of a cutoff date are that it gives people a very clear indication on when they have to do this. If we go with this then we will have seven members of council and citizen and he doesn't view that as ideal.

**Motion:** Councilor Fortune moved to open application dates for the committee for another three weeks. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

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

Kevin Urban said to be clear that will be June 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

## 6.2 Council Decorum Rules

**Motion:** Councilor Dreiling moved to adopt the proposed Council Rules of Decorum at Oakridge City Council Meetings. Seconded by Councilor Moe.

Councilor Shorey asked about where it says Presiding Officer.

Mayor Hampton said it means that he is the boss of the agenda but, you can have the right to challenge the chair if you don't think he is operating correctly.

Mayor Hampton would like to propose under enforcement of decorum he would like to totally remove the City Administrator from that section. He does not think at any time it would be appropriate that the City Administrator to serve as the Sergeant of Arms.

There was discussion among the council as to what this should say and who should designate the Sergeant of Arms.

The City Council shall designate members of the Oakridge Police Department to serve as Sergeant of Arms at the Oakridge City Council Meetings.

Kevin Urban said we may want to check the charter before they do that because the City council can't direct staff.

There was discussion on how to handle this at future meetings and if we need to discuss this with the attorney.

Motion was withdrawn, tabled until next meeting.

Mayor Hampton will get together with Gordon to discuss this.

### **6.3 Transient Room Tax**

#### **6.3.1 Distribution Process**

Gordon stated this is a report from the Administration committee not a staff report.

Mayor Hampton would like to clarify in the staff report under issue #1 that it is not really the Oakridge/Westfir Area Chamber of Commerce that administers the grant application process. The city does that and receives recommendations from the Chamber of Commerce.

**Motion:** Councilor Clark moved to continue the relationship between the City of Oakridge and the Oakridge/Westfir Area Chamber of Commerce in regards to the distribution of the room tax dollars received from Lane County” Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Councilor Dreiling said the Chamber is very clear that they are not the ones who make the final call.

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

#### **6.3.2 Where's Waldo Correction**

**Motion:** Councilor Fortune moved to approve the distribution of room tax dollars to the Where's Waldo 100K run in the amount of \$2,000, rather than the \$1,000 previously authorized. Seconded by Councilor Kordosky.

Councilor Shorey asked what the incremental room tax was.

Mayor Hampton explained that there is one big pot and then it is distributed incrementally.

Lane County sets the policies on this, if anyone has a problem with how this is done they should talk to the county; not us.

Gordon explained in more detail the incremental room tax distribution and the stipulations.

There was discussion among the council on over night room stays.

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

#### **6.4 Ratification of Insurance Carrier/plan**

Gordon said we have been working with the unions to review our insurance carrier. Pacific Source is our carrier right now but they are very expensive.

The employees have agreed to go with CIS Insurance plan A. This is acceptable to the Union. This will save us about 30%.

Mayor Hampton asked what we are going to do with the money saved.

Gordon said we will be bringing back into the adopted budget the adjusted insurance figures.

Mayor Hampton asked if we will have a budget of \$124,000 less.

Gordon said no what is done is it takes the money on what we would have spent on the insurance and put it in the contingency fund.

Councilor Kordosky asked if the employees will have a health and wellness program or exercise program available to them.

Gordon said the employees will have a wellness program. The insurance will pay 70% of weight loss programs. The insurance will also pay 100% for employees to quit smoking.

The employees will have to fill out a health questionnaire

**Motion:** Councilor Shorey moved to approve CIS Copay plan A with the associated VEBA account to be the health insurance for our employees effective August 1, 2010. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey asked what the VEBA account is.

Gordon said the VEBA account is a dollar amount that goes into separate third party account for the employee; the employee can use this for health related costs or leave it there and use it for medical costs when they retire.

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

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES-**

### **7.1 Middle Fork Village Planned Unit Development**

Mayor Hampton asked Kevin if he can make a sign as specific as Mr. Gibbens proposed at the beginning of the meeting.

Kevin stated that he can make any sign he wants. He will have to clear it with ODOT though.

There was discussion on what the sign should say and where it should be located.

Mayor Hampton said this is a separate issue and we can still take action on the PUD and at the next meeting Kevin can report back on what ODOT says.

There needs to be clarification on what kind of truck we are talking about.

Councilor Shorey suggested putting up a weight limit sign.

**Motion:** Councilor Dreiling moved to rescind the rejection of the Middle Fork Village PUD from the May 20 Council meeting. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey asked Mr. Steele about the hammerhead turnaround and if it was needed.

Mr. Steele said it was necessary for emergency vehicles because one end is a dead end.

Councilor Shorey is not sure how Mr. Steele plans to control access to the river. It is not going to be gated so this could be difficult.

Mr. Steele said he won't make this a gated community; they are more of a maintenance concern. He doesn't think people are in a habit of driving through there anyway. He thinks the curvy streets will discourage people from coming through.

Councilor Shorey said he did notice some cracks in Thatcher Lane and asked if Kevin thought sealing it would work.

Kevin said he plans on sealing down the center; that is where it will do the most good.

Councilor Fortune said he did drive down to Thatcher Lane and he doesn't see a problem with traffic on Thatcher.

Councilor Dreiling went down to Thatcher several times. He met Chief Demers down there on one visit. It looks pretty obvious to him that the main entrance will be on River Road.

Councilor Clark agreed.

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

**Motion:** Councilor Fortune moved to approve the Middle Fork Village PUD with the stipulations of the Planning Commission except the no truck sign, and contingent on a review of the CC & R's by the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilor Dreiling

The sign will be dealt with at a later time.

Councilor Dreiling that says Commercial vehicles excluding 10,000 lbs.

There was discussion among the councilors about residents who own RV's.

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

## **7.2 Public Hearing for CDBG Funding**

Opened public hearing at 8:35 p.m

### **7.2.1 Staff Report**

No changes

### **7.2.2 Statements in Favor**

None

### **7.2.3 Statements in Opposition**

None

### **7.2.4 Statements in General**

None- Close public hearing 8:35 p.m.

### **7.2.5 Council Discussion/Decision**

Gordon said we are going after money for the I & I instead of the Downtown revitalization.

Mayor Hampton said we did have people come to the open forum earlier this evening thinking that we were going to have water rate increases. They were happy to hear that that wasn't the case.

**Motion:** Councilor Fortune; after holding the required public hearing and taking all testimony, I move to direct staff to submit a CDBG grant for wastewater collection system repairs. Seconded by Councilor Shorey.

Councilor Shorey thinks this a much better use of the funds.

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

## **8.0 POLICE SERVICES- None**

## **9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES –**

Chief Demers said that right now the Life Flight is their holdout. His direction to Springfield was we need applications in hand here by Friday of next week or we may not have an agreement.

### **9.1 Emergency Services Funding Discussion**

Will discuss this under committee reports.

## **10.0 Reports from Boards and Committees**

**Administration Committee-** Discussed the library and the expansion of the council chambers. They discussed seating in the council chambers and how to make more room. They will be doing some experimenting with this. Councilor Clark wants to see about getting a voting board where everyone votes at the same time.

They discussed air flow in the chambers, getting ceiling fans and/or a quieter air conditioner.

They discussed a better sound system for the chambers.

**Community Services-**Their goals are in the newsletter this month; the Parks Master Plan and the I & I plan. The U of O students will be showing their projects at the WAC on Monday June 7, 2010 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.



**Chamber of Commerce-**They are having a BBQ open to everyone this year. They will be giving out the “Best of Awards” this starts at 5:30 to 6:30.

**Watershed Council-** The board did meet. The operations manager for the Watershed Council is resigning. The board is trying to decide on whether to replace him or contract out his position.

**LRAPA-** Will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month to consider the budget. Councilor Fortune will be out of town for this meeting. Mayor Hampton said he made them air some dirty laundry which was the dissatisfaction of the part of some communities about membership.

**OEDAC-** Discussed new businesses coming into town. They want to see the businesses succeed. They have a committee set up to review a business guide and what it takes to do business here. They are developing a presentation to take to Universities and give to any engineering or business student.

**Public Safety-** The cattery is coming along and close to completion. They are about ready to present the Social Host Ordinance. They discussed chickens in City limits.

They started meeting in February to figure out a way to fund, because of their critical need for equipment and operations at the Fire Department. They have looked at several alternatives. They have discussed passing bonds, levies and merging with Hazeldell. They don't want to increase property taxes. They won't do anything that the people don't want.

They discussed a surcharge, this would be about \$120,000 per year and would re-evaluate every five years.

Mayor Hampton wanted to talk about step two. This is the merger with the City and hazeldell. That would require further study and would have to be accepted by the people and the board of hazeldell.

Mayor Hampton asked who the board of directors would be.

Councilor Shorey said the Board of directors would be a totally separate board.

There was discussion on what would happen to the assets if this were to take place.

Mr. Affa asked about the savings we will have from swapping insurance couldn't we use that to cover the Fire Department shortfalls.

Gordon said only about \$20,000 of the savings belong to the fire department.

Mr. Affa said he only needed about \$30,000.

Gordon said he needed about \$120,000.

Mayor Hampton said this needs to come up when discussing the budget.

**Tree Planting-** The committee will be dormant until September.

**Team Oakridge-** Will meet on Wednesday

**Regional Fiber Consortium-** Met last Friday; as predicted the two lawyers involved are trying to iron out their differences. Mayor Hampton went over some of the things that could happen if we were to do this. In the Monmouth/Independence area there is a group called MINet; they are considering providing fiber to the home as a result of having usable fiber and they have contacted Veneta, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Lowell Florence and us. They have to come up with a business plan and see what their costs will be. There are two things that influence them, competition and profit. They have talked about extending this fiber agreement for a waiver of franchise fees for another twenty years; the first agreement was fifteen years.

**Park, Trees and Trail Board-** Will have the University of Oregon Parks open house at the WAC on Monday June 7, 2010 from 6:00-9:00 p.m open to the public

**Area Commission on Transportation-** They have received communication from the board of County Commissioners with three, they described as minor changes to the proposed bi laws.

**Cascade West Economic Development-** They listened to Congressman DeFazio talk about his plans to increase transportation in the area. There were ten agencies that made proposals that they'd like the Cascade West folks to kick in some funding. The legislature decided to eliminate regional investment boards where local people were making decisions on how money could best be spent.

**Library Board-** Discussed how to deal with library fines, Tina will contact other libraries to see how they deal with that issue. The application for the new library was submitted and it was rejected. We had to score a minimum of 277 points and we scored 215. They are sending us a letter telling us where we were weak and we have until June 30, 2010 to correct this. Their major argument was they didn't think we could build it with the budget that we have. We have not seen the letter yet.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Council adjourned at 8:58.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 17,  
2010.

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

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