



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



MINUTES

A Work Session to discuss the Oakridge School Sign and Intersection was held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. Remarks can be directed to Community Services Director Kevin Urban.

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Staff Present: Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Louis Gomez, Police Chief (Arrived at 7:10)
Kevin Urban, Community Services Director
Ruthann Plumlee, Finance Director/City Recorder

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

Don Hadley – 47696 Beaver St. – He handed out a letter to the Council concerning his political signs and asked them to please read it. He said that was all he had to say.

Laura Rainey – 47775 Berry St. – She came to ask for some help with getting the Oakridge Mobile Home Park cleaned up. There are City Ordinance issues that need to be addressed and she would appreciate any help the City could give. She had been to see the Code Enforcement Officer and filed a complaint three weeks ago and nothing has been done yet.

Mayor Hampton said the Council could not direct the City's employees. She should speak with Gordon about the City taking more action in getting this issue resolved. He said he would have Gordon report on any action at the next meeting or at least give her some kind of notification of what action the City expects to take.

John Ryon – 47735 W. 2nd St. – He handed the Council a letter stating that City employees have been seen using City vehicles for personal business and wanted to know why City employees couldn't pick up their work vehicle at City Hall.

Mayor Hampton told Mr. Ryon that he should speak with the City employees first to resolve the issue. Gordon told him he needs time, place, and vehicle identification if possible, to pinpoint the nature of the vehicle use.

Jonathan Sample – 76567 W. 2nd St –The High School wants to have a bonfire at the Industrial Park. Mayor Hampton said they needed a written request stating time, place, and details. Jonathan handed the Mayor a letter from the Student Council. Kevin Urban said Public Works was ready for this as they do it every year. Chuck has a pile of brush and wood ready.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

3.1 Governor’s Physical Fitness Award Presentation

Mayor Hampton presented Steve Pauls with the award which is for promoting physical activity and wellness in Oregon signed by Governor Kulongoski with the Oregon State Seal affixed. Mayor Hampton said Steve was athletic director at the school and stepped in to be coach for other sports that lacked a coach. Mayor Hampton said Steve kept things professional and fun and the students profited from his efforts.

Mr. Pauls said he came here to Oakridge by accident 27 years ago and he hasn’t regretted it.

Councilor Moe had some issues with the political signs and the laws governing City employees and signs. He asked about Measure 20-172. Gordon said the volunteers did the signs for that after filing the appropriate forms with the Secretary of State. The volunteers are not City employees so they can voice their political opinion.

Donald Hadley was recognized by Councilor Kordosky and said he thinks Councilor Moe is talking about the reader board at the Fire Department which urges voters to vote yes on Measure 20-172. He said someone had to have given them permission to put that up.

Fire volunteer Leo Robb said he put the words up. He is the only one that puts things up on the board. He was not aware that he couldn’t do that and that he would remove it as soon as possible. Chief Demers said that permission was not given and he was not aware that those words were on the board.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Hampton asked that 7.1 be added concerning the purchase of an excavator attachment.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 16, 2010

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Shorey 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 OEDAC Vacancy

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to appoint Mr. James Coey to the Oakridge Economic Development Advisory Committee. Councilor Moe seconded the motion. A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.2 Library Policies

Gordon said the library has a small problem. They have 564 library card holders and about 20 members with excessive fines that they are unable to collect. They are concerned that those fines are so excessive that the people are not coming back into the library. The library board is recommending new fine structures with a \$3.00 maximum fine amount plus cost of replacing the book or item or having the member replace the item with library approval.

Mayor Hampton asked about the last bullet in the proposal. He asked if members had fines, could they check out old material. Gordon said they would not be able to check out any materials or use the computers. Mayor Hampton suggested changing the word “new” material to the words “any additional” material which would make the last bullet clearer.

Motion: Councilor Kordosky moved to approve the revised fine structure policy of the Oakridge Public Library effective immediately, with the editorial adjustment. R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Moe (Aye), Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Excavator Attachment Purchase

Gordon said due to the grant for finishing the OIP cleanup, the City’s tasks include clearing the brush from around the old cooling ponds. Public Works would like to purchase a brush removal attachment for the excavator. Since the cost is over \$5,000, Council approval is required.

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to approve the purchase of a Rockhound 50 EXHD with any required upgrades to the Case 9020B excavator. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Councilor Moe said he doesn’t see a reason why the current tools and methods used for brush removal won’t work for this job.

Kevin explained that it would save the City time and money in the future when performing other duties around the City. It would cut back on the man hours and equipment repair costs because this attachment can get more done in less time.

Mayor Hampton asked Kevin if the Rockhound 50 EXHD could do land management and right-of-way maintenance like the bigger Slashbuster XL 480 could. Kevin said it could. Mayor Hampton said that sometimes the first impression of a piece of property is what it looks like. This piece of equipment would be good for clearing out the blackberry bushes at the Industrial Park which might improve chances of enticing new business.

Councilor Moe recognized John Ryon for comment. Mr. Ryon said why not use Crossbow and save money? After you use Crossbow the blackberries don't grow back. Mayor Hampton said you have to take the people against herbicide use into consideration, also. He said there are also environmental issues at the Industrial Park already.

Councilor Kordosky recognized Don Hadley for comment. Mr. Hadley asked if the City purchased a piece of equipment a few years ago that does the same stuff. Kevin said it is a trail building machine and would not be good for the bigger jobs.

Councilor Shorey asked if the money budgeted for new equipment was for specific equipment? Kevin said it was a generic category. Shorey asked if the City had considered renting. Kevin said most places don't rent the attachments without the excavator and the City already owns an excavator.

Councilor Clark asked about the required upgrades. Kevin said Chuck knows what is needed but he is out of town this week.

Councilor Moe recognized Don Hadley for comment. Mr. Hadley requested a look at the specifications of the Rockhound attachment. After looking over the paperwork, Mr. Hadley said the attachment will work on the excavator and that he agreed with the purchase.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez said he has updated the monthly reports and found that the Code Enforcement violations are up 65 to 80 cases from last year at the same time. The main ones are dogs at large and noxious growths. Councilor Shorey asked if this was because there were more code violations or because more enforcement is being done. Louis said it is a combination of both. He said there is also a slight increase in crime, about three to four percent.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers had nothing to report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration – no meeting yet. Meeting scheduled for the last Monday of this month.

Community Services – no report at this time.

Public Safety – had a meeting. They have a report that Dead Mountain project has been streamlined. They discussed chickens and the cattery is ready for water and sewer connection.

LCOG – met last week. They are working on communication strategy. In December they will be discussing Regional Voice Positions. They discussed the 211 system. You can dial 211 on your phone which gives you information on services available in the area. Mayor Hampton requested more pamphlets that were printed listing the services available. 1/27/2011 is the next annual LCOG Appreciation Dinner. There are several categories and anyone can submit nominations.

Lane Regional Housing Rehab – no meeting.

Chamber of Commerce – General meeting will be next week.

Watershed Council – Board meeting last week. They will have a budget committee meeting next month.

Fire Advisory Board – no meeting.

LRAPA – Had meeting. There was nothing outstanding. The wood stove announcement will come out next week. They have one year to spend the money.

Trails – met September 6th. Randy is absent.

Tree Planting – Will have first meeting next Monday night, October 11th, at 5:30 at Brewer's Union to plan the 2011 festival.

Library – no meeting. Discussed the revised fine policy presented to the Council this meeting.

OEDAC – Reviewed the progress of the two subcommittees working on a Business Guide Program and the Recruitment Program.

Team Oakridge – The meeting will be October 20th.

Parks, Trails and Trees – no meeting.

Area Commission on Transportation – The Board of County Commissioners met and decided to let the county elect its own citizen members.

Councilor Shorey said he received an email concerning a meeting from the Ford Family Foundation. Gordon said we are going into the fourth year of the Ford Family Leadership Five-Year Program. Community Collaboration is the next step. There is a survey that wants views of the community from its members. The next email will be an invitation for a dinner November 8th at the Nazarene Church where there will be a celebration of the accomplishments in the past. There are 140 citizens that were invited to do the survey and attend the dinner.

Councilor Moe said he has been getting complaints of Oakridge officers speeding through town, especially through the stoplight. Chief Gomez said he needs date, time, and car information to be able to know the details to find out the circumstances.

At 8:20 Mayor Hampton said there would be a five minute recess before the Council met in executive session under ORS192.660 2(f) Discussion of Non-Public Document.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council October 21, 2010.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder