



July 1, 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
Gerald Shorey
Rayetta Clark
Robert Moe (absent)
Glenn Fortune (absent)

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

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

John Ryan wants something done about the subject he brought up before. Mayor Hampton said it needed to be investigated. Police Chief Louis Gomez said he would talk to his people.

James Affa asked about the rate increase for sewer. He asked if the City was fortunate enough to get a grant would it lower the rates. Gordon Zimmerman said that issue would be addressed during the meeting.

Gary Carl wanted to discuss the train noise. He had given the City Administrator a proposal and they talked and agreed it was not a good time due to the budget situation. He was asked to wait until after the budget was approved to bring up the discussion again. He wants a sense if the Council wants him to pursue the quiet zone. Gordon said there was a survey in the newsletter about the train noise. He asked that a discussion not be done until the results of the survey were in.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Clark wanted to remind everyone about the Fourth of July fireworks on Sunday night. She said they put on a great show every year and hoped to see everyone there.

Councilor Shorey presented the Mayor with a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion. The certificate was for the Mayor being a judge at the Oratory Competition for the last two years.

Mayor Hampton predicted that the survey for the train noise would come out to read that the citizens do not want a rate increase or for the City to spend the \$200,000. He would like to see the City find funding some other way.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5.2 Kiwanis District Meeting Greenwaters Community Building

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 17, 2010

5.2 Kiwanis District Meeting Greenwaters Community Building Fee Waiver

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 LOC Legislative Priorities

Mayor Hampton said that since two Councilors were absent, he would like to postpone the discussion to the next meeting. He polled the Councilors present on their four choices and gave his own.

6.2 Appoint Charter Review Committee

Councilor Dreiling moved to appoint Robert Baker, Wayne Baker, Sue Bond, Terry Callahan, Cliff Himmel, and Barbara Leary to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Nay), Mayor Hampton (Nay), A. Kordosky (Nay), R. Dreiling (Aye). Motion failed 3-2. (Requires four affirmative votes to pass.)

Councilor Dreiling moved to appoint Wayne Baker, Sue Bond, Terry Callahan, and Barbara Leary to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Nay), R. Dreiling (Aye), A. Kordosky (Nay), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion failed 3-2. (Requires four affirmative votes to pass.)

Councilor Dreiling moved to appoint Terry Callahan, Sue Bond, and Barbara Leary to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Nay), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 4-1.

Councilor Shorey moved to appoint Don Hadley, Cliff Himmel, and Wayne Baker to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Nay), R. Clark (Nay), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion failed 3-2. (Requires four affirmative votes to pass.)

Councilor Clark moved to appoint Cliff Himmel to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Shorey moved to appoint Don Hadley to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark asked Mr. Hadley if he was appointed to the committee, would he come with the City's best interests at heart and not just be argumentative. Mr. Hadley said he could do that.

Councilor Kordosky said that lately Mr. Hadley's attitude has improved and that she appreciated that. Councilor Clark said there was a lot of work to get done in a short period of time and that the committee would not be there to argue.

A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Nay), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Nay). Motion failed 3-2. (Requires four affirmative votes to pass.)

Councilor Clark moved to appoint Wayne Baker to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Dreiling seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Nay), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 4-1.

Councilor Dreiling moved to appoint Skip Baker to the Charter Review Committee. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Nay), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Nay). Motion failed 3-2. (Requires four affirmative votes to pass.)

Mayor Hampton said the City has a date that has to be met for putting issues on the ballot.

Councilor Clark suggested Thursday, July 8, for a meeting to review the Charter beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hampton wants the City Administrator to send a letter to all the appointed committee members emphasizing to the members to do some homework on the Charter so they could make more progress. He also said that the sample Charter from the LOC and the Oakridge Charter both have a City Manager form of government and that if there was any interest in eliminating that form of management, there would have to be four Councilors that would be interested in filling that position. He took a poll of the present Councilors and none were interested. Councilor Shorey said the strong mayor worked in 1972 when he was first on the Council, but it doesn't work now.

6.3 Lane County WAC Lease Review

Gordon said Lane County had agreed to the ninety-day termination clause. This was for information only.

6.4 Res. 14-2010 HRA VEBA Agreement

Councilor Clark made a motion to approve Resolution 14-2010 establishing an HRA VEBA Plan for the employees. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.5 Upper Willamette Youth MOA

Gordon had discovered that the City has an unwritten agreement with the Upper Willamette Youth for use of the softball field at the WAC. He drew up an agreement for the Upper Willamette Youth Board and he is waiting for them to review it and make any suggestions.

Councilor Clark asked for some time to look things over before voting and Gordon said it was not ready for vote yet and that there was no hurry. The topic was postponed to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Hampton said that Upper Willamette Youth is no longer being funded by United Way because United Way's criteria have changed. Mayor Hampton encouraged everyone to think of ways to help out the Upper Willamette Youth program.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Res. 15-2010 Sewer Rate Adjustment

Kevin Urban said there were no changes to the Staff report.

Mayor Hampton said the reason for the increase is because the City is not charging enough to qualify for funding through the USDA.

Gordon explained that the City had to charge enough to be able to repay the loan. He said to answer Mr. Affa's question, the schedule for the rate increase is set up for a two-dollar increase October 1, 2010; first year, a two-dollar increase on October 1, 2011; and a two-dollar increase October 1, 2012, if required. Gordon said that if the City did not get the funding through the CDBG, the third year rate increase would take effect.

Councilor Dreiling moved to authorize the application for a loan from USDA Rural Development and adopt Resolution No. 15-2010 adjusting sewer rates. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Councilor Kordosky asked for clarification of the amounts. Gordon explained that the City does an automatic cost of living increase each year. The two-dollar rate increase will be done for three years--two years definitely--for a total of a four or six-dollar increase.

Councilor Dreiling said DEQ is making these repairs mandatory or the City will be fined. He said the City has been out of compliance for the last five years. Councilor Dreiling said the City is about \$16 short of the state-wide average sewer charges.

Councilor Clark said she has been one of the biggest opponents of the rate increase, but she has done her homework. She said the City has no choice, and if the City does not do this, DEQ will come in and mandate the increase and fine the City as well.

R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Ord. 900 Social Host Ordinance Second Reading

Councilor Clark moved to approve the second reading and adoption of Ord. 900 establishing social host regulations, read by title only. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark read Ordinance 900 by title only; establishing an Ordinance regulating the furnishing of alcohol and/or narcotics in a social setting.

Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Dreiling (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). The motion carried 5-0.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers reminded everyone that Jim Archer retired after twenty-five years with the City.

The FireMed open house went great. The representative from Springfield was amazed at the number of paid applications they received at the function. He said usually people pick them up and fill them out later. Chief Demers said if people have FireMed now, officials are extending the due date until the end of August.

Chief Demers said priority dispatch is going well. The volunteers are picking up Alpha calls (non-emergency). He said they did have one Alpha call they could not get to due to staffing. He said the person that was the sickest got to the hospital, so everything worked out. The Fire Department has another person going out for surgery and that takes them down to two people.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration – Resubmitted the Library grant after meeting with the OBDD on June 29, 2010.

Community Services – Nothing to report.

Public Safety – Meeting was June 30, 2010. Committee is dealing with the Municipal Court topic. Dead Mountain Echo radio tower should be completed during the fall of 2011.

LCOG – Met in Florence and dealt with internal and external communications.

Chamber of Commerce – It held the annual barbeque and presented the Best of “City” awards and the annual 2009 Chamber awards. The event attracted about 50 attendees.

Watershed Council – The watershed office is moving to Wheeler Road by Elijah Bristow State Park.

Fire Advisory Board – No meeting.

LRAPA – The LRAPA Budget Committee reduced retirement contributions to 2% for all employees. The board reversed the decision. Their lawyer will be reviewing the legality of the decision. They also wanted to place money for an air toxics program that has not been

implemented yet. LRAPA has received a Warm Homes grant and Mayor Hampton wanted to know when Oakridge would be notified.

Trails Committee – Meeting Monday, July 5, 2010.

Library – No meeting. They meet quarterly. Coral Zimmerman said the Summer Reading Program is in its third week. They have eighteen children ranging K-12, with four in the high school category. Next week, on Friday, July 9th, the Oregon Coast Aquarium will be up to do presentations on the theme “Make a Splash.” This week the group is going to Willamette Fish Hatchery. The last week of the program will be a water party at Greenwaters Park.

OEDAC – Meeting was held at noon at Manning’s Café. They had eight new people attend.

Team Oakridge – Cancelled the July meeting.

Regional Fiber – Nothing to report.

Parks, Trails and Trees – Meeting next week.

Area Commission on Transportation – The Lane County Board of County Commissioners meeting was attended by mayors of the area and the mayors thought some action was going to take place. The Board of Commissioners took no action. The next BCC meeting will be July 7th.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council July 15, 2010.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder