



July 21, 2011
City Council Regular Session
Oakridge High School Auditorium
7:15 pm



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
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder/Finance Director

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Hampton asked the City Administrator to give a financial update of the City before the public comment portion of the meeting. (See attached.)

Mayor Hampton said forums like this are just one form of public comment. He said he couldn't begin to count the number of letters he has received in the last couple of days. He has made copies for each Councilor and will have a set of copies available at City Hall on the front desk for anyone interested in reading them. He said writing is a valid way of letting the Council know how you feel about City issues. He said once he receives a letter or email it becomes a public document.

Mayor Hampton said we have about 16 people signed up to speak so he will allow two minutes per person.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

Eugene R. Welsh – PO Box 389 – he said the recall is for five of the Council and there is no personal animosity towards the Council. He said you are supposed to work for the people not the bureaucracy.

Skip Baker - 76326 Klohn Rd. – he said if the City contracted with the Sheriff's Office that would save the City money. He said he is the hairman of the 912 group and have brought many problems they have

discovered before the Council to no avail. He said they are faced with the choice of having to recall the Council.

John Ryon - 47735 W 2nd St. - he yielded his two minutes to Don Hadley.

Floyd Staley - 76854 High Prairie Rd. - said the "missing money" is in a Swiss bank account. He said Gordon wants Oakridge to be a depressed area so he can apply for grants.

Susan LaDuke – PO Box 308 - she said if you have never been involved in accounting, you cannot liken it to your household budget. Accounting at the state or government level is much more involved. It is easy to have errors when there is new software implemented. She also said that to try to recall a Council based on innuendo and rumor is not a good thing and people need to remember that once you become a public official your entire life becomes public knowledge. That tends to make people not want to run for the Council positions.

John Milandin – 76750 High Prairie Rd. - said since 1987 he has been involved in the Oakridge Economic Development Committee. He has worked closely with Gordon Zimmerman to bring business to the Oakridge area.

George Custer – 48175 McFarland Rd. - said that Gordon is almost never in his office. He is at board meetings, committee meetings, town meetings, speaking to and with other governmental agencies trying to find out information that would possibly move this town forward. He said Gordon doesn't have to sit on these boards, but he does and shows up offering counsel, guidance, and leadership. His commitment to help these organizations is unbelievable.

Sayre Custer – 48175 McFarland Rd. - September 25, 201--Oakridge City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman was honored by the League of Oregon Cities with the Herman Kehrli Award for lifetime achievement. This award is presented to a city employee who has provided lasting benefits to his community through exceptional contributions to city government.

Donald Barrows - 47888 Elgin Ave. - passed.

Laverne Beasley - PO Box 408 - expressed her thanks for the dedication of the Mayor, City Administrator, and Police Chief. She said these three people have the knowledge and education to see us through the situation.

Billie Wheeler - 48581 E. 1st St. - she said none of the budgets should have been passed without the prior year's audit. She said the Library was going to cost about \$2,000 to maintain each month. Signatures had been turned in requesting it not be built. She said now is not the time to purchase baby grand pianos and give free water and sewer to employees. She received a notice that Crown Properties and the City are going to drill test bores in the hills east of town. For what? She is all for the creation of jobs, but she wants to know these points. Is traffic going to be traveling up and down East 1st St? Is the air going to be affected? Is the water going to be affected?

Jill Mardin - PO Box 912 - passed.

Jacqui Lamont - 48273 E. 1st St. - asked permission to have a booth in front of the bakery during the Keg and Cask Festival again this year. She was directed to the Police Department.

Don Hadley - 47696 Beaver St. - said it's not that he doesn't like the Council; he doesn't like their business practices. He asked the Council to resign before the recall petitions were filed instead of costing the City money. Councilor Kordosky said he was costing the City the recall money. Hadley said no, the 200 signers on each of the petitions were costing the City money. He wants the Council to say he was right, during Mayor and Council comments, when he said without audits the City couldn't get a budget done correctly.

Hendrena DeJonge - Odle Lane - asked when the Council was going to pay the bill for her court costs and refund her fine she paid from the first court appearance after her appeal was won.

Marsha Conger - Highway 58 - passed.

Jim Coey - East 1st St. - he said he hopes all the Councilors on the recall petition fight the recall. He said this is not about any one group; it is about Oakridge.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Kordosky read a letter she received from a citizen. Honest mistakes can be corrected.

Councilor Shorey said the City is in a financial crisis. He said he has not seen all the evidence to determine what has transpired to get us here. He knows there are those in the community that feel the leadership of the Council and the Administration has failed. He said pointing fingers and becoming emotional will not solve the problem. Uncovering the facts and developing a systematic plan of action will keep us focused on the task. He said the City needs to get caught up on the audits.

Councilor Clark said she had received a phone call from a citizen after the last Council meeting on July 7th regarding a speaker that had been booed while speaking, and said she was ashamed of the citizens for doing that. Councilor Clark apologized to Eugene Cathcart for the treatment he received during the last Council meeting while he was speaking.

Councilor Barclay said this problem took time to develop and will take time to fix. He wanted to remind everyone that the Council members are people, too.

Councilor Baszler said he doesn't see much leadership. There is too much bickering going on. He said he wants the City to get back to normal, and if that means losing talented people, so be it. He urged citizens to attend the Council meetings and give their input and become involved.

Mayor Hampton said he missed a person on the Citizen Input sign-up sheet so he was going to give him his chance to speak now. He called on Jim Coey for his public comment. (See above section)

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

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Correction of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 16, 2011

5.2 Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 7, 2011

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Kordosky 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 Oakridge School Board Greenwaters Park Fee Waiver Request

Motion: Councilor Baszler moved to waive the fee for the use of the Community Building at Greenwaters Park on August 12 by the Oakridge School District. Councilor Barclay seconded the motion. 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 Sale of TV Butte Property

Councilor Baszler asked if the buyers were going to do drilling on the property. Gordon said there are restrictions and covenants in the deed and sale contract prohibiting disturbing the area where the old dump is located.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve the sale of 28.85 acres on TV Butte for \$123,000 to Crown Properties, LLC. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey asked to be reminded the property was going to be used for. Gordon said the timber was going to be harvested. It is zoned F2 so there cannot be any buildings constructed on it. He said Crown Properties own the property around it and want to add to their area.

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.

6.3 Resolution 11-2011 Tax Anticipation Note

Gordon said this was a loan against the property taxes that are received in November and December. He said this will need to be done this year and for the next two or three years or until the City cuts expenses below revenues and starts building the reserves back up. This is authorization to negotiate the loan with banks.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve Resolution 11-2011 authorizing a tax anticipation note for the City. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

Councilor Barclay asked what the City did before this mess began. Gordon said the City had reserves to use until property taxes came in and the reserves were repaid. He said now there aren't reserves to get the City through until taxes come in.

Councilor Barclay asked if the money would be deposited into the General Fund and distributed to the other funds. Gordon said the money will be used to pay bills.

Councilor Shorey moved to amend the prior motion as follows:

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to amend the prior motion and have the City Council approve the final tax anticipation note. Councilor Barclay 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.

Mayor Hampton asked for the vote on the first motion approving the tax anticipation note with the amendment for the Council approving the final note.

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

6.4 AFSCME Public Works General Bargaining Contract Ratification

Gordon said the wages are 0% increase the first year and 2% for the second and third years.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to accept the contract with AFSCME Council #75 - Local 2831-04 Oakridge General Bargaining Unit. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion. G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Nay), D. Barclay (Nay), A. Kordosky (Aye), E. Baszler (Nay), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 4-3.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Second Reading and Approval of Ordinance No. 902 Sign Code Changes

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the second reading of and adoption of Ordinance 902 read by title only adopting a sign code amendment for electronic signs. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton asked for it to be read by title only.

Councilor Clark read Ordinance 902 by title only: Ordinance 902 Amendment to the City of Oakridge Zoning Ordinance Regarding Sign Code.

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:

8.1 AFSCME Police Contract Ratification

Gordon said wages are 0% increase for the first year and 2% for the second and third years.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to accept the contract with AFSCME Council #75 - Local 2831-02 Oakridge Police Department. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

Councilor Barclay had asked for the water and sewer being paid by the City for department heads to be paid by the department heads and he does not see it in this contract. Gordon said this contract is for the

union personnel and not department heads. The payment of water and sewer bills was never in the contract.

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

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES: No report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration - no report. No meeting at the end of this month.

Community Services - will meet Monday, August 1st, at 11:00 a.m.

Public Safety – no report. Meet July 27th at Noon at City Hall.

LCOG- no report.

Chamber of Commerce – had a presentation from St. Vincent De Paul at the old roller rink. No more meetings until fall.

Watershed Council - board meeting at the end of the month.

LRAPA – no report. The Oakridge Advisory Committee will meet July 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the Willamette Activity Center in Room 10.

Trails - discussed plans for trail improvement. Solicit help from outside groups. GOATS will reciprocate.

Library – no meeting until September.

OEDAC - no meeting.

OWL - no meeting. Working on Community Calendar.

Regional Fiber – no meeting.

Parks, Trails, & Trees - main concern is lighting at Osprey Park. They are bright. City has put up different options but they are still bright. They are exploring tinted or lower wattage. They are also looking at leaving them on all night or shutting them off after park closes.

ACT - meets in a week or two. Still in the education phase. He wants to know about ODOT Flexible Funds and has some information he will give to Gordon to research.

Lane Economic Committee – no meeting.

HUB – working on hanging baskets. Have a complaint about the hot dog vendor being on the sidewalk.

UBRA - banners will be up on 1st St. soon. Looking at buying the brackets. They are having a fundraiser by feeding the Fiddlers at Westridge School for breakfast and lunch for four days.

The Council recessed at 9:00 p.m. to go into Executive Session at City Hall in the Council Chambers under ORS 192.660 (2) e - Property Negotiations and ORS 192.660 (2) i - Performance Evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council reconvened under Regular Session and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council August 4, 2011.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder