



May 19, 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 (Absent)
Daniel Barclay
Ernest Baszler
Rayetta Clark
Amy Kordosky
Glenn Fortune

Staff Present: Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Louis Gomez, Police Chief (Arrive 7:08)
Kevin Urban, Community Services Director (Absent)
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 –

John Ryon - 47735 W 2nd St. - said he proved he was right about the Creswell police services. He also said Councilor Fortune, Chief Gomez, and Mayor Hampton owe him an apology for having a special meeting without advertising it over seven years ago when it concerned him. He also complained about a ticket he got in the past for dogs at large, someone throwing rocks at his dogs, and about a part of his fence being taken down.

Jim Coey - PO Box 122 - said he was at the budget meeting and wanted to thank all the department heads for not taking raises this year to help balance the budget.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Fortune responded to Mr. Ryon's subject about eliminating the Police Department at the Town Hall Meeting. He told Mr. Ryon what he had heard him say and then reiterated his response: The County Sheriff would respond to situations in the City at a contracted price. The State Police would not respond to incidents in the city if there were no police force.

Councilor Barclay explained three things to the audience:

1. Mrs. Kingsbury is not the City Recorder; she is the media representative at the Council meetings.

2. We are required to allow public attendance at the Council meetings and the meetings have a public comment section, not a public discussion section.
3. City personnel are supervised by the Department Heads and they are in turn supervised by the City Administrator. The Council supervises the City Administrator and does not have any say about employees. Therefore, employee issues are handled by Department Heads and the City Administrator.

Councilor Barclay was curious about the status of the audit. When can it be expected?

Gordon said it is still in the hands of the auditors and there is nothing we can do to hurry it along.

Mayor Hampton said for clarity, in regard to Mr. Ryon, he is unaware of a special meeting being held. Gordon said it was before he got here seven years ago and a complaint was lodged against the Mayor. Mayor Hampton said there was nothing to be done about it as it was so long ago.

Mayor Hampton also reiterated that the City is required to allow the public to attend and witness the City's business meeting, but the Council is not required to allow public comment for any committee meeting or any other meeting they hold other than public hearings.

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

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting May 5, 2011

Councilor Kordosky said there was a mistake in the Reports from Boards and Committees section under the Community Services Committee heading.

Mayor Hampton said she needed to write it down and the minutes could be corrected.

Councilor Clark said the committee recommended going with the Planning Commission's decision.

Councilor Barclay said there was a mistake in the *Dead Mountain Echo* Council report regarding the piano at Greenwaters Park. He said the article stated it was the Council's decision to put the piano at the Community Building at Greenwaters Park when in fact it was the Community Services Committee's decision. He said the minutes were correct but the article in the *Dead Mountain Echo* was incorrect.

Mayor Hampton asked Councilor Kordosky to write down what she felt was an accurate reflection of what the committee recommended.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion. E. Baszler (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Appointment of Oakridge LRAPA Advisory Committee

Mayor Hampton said they have five positions available and received three applications.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to appoint James Affa, James Coey, and Herb Hilton to the Oakridge LRAPA Advisory Committee and to continue to seek other interested applicants for the remaining two positions. Councilor Barclay seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton said the only thing he is discouraged about is the lack of new applicants. The three that applied are already involved in other committees.

A. Kordosky (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.2 Public Hearing on Sale of Surplus Property

Mayor Hampton explained that this is a Public Hearing for the sale of surplus property. The Council will decide if the property is surplus so that it can be sold.

6.2.1 Staff Report

Gordon said it is 28.85 acres on the Pope and Talbot dump site which has been appraised at \$123,000. He would like to have it declared as surplus so it can be sold. There is a gentleman interested in paying the appraised price, but the City cannot accept his or any other offer until this occurs. There are two restrictions in the sale agreement. On the lower third of the parcel the use of ground engaging equipment is prohibited and the purchaser agrees to provide the City with sufficient land and access to place a 1,000,000 gallon water storage facility on the property in the parcel to the north of the restricted area when the City is in a position to do so.

6.2.2 Statement in Favor

Jim Coey said sell it.

Herb Hilton asked if the money from the sale goes into the Oakridge Industrial Park Fund. Gordon said yes it has to stay in the OIP Fund for improvements to the industrial park or the grant would have to be paid back.

Don Hadley asked if the City would carry a contract on the property and accept payments. Gordon said two years ago the Council adopted policies for sales of land in the OIP that precludes land sale contracts. In other words, the buyer hands the City a check for the amount and the City sells them the property

Bill Thayer asked if this sale would bring in any business. Gordon said until he gets an actual offer he cannot say.

James Affa said he would be in favor of the sale if the proceeds could be used to change the zoning of the industrial park.

6.2.3 Statements in Opposition

Robert Moe asked if the property is sold, and the buyer disturbs the lower portion, is the City liable for the cleanup. Gordon said under Oregon law the current property owner and all previous owners who contributed to the hazard would be responsible.

6.2.4 Statements in General

Dawn Kinyon asked if the buyer could put a business on it. Gordon said it is zoned F2, which is a county zoning standard (Forestry 2) and cannot be built on. The owner would have to go through the County as the property is in the County outside of the City limits and the urban growth boundary.

6.2.5 Council Discussion

Councilor Barclay asked if engineering work needs to be done and is the City is responsible. Gordon said the surveyor needs to come out so they can divide the property.

Councilor Barclay asked Mrs. Kingsbury, who is in real estate and the media representative, if the 2005 appraisal is a good price for the property. She said if the 2005 appraisal is the selling price that is a very good thing in this market.

Councilor Barclay also asked what improvements would be done at the OIP. Gordon said it would get the OIP Fund out of the hole which amounts to about \$70,000.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to declare Tax Lot 21-35-22 TL 500 as surplus property of the City of Oakridge and to declare the City's intent to sell the property with certain restrictions in place. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion. R. Clark (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

6.3 Keg and Cask Alcohol Permit

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the alcohol permit for the Keg and Cask Festival scheduled for August 13, 2011. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

Councilor Barclay asked what the proceeds for the last year's event were. Councilor Clark said it was \$1,500. Councilor Barclay said it was a \$3,000 split? Councilor Clark said yes and half of the money goes to the local food bank, which really needs it.

E. Baszler (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

No report.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Gomez said Sergeant McPherson finished a week-long training honing her skills as a 911 manager. The class cost \$1,400, but Oakridge attended at no charge.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

No report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration – meet on Monday, May 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Community Services –had meeting Next meeting is Monday, June 6th. Reported at last meeting.

Public Safety – meet the last Wednesday of each month. Will reschedule or postpone May meeting.

LCOG – reported at last Council meeting.

Chamber of Commerce – met on May 16th at the Forest Service building. The speaker was Susan Knudsen-Obermeyer. who gave a report on what the Forest Service is up to and what their plans are for the summer.

Watershed Council – had its general council meeting on May 18 at the Oakridge Hostel. The topic of concern was invasive plants and animals. We have a small number in our area. They are easier to eradicate if they are caught early. If they are out of control, they quit trying to eradicate them and just try to keep them contained. The Japanese Knotweed is a worry for getting a foothold in this drainage system.

LRAPA – meet Monday, May 23rd.

Trails - no report.

Tree Planting - wrap up meeting is June 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Brew Pub to evaluate this year's Tree Planting Festival. The public is welcome to give input.

Library - met and discussed the timeline for constructing the library. Should be in the bid process in June with a notice of award and notice to proceed the second Council meeting of July. They hope to have groundbreaking in August with completion and occupancy March 15-2012.

OEDAC – meet the fourth Tuesday at A & W. Mr. Anthony is unable to attend unless his schedule changes.

OWL (Oakridge Westfir Leaders) discussed building a community calendar. Groups would be able to post their events all on the same calendar.

Regional Fiber – had guests yesterday, May 18th, about laying new fiber through town to connect government institutions. The fiber will end at the Oakridge Industrial Park. The City and the Fiber Consortium have been working on this for 10 years.

Parks, Trails and Trees – meet second Thursday in June. No GOATS report.

ACT - appointed four more people that do not represent any specific area of interest. The ACT did pick one person that was a farmer on Hwy 126 East, for example.

Lane Economic Committee - meet next Monday, May 23rd. Gordon will present information about the City of Oakridge.

HUB - they are working on getting hanging baskets along the highway. They finally found out who was responsible for the area from the sidewalk to the curb. Oregon Department of Transportation is responsible for curb to the inside edge of the telephone pole. Lane Electric has no issues with hanging baskets and neither does ODOT. A permit is involved but getting it is not a problem. HUB needs to get insurance in case a hanging basket falls on a pedestrian. HUB is going to inquire about a rider on the City's insurance policy similar to the snowflakes. ODOT is supposed to send up a sweeper and weeder to clean up along the highway.

UBRA - no report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 2, 2011.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder