



March 17, 2011
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
Gerald Shorey, Council President
Daniel Barclay
Ernest Baszler
Rayetta Clark
Amy Kordosky
Glenn Fortune

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

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

Eugene Cathcart - 76589 View Ct. - Director of Fat 55 Mountain Bike Marathon. 2010 was the first year of the event, which is a 55-mile race, which was held on September 18th. It was a success with over 50 participants from the local area and out of the area. The winner was from Oakridge. They had over 30 volunteers helping with all aspects of the event. The Fat 55 will be held on September 24th this year. They have asked for RTMP grant money to help with the event this year and came to ask for Council support. He also wanted to say he thinks having a Parks Master Plan is a great idea.

James Wheeler - 48581 E. 1st St. - Asked why the City was surveying for sewer lines outside the City limits? Public Works Director said five septic tanks have failed out in the area and they have hooked up to the City lines. The City is redoing the lines to enlarge the older small ones and they are surveying to include other areas that might fail. Gordon Zimmerman said if and/or when the individual septic systems fail, the County will not allow residents to replace with a new septic system, but will require residents to connect to the City's lines. The connection will be available in case it's needed.

Skip Baker - 76326 Klohn Road - Read a letter to the Council. A copy is attached.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Clark said she would not be able to be on the committee for the Chamber selections for the RTMP grant money. She has asked Councilor Kordosky to take her place. Mayor Hampton asked the Council if that was okay. The Council said it was.

Councilor Barclay thanked everyone for coming to the Council meetings and also thanked those that came to the Town Hall meeting.

Councilor Baszler said Councilor Shorey did a good job facilitating the town hall meeting. He said we need to hold more of those.

Mayor Hampton asked Councilor Shorey to report on the town hall meeting. Councilor Shorey said it was a very civil group and the questions were very candid. He said the biggest thing he got out of the meeting was to hold more town hall meetings. Questions about the audit were asked, questions concerning the ambulance and EMT situation, someone wanted to know if the old Public Works building was for sale, and the police department costs were brought up. Councilor Shorey also said there were concerns about the smell and taste of the City's water.

Mayor Hampton said he was signing a proclamation naming a week in August "Geography Awareness Week." He also said that the *Kiwanis Builder* magazine has pictures of the new Kiwanis sign and Oakridge signs and six local businesses are listed as donors. He said as this is distributed in the Northwest, it would be a great advertising tool for the local area.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.2 Public Hearing City Council/Public Contract Review Board for Amendments to Public Contracting Rules to be moved to next council meeting.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 3, 2011

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Adoption of Budget Calendar

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Councilor Barclay said there are two vacancies on the budget committee to fill. He asked that some things be moved up to allow time for these vacancies to be filled. Mayor Hampton explained that there are timelines in the statutes that have to be met. After much discussion, it was decided to advertise for the budget committee vacancies now to get applications and the positions filled.

A. Kordosky (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Barclay (Nay), G. Shorey (Nay), G. Fortune (Aye), E. Baszler (Nay), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 4-3

Mayor Hampton asked about a citizen member of the Budget Committee that was not in town. Gordon said he could not be reached. Councilor Fortune indicated he has moved to the valley, so there is a third vacancy for the Budget Committee.

6.3 Municipal Court Discussion

Gordon said an outline of the timeframes for developing the Municipal Court was handed out to each Councilor. The handout included the process for choosing a court clerk and municipal court judge and the start date of July 1, 2011.

Mayor Hampton said last time this was discussed it wasn't a "for sure" thing. Now it is and we can proceed with our process. He said if there are any questions have them ready for the next Council meeting on April 7, 2011.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Parks Master Plan Public Hearing

7.1.1 Staff Report

Kevin Urban said there were no changes to the city staff report. He also introduced Darci Rudzinski from Angelo Planning Group, which also helped with the designing of the master plan.

7.1.2 Statements of Support

Jim Coey - PO Box 122 - said Oakridge needs the master plan for the future, and good parks bring in tourists.

Rod Wood - PO Box 654 - said a lot of time and effort went into doing the master plan for a lot of years. He said having a master plan opens up more opportunities for grant funding in the future.

Derrick Bell - 48458 Vine St. - said he and members of Greater Oakridge Area Trail Stewards (GOATS) and the Disciples of Dirt (DOD) have put a lot of volunteer hours into the trails around Oakridge and into Diamond Park in Oakridge and the park in Westfir. He said some of the best cities in Oregon have nice parks, and nice parks attract tourists and residents.

Keith Brown - said he is on the Parks Board and the Planning Commission. He said one thing that has come up concerns potential funding as people think that means taxes are going to be raised or imposed to support the parks. He said a park plan is not used to charge people; it is a list of potential places to get funding. The second thing is the details of each individual park. He said the master plan is more of an idea of what can be done with the open space. People that want to give funding want assurance that you have a plan for improvements not small pieces that will be torn down and changed in a couple years.

John Lucachick - Meadow Way - also on the Parks Planning Board and said the master plan has been developed by professionals and is very well done. He supports the adoption of the plan.

Eugene Cathcart - 76589 View Ct. - he said he has been working with the previously adopted trails plan over the years and that plan has been a real asset in the development of the trails system around the community. He thinks the Park Master Plan is a great idea also.

7.1.3 Statements in Opposition

James Affa - 76340 Garden Road - said he had appeared before the Parks & Trails Commission, the Planning Commission and the Council and had a discussion and was directed to the Parks & Trails people to hear the complaints and ideas. They took our contact information and have never returned a call. They went to the Planning Commission and the same thing happened. His big concern is how are the parks going to be paid for?

Don Hadley - 47696 Beaver St. - said he was also at the Parks & Trails meeting. He said he was told the skate park ramps were bolted down. When he went to check, he found they weren't. He said that the lights at Osprey Park were going to be paid for by the City and he wanted clarification on that. He asked who takes care of the parks and cleans them.

7.1.4 Statements in General

No statements.

7.1.5 Council Discussion

Councilor Baszler had objections to the last paragraph in the Master Plan on packet page 38.

Councilor Shorey commended the people who put the plan together. They did an excellent job. He pointed out a typo where the electric company was Pacific Power and not Lane Electric, had concerns about revenues being generated--meaning taxes.

Councilor Barclay said the plan was well done. His concern is regarding some of the design features in the plans.

Councilor Kordosky said she has had a draft copy of this master plan since last summer. She said it is a blueprint, and without it the City will not be able to get grants for improvements. She said this is just a suggestion of what could be done; it is not what is going to be done. Things could be changed and adapted.

Mayor Hampton asked for clarification on the changing of the plan.

Darci Rudzinski from Angelo Planning Group said this is a plan that will replace section eight of the Parks & Recreation Policies of the Comprehensive Plan. She said this is a preferred parks system. She said this listed the priorities for the park improvements. This is a blueprint and some changes in priorities can be changed and some elements can be done differently while staying true to the plan of the uses and designs for each of the parks in Oakridge.

Councilor Shorey said he is being picky about the corrections because if it's going to be final, it should be correct. He said the fees topic is on page 42--User Fees. Oakridge does collect user fees for the parks and Willamette Activity Center.

Mayor Hampton asked Kevin Urban how the survey was paid for. Kevin said it was advertised in the City Newsletter. The plan was paid for with a grant of \$25,000 from Oregon State Parks. He said \$27,500 has been spent.

Mayor Hampton asked if not adopting the plan would affect getting any more grants in the future from Oregon State Parks. Kevin said it would be highly likely that Oakridge would not get more grant monies from them if the plan wasn't adopted after spending the money on it.

Mayor Hampton asked how the parks were maintained. Kevin said Public Works maintained them. Mayor Hampton asked about the lights at Osprey Park. Kevin said it is a grant from Oregon State Parks because we have an existing trail and the lights would be along the trail. He said the grant money of \$11,000 is for the lights, not the bulbs, electrician, trenches, etc. He said the City will be matching with a "soft match," which will be done in labor by Public Works.

Mayor Hampton asked when the first park plan was adopted. Kevin said it is just a small list of policies that was done in the late 1970s.

Councilor Shorey said this is part of the Comprehensive Plan and needs to be updated.

Councilor Fortune said the staff report said the adoption of the plan only sets out the guidelines for the future development of our parks system. He wanted to know if this was true or not.

The Angelo Planning Representative said yes this is a guideline for the future design of the Oakridge parks system.

7.1.6 Findings of Fact

The Findings of Facts were listed in the staff report with the following minor changes to language were asked to be made. The Council wanted to add Oakridge as a sponsor for events at Greenwaters Park, remove the sentence that no user fees were charged, and change Pacific Power to Lane Electric.

7.1.7 Adoption of Parks Master Plan

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to adopt the Parks Master Plan after reviewing the Findings of Fact with the proposed language changes. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. E. Baszler (Nay), D. Barclay (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 6-1.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez said Communications Sergeant McPherson and Dispatcher Parks went for training on critical incident response. He attended a meeting with local area school superintendents in Eugene regarding a Superintendent of Schools in Benton County who was charged for not reporting child abuse. They had a discussion explaining procedures and standards for reporting child abuse.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

No report.

Councilor Shorey wanted to commend Chief Demers on the job he did being Incident Commander at a motor vehicle accident with a fatality on the pass on Highway 58.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration Committee - no report.

Community Services – had meeting. Had no agenda so worked on new goals.

Public Safety – no meeting till the end of March.

LCOG – cancelled. Will be a couple months till next one.

Chamber of Commerce – meeting next week on Monday March 21st.

Watershed Council – board meeting on Wednesday during spring break.

LRAPA – no report. First budget meeting March 31st. Councilor Shorey said the Warm Homes Program will be approached about ductless heat pumps being accepted and funded.

Trails - no report.

Tree Planting – Mayor Hampton said Tree Planting will be at several locations. One of the Ford Family classes wants to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the restrooms at Salmon Creek Park and wants to plant trees. Kevin said the City has some money to purchase trees and the Ford Family Foundation will purchase trees also. Had a discussion at Diamond Park has no shade or picnic tables. He thinks this will be a good place to plant trees for future shade and picnic area. The Tree Planting Princesses will speak before the Council on April 21st. Mayor Hampton said the Queen's robe is stored in a box and the Queen signs the box. This is a historical piece but the robe will need to be replaced in the near future with the current one being put in the museum.

Library – had meeting. Discussed the continuing topic of overdue books and recovering fines and lost items. There is a maximum fine limit of \$3.00 if the book is returned. The progress on the new Library was discussed, who the architect is, and there will be a review on the architect's work in the middle of April. The Environmental Review has been completed and will be submitted to the state.

OEDAC – no meeting until April. Mayor Hampton asked Jim Coey give a report on the OEDAC town hall meetings. They discussed an assisted living facility in town, an additional clinic, and how to market the waterways that surround the community. They continue the process of promoting Oakridge. New people have moved to Oakridge, and the reason one gave was from watching the *Dear Oakridge* Video that was shown on NPR. He sees communication around the community improving.

Team Oakridge – cancelled meeting. Now renamed the OWL Committee (Oakridge/Westfir Leadership).

Regional Fiber – nothing new.

Parks, Trails, and Trees - no report.

Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) – held during Oakridge's town hall meeting The Mayor announced there will be appointments for five specific representatives from biking, trucking, etc. There will be 31 reps on the board when the appointments are complete. The overriding topic on the agenda is freight transportation.

Lane Economic Committee - UPBEAT replacement could be services at E-Development. Shawn said the trend is going from self-owned businesses to employer-owned businesses. His agency does some of the things UPBEAT was doing such as business plans, funding, etc. Small Business Administration Program has a 504 program for lending toward commercial mortgage payments to stay in business. Steve Dingham said in his small business loan program he had \$150,000 for two years to loan and he loaned that in one year. He is asking for more to meet the demand.

Uptown Business and Revitalization Association (UBRA) - no report.

Highway Unit Business (HUB) - no report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council April 7, 2011.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder