



June 2, 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 –

Jim Coey - PO Box 122. - wanted to thank Kevin Urban for his years of service to the City.

Robert Moe - 47959 W 2nd St - he and Don Hadley called Shady Cove to ask about their police services. He and Don Hadley were invited to visit and talk with their mayor and city administrator. He would like to come to the next Public Safety Committee meeting and present his findings.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Barclay said that 1,119,062 is the total number of casualties the United States has had since the Civil War from wars, conflicts, and police actions. He was disappointed that only three businesses in Oakridge had a flag flying on Memorial Day.

He said also that Mrs. Kingsbury printed a retraction in the newspaper regarding her mistake of stating that the City Council decided to put the piano in the Community Building at Greenwaters Park. He said in a letter written by a citizen to the *Echo* editor there were errors regarding the budget, property taxes, and the Municipal Court. He said he would appreciate people getting the facts correct.

Councilor Shorey told Mr. Moe that the next Public Safety meeting will be June 29th at noon at City Hall.

Mayor Hampton reminded everyone that Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. the Meyer Memorial Trust representatives will be at the Fire Hall to present how they decide where their funds go.

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

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting May 19, 2011

Councilor Shorey said on page three of the minutes, section 5.1, 4th paragraph, there is a “w” attached to Park that should be removed.

Councilor Barclay said there is another typo in the same paragraph. The sentence should be the Community Services *Committee’s* decision, not *Director’s* decision.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections. Councilor Barclay 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 Lane Electric Franchise Agreement Extension

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the ten-year extension of the franchise agreement with Lane Electric Cooperative per the terms of Ordinance Number 854 of the City of Oakridge. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey said the franchise agreement doesn’t expire until the end of 2011. Why is it being extended now? Gordon said so they didn’t have to do it at the last minute. He said the extension had already gone to the Board of Lane Electric.

Councilor Shorey asked if the dates were going to be updated. He said that Section Eight of the Franchise Agreement has the expiration date of December 2011. Gordon said that the motion will reflect the ten-year term.

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

6.2 Appointment of Municipal Court Judge

Councilor Baszler said they should advertise for thirty more days as they only received two applications. Gordon said it had been advertised for three weeks.

Motion: Councilor Baszler moved to extend the advertisement for the Municipal Court Judge for an additional thirty days. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to appoint Francisco Segarra as the Oakridge Municipal Court Judge effective July 1, 2011. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark said after reading through Mr. Segarra’s credentials he is very well qualified.

Councilor Barclay said both individuals are well qualified. He reviewed Mr. Segarra's work history and he finds that he holds four jobs right now. He said another flag for him is the employment history is short term on quite a few of his jobs. Councilor Barclay said Mr. Rehwalt, the other applicant, has longevity at his employment and has been in the area his entire life. He said if an individual can research and write seven novels, he sees no problem with researching for a case.

Councilor Shorey recognized Mr. Segarra to answer the concerns brought up by Councilor Barclay.

Mr. Segarra said he has one job right now and the employment history has typos in the ending dates of employment. He apologized for not catching those errors.

Councilor Barclay said the attention to detail was lacking. If that was missed on quite a few job histories, then those mistakes might carry over to the court.

Councilor Shorey asked Mr. Segarra to explain to the Council, as he did to the Selection Committee, his academic history and employment history.

Mr. Segarra said he worked while he was in school and these jobs were not long lived as most jobs are while attending school. He said he attended a community college in Southern California, transferred to a university and finished his degree at Western Oregon University and attended the University of Oregon School of Law.

Mayor Hampton asked Councilor Shorey, since he was on the Selection Committee, if the recommendation for Mr. Segarra was unanimous? Councilor Shorey said it was.

Councilor Fortune said with the different job experiences, it lends to a better understanding of the differences in people and places and will serve him well on the bench.

R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Barclay (Nay), Mayor Hampton (Aye), E. Baszler (Nay). Motion carried 5-2.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Sign Code Change

No changes to the staff report.

Councilor Kordosky moved to approve the Oakridge Planning Commission recommended motion for an amendment to Section 22.05 #9, to wit 'Electronic signs recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Council for displaying informational messages to the general public by a public entity.' Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey asked if the code was intentionally restrictive. Kevin said that yes it was intentional.

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.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES - No report.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES - No report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration – no report.

Community Services –next meeting is Monday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m.

Public Safety – met May 26th. The cattery is almost done except for the drywall. They are waiting for volunteers or community service people to help. They discussed the traffic cameras and decided not to pursue the matter. The OWIN project, the Dead Mountain radio update, is waiting for better weather to break ground. Lane County is in the process of approving the last of the permits.

LCOG – got an email of the final report from the Communications Committee on how to improve internal/external communications. The Mayor has to review it and offer his suggestions and later this month the LCOG Executive Committee will look it over and then the Board will take action on it.

Chamber of Commerce – meets June 20th.

Watershed Council – no report.

LRAPA – no report.

Trails - meeting Thursday, June 9th.

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 - meets the second week in September.

OEDAC – met Monday, May 30th, at A&W. Gordon gave an update the economic development of Oakridge. John Milandin has received a scholarship to the Powered by Rural Conference in Corvallis on June 24 and 25. The next meeting is June 28th at A&W at Noon.

OWL (Oakridge Westfir Leadership) no meeting. Next meeting Wednesday, June 8th, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Regional Fiber – no report.

Parks, Trails and Trees – meet second Thursday in June.

ACT - meet June 8th.

Lane Economic Committee - had meeting. Gordon presented information about the City of Oakridge. Bankers discussed the state of the banking industry, especially as it related to commercial loans for businesses.

HUB - on track for the June 14 ODOT clean up of their portion of the highway and take care of the weeds.

UBRA - they are working on banners instead of hanging baskets.

The Council recessed at 7:45 p.m. for five minutes before entering Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) d Labor Negotiations.

The Council reconvened under Public Session at 8:00 p.m.

Councilor Barclay said he would appreciate if any member of the Council did not say he was nit-picking when he was expressing his opinion about a matter during a discussion phase. It is impolite and the Council should behave better. Each of us has a right to express our opinions.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 16, 2011.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder