



April 21, 2011  
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  
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.

The 2010 Tree Planting Queen Raygan Gardner presented the 2011 Tree Planting Princesses Cathy Burns, Carissa Bates, and Elizabeth Ramirez to give their speeches to the Council and audience. Everyone present voted for his/her choice to be crowned Tree Planting Queen after the speeches concluded.

### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ronald H. Tankersley - 48228 Hwy 58 #53 - Mayor Hampton read his subject and asked Mr. Tankersley if he has spoken with Chief Gomez and Gordon Zimmerman. Mr. Tankersley said he had talked to Chief Gomez but not Mr. Zimmerman. He said he was hit in the head with a stick and the person that hit him was only charged with *assault 4*. Mayor Hampton asked Mr. Tankersley to call him and he would schedule a meeting with Chief Gomez and the City Administrator to discuss this.

Jim Coey - PO Box 122 - wanted to give Public Works an "Atta boy" for the work they have done repairing the dike on Salmon Creek. He said it looks better than it did before and the trail is worth being on now.

Henri De Jonge - 76140 Odle Lane - Mayor Hampton asked Mrs. De Jonge if her comment had to do with Hyland Lane, and if so, she could speak during that discussion under Community Services. Mrs. De Jonge said yes, but her other comment is about a septic pump station out there that stinks in the summer and

there is not a fence to keep kids and vandals out. Mayor Hampton said Community Services discussion would apply to that topic, also.

Rustie Ackland - 48265 E. Commercial St. - said the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Greenwaters Park and starts at 10 a.m. There will be free shredding of documents at Siuslaw Bank on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon by Access Shredding. There will be a \$5 donation for shredding which will go to the Relay for Life team that will be in Oakridge.

Del Spencer - 48374 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. - said the Council purchased a baby grand piano for the Community Building at Greenwaters Park. The museum holds its meetings there, and there is not enough room because the piano will take up too much of it. He said also that Chief Gomez has given the museum pictures of the old jail.

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

Councilor Baszler asked Mr. Spencer if the piano that is in the Community Building now is fine. Mr. Spencer said they use it every Christmas and it works well. Mayor Hampton suggested the Community Services Committee discuss the placement of the new piano.

Councilor Shorey asked how many people normally attended the museum meetings. Mr. Spencer said they average about 50 attendees and they have to use the hearth at the Community Building a couple times per year. Councilor Shorey said they are about at maximum occupancy or above and asked if they could hold their meetings elsewhere. Mr. Spencer said they have been holding their meetings there for 50 years and it's really hard to change a tradition.

Councilor Shorey said he would like to commend Rachel Spencer on her articles in the *Dead Mountain Echo* on the original Hazeldell. Mr. Spencer said she is doing the articles because she is writing a drama about the first town here called Hazeldell. The drama will be presented on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Greenwaters Park.

Councilor Barclay said there are some loose ends from previous agendas. The performance evaluation for the City Administrator, sign code changes, and the status of reimbursement for the levee work are outstanding. Kevin said Oakridge did not meet the threshold for reimbursement for the levee repair.

Councilor Barclay said that Vivian Erickson brought something positive to Oakridge and her, and people like her, that contribute their time and energy to make it a better place are missed when they are gone. Councilor Barclay introduced his daughter Katie-Anne from Australia.

Councilor Kordosky asked why a baby grand piano was bought. Mayor Hampton said she was on the committee that will be discussing that topic.

Mayor Hampton asked which Councilors are going to attend the League of Oregon Cities Conference on September 29<sup>th</sup>. All Councilors said they are attending.

Mayor Hampton said the sign ordinance workshop should be included in the Community Service Committee agenda. He also said the City Administrator evaluation is recommended by the Administration Committee. The City received a letter from the new Sheriff Tom Turner and District Attorney Alex Gardner asking if the City wants to receive a presentation. The Mayor said the

communities that have a contractual relationship with the Sheriff for services would benefit most from it. No Councilor voiced interest in the presentation.

Mayor Hampton said he also received a letter from the Census Bureau that wants a questionnaire filled out about how the 2010 Census went. He is going to request Sayre Custer's help and input on it.

#### **4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Topic 6.1 is scratched for now as Ross Hawkins is not present.

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 17, 2011**

##### **5.2 Food for Lane County Fe Waiver Request**

**Motion:** Councilor Fortune moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark said that the Summer Food Program by Lane County is a wonderful thing.

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 Scratched as Ross Hawkins not present.**

##### **6.2 LRAPA Advisory Committee**

Mayor Hampton introduced Merlyn Hough, Director, and Sally Marcos, Public Affairs Manager, of LRAPA.

Mr. Hough said that he wanted to express his appreciation for the long-term partnership with Oakridge and express appreciation to Councilor Fortune for his many years of service on the LRAPA board. He sincerely hopes Councilor Fortune is taking a temporary leave of absence from the board. He wanted to congratulate Oakridge on the best recorded air quality for the past three years that has ever been recorded for the area. He said we are not quite there in meeting the Federal standard adopted in December 2006 and set to go into effect in 2014, but the trend looks encouraging in meeting the standard deadline.

Sally Marcos said LRAPA is establishing an advisory committee to complete its attainment plan for meeting the air quality standards in 2014. She listed some important dates in accomplishing this. March 2012 is the deadline to come up with a committee to work on the plan which would potentially consist of the Mayor, the Council, a Westfir official, a Lane Electric Representative, and five citizen representatives. They want the Council to nominate or recruit people that will bring good ideas and strategies to continue to improve the air quality in Oakridge. They are hoping to start the committee in June of this year and would meet June through December to come up with a plan and a list of strategies which would go to LRAPA Advisory Committee. After that, the plan would go to LRAPA Board of

Directors and then to the Environmental Quality Commission for Oregon and then eventually to the Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Marcos wanted to thank everyone who has been so supportive of the Warm Homes Program. They had over 150 people apply with 60 qualifying for new heating systems. She said if anyone knows of someone with an uncertified woodstove to have them call LRAPA and apply for some help as she has lots of money she needs to spend.

Councilor Fortune asked if it was possible to replace an uncertified woodstove in a rental home. Ms. Marcos said the homes had to be owner-occupied, as a rental makes it unclear as to who owns the stove or the stove being removed from the home when the renters move.

Councilor Baszler said he got a new stove through the Warm Homes Program and he likes it a lot. He said there is hardly any smoke.

Councilor Shorey said there is a push for ductless heat pumps to be installed. He asked if there was financing available for that. Ms. Marcos said the entire cost is coverable, when it is replacing an uncertified woodstove, for a single unit which will heat a smaller home of 1,000 to 1,200 square feet with no problem. If the home is larger than that or a two-story, it may need two units which is above LRAPA's price limit per home.

Mayor Hampton asked for a Council consensus to establish the advisory committee and to start advertising right away. The Council said yes.

### **6.3 Appoint Budget Committee Members**

Mayor Hampton said he would prefer that any Councilor that wanted to advocate or give his/her opinions on potential committee members do that before any voting is started.

Councilor Barclay said he will vote for Jim Coey, Don Hadley, and Herb Hilton.

Councilor Shorey said he will vote for Don Hadley, Rustie Ackland and was undecided on his third choice.

Councilor Baszler said he will vote for Don Hadley, Herb Hilton, and Robert Baker.

Councilor Kordosky said she will vote for Rustie Ackland, Jim Coey, and Don Hadley.

Mayor Hampton said he will vote for people that can work in a group, bring useful and realistic proposals, no committee duplication, meaning that he does not want one person to be both on the budget committee and the planning committee.

The Council voted by written ballot and chose three people to fill the vacancies. When the Councilors were done making their selections they handed their sheets to the City Recorder. The City Recorder read each Councilor's name and choices aloud. The City Administrator kept the tally as the names were read. The two three-year Budget Committee vacancies went to Rustie Ackland with six votes and Don Hadley with four votes. The Council voted again to fill the third position after a tie was announced for the third position of a one year term. The same procedure was followed and the choice was Herb Hilton for the Budget Committee.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **7.1 Purchase of Continuous Chlorination Meter**

There were no changes to the staff report.

**Motion:** Councilor Clark moved to approve the purchase and installation of a chlorine analyzer from the Automation Group, Inc. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton asked if anyone else makes the same product and has anyone checked to see if this was the best buy? Kevin said other companies do but the Automation Group installed the City's water system and knows how it operates and he feels it is best to stick with them as it will save money in the long run.

Councilor Barclay asked if it was coming out of the Water Fund, has it already been budgeted, and what's the time line for installation. Kevin said it is coming out of the Water Fund line item of Well Field Improvement. He said they didn't budget for this particular item and they didn't know this requirement was going to come up. They have the money for it and it needs to be installed by the end of May of this year.

R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

### **7.2 Hyland Lane / Hwy 58 Access**

Kevin Urban said Emmanuel Earthworks had been out and graded, graveled, packed, and filled the potholes.

Mayor Hampton asked him to address the pump station complaint by Mrs. De Jonge.

Kevin said that the pump station only serves about five houses hooked up to it and does not run enough to circulate the waste. And the float cannot be set any lower. The City puts deodorizer in it to help with the smell, but until more houses get built out in that area there is nothing further the City can do to lessen the smell.

Henri De Jonge said the potholes at the end of Hyland Lane have not been fixed. Gordon said he had driven out there earlier this afternoon and it looked good. Mayor Hampton suggested the Community Service Committee take a drive out there and look at the area of concern and report back to the Council.

Mrs. De Jonge also said that it is hazardous for school buses to make the turn off the highway without a turn lane into Hyland Lane and drive through the potholes. She is afraid the bus will be rear ended by another vehicle.

Councilor Barclay said the vehicle is fifty feet long and bright yellow and that he doubts other drivers have any trouble seeing it ahead of them on the highway and can change lanes to avoid it or slow down if necessary.

### **7.3 Planning Commission Appointments**

**Motion:** Councilor Fortune moved to appoint James Coey to the Planning Commission. Councilor Barclay seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark said the two applicants were both excellent for the position and if the one not chosen wants to contribute in another way, there are more committees with vacancies that could use them.

E. Baszler (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

### **7.4 Donated Dental Service in Oakridge**

Mayor Hampton said the City has a policy against storage containers of any kind within the City limits.

Councilor Fortune asked if the proposed dental office unit was on wheels. Kevin said no, it was not.

Gordon explained to the audience that Hayden Family Dental wants to bring a Conex box, which has been made into a portable dental clinic, make a pad on their property next to the fire station, and place it there to provide free dental services to low-income families in Oakridge.

Councilor Barclay said this item should be before the planning commission discussing a variance.

Kevin said a variance could not be allowed according to the City code.

Councilor Shorey asked if Hayden Dental could be contacted for more information on how they were going to modify the container to look less like a storage container.

Councilor Fortune asked if this could be put in the Industrial Park. Kevin said this is the "catch twenty-two." A dental office does not belong in an industrial zone and a storage container does not belong in a commercial zone.

Mayor Hampton asked how difficult or easy would it be to modify the ordinance to say no shipping containers to be used as storage are allowed. When he did not receive a clear answer, he told the Community Service Committee members that they had another item for their meeting.

### **7.5 Keg and Cask Festival Street Closure**

**Motion:** Councilor Shorey moved to approve the Street Closure Permit for the Keg and Cask Festival on August 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey said he needed to modify his motion. The application lists the street closure hours as 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., not 8:00 p.m. as he stated.

G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

## **8.0 POLICE SERVICES**

Chief Gomez said the National Drug Take Back will be April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Oakridge Fire Department. He said they could also be dropped off at the Oakridge Police Department at any time and any day. He said also that he attended the annual Chief's Conference in McMinnville.

## **9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chief Demers said the Fire Department received some really good news. The Department has been awarded a SAFER Grant of \$597,799 for use over four years. This will be used to pay for staffing of a volunteer manager, EMT classes, a Student Sleeper Program, and other things which will enhance the services provided. He said it does not solve the ambulance issue.

## **10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Administration Committee - no report. Meet next Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Community Services – meet May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Public Safety – meet April 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon at City Hall.

LCOG – nothing new.

Chamber of Commerce – out of town. Nothing big was discussed (Rustie Ackland said).

Watershed Council – next meeting at the end of May.

LRAPA – met tonight at Council meeting.

Trails - out of town.

Tree Planting – geared up. Getting parade applications. The Princesses were at Council meeting tonight. The talent show has more acts than ever before. The Community Faire and Art Walk activities will be increased. The actual tree planting will be at Osprey Park only. Planters should meet at the west end of Perkins Street at 2 pm on Sunday, May 1 to plant some trees.

Library – no meeting.

OEDAC – meet Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Team Oakridge – no meeting.

Regional Fiber – nothing new.

Parks, Trails, and Trees - no meeting.

Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) – selected four people to the committee from Rail, Trucking, Bicycle & Pedestrian, and Environmental/Land Use. There are 4-6 more people to appoint from general areas and then the group can start working on issues.

Lane Economic Committee - had a presentation from Creswell RARE intern and City Administrator Mark Shrives about Creswell. They talked about the value of the intern from RARE. For \$20,000 per year you can have a part-time intern. Creswell's intern has been working on Creswell's Comprehensive Plan. The city has done some promotional videos, and they have a Community Calendar on their website. They are doing a Vision Action Plan. They are working on business development. Their infrastructure concern is their airport. They have completed a wastewater plant upgrade and built a new City Hall out of funds they had saved over the years. They also did a water system plant upgrade with borrowed money. Their biggest concern is the I-5 interchange. They have a storm water master plan. Jack Roberts gave a presentation on Lane Metro Partnership. Business Oregon's Bob Warren talked about Enterprise Zones and having them designated for 7-15 years. Future meetings will include Rural Development, loan availability from banks, and tourism trends.

Highway Unit Business (HUB) - Elizabeth Barclay said they are a small group made to beautify businesses on Highway 58.

Uptown Business and Revitalization Association (UBRA) - went to Junction City Chamber of Commerce meeting. That city is also starting a Main Street Program like Oakridge has. They said they encouraged everyone in their Chamber to visit Oakridge and see what is going on. UBRA finished their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual First Street Cleanup. They are also raising funds for hanging baskets of flowers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 5, 2011.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder