



August 18, 2011
City Council Regular Session
Oakridge High School Auditorium
7:00 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 7:00 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 we have ten people signed up to speak so he will allow three minutes per person.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT –

John Ryon - 47735 W. 2nd St. – said he thought what the Mayor did last Council meeting to Mr. Welsh was unconstitutional. He said everyone has a right to defend themselves. He compared the Mayor to Hitler and said he was killing the town.

Floyd Staley - 76854 High Prairie Road – showed the Council and audience his repertoire of yo-yo tricks.

Kurt Andrews - 76138 Rigdon Drive - said the water rate discussion was not on the agenda posted in the Dead Mountain Echo flyer. He said the Mayor was not following Robert's Rules for the meetings when he puts a time limit on public comment. He said they also have the video of the meeting at the Lane County Commissioner's meeting if anyone wanted to watch it.

Debra Allen - 48274 Hills St. - said that the when City raises water rates it hurts the citizens that haven't gotten a Social Security raise. She urged the Council to resign as they were not representing the City.

Robert Baker - 76326 Klohn Road - asked the Council to consider repealing Ordinance 884 and get more involved in overseeing the City's business.

Billie Wheeler - 48581 E. 1st St. - said she thought the Council agreed on concerts in Greenwaters Park ending at 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. She asked about the mining operation on the property the City sold. She asked if any of her concerns would be addressed.

James Affa - 76340 Garden Road - said he had talked with a federal agent about the situation in Oakridge about a month ago. He said the City should disband the police department before the rates are raised to pay for an ambulance. He said bringing in the Sheriff department for police services would be a good option and would leave money to fund the fire department.

Eugene Welsh - PO Box 389 - said he moved here for the climate and recreational opportunities. He said the City doesn't advertise those benefits of Oakridge. He said grants come out of the senior's pockets. He said Social Security hasn't had an increase for three years. He wants his children to be able to raise their families here and not have to worry about emergency services, police service and education. He doesn't agree to a water/sewer increase.

Ronald Hill - 76571 Walker St. - said he has lived here for 18 years and he sees Oakridge going downhill. He said Council meetings are supposed to be for Oakridge residents not for people outside the area and other countries.

Gene Hilleman - 47800 Short St. - he said the City got this loan until November. He asked what happens after November and if the City would have to borrow money again?

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Barclay said he appreciates everyone for attending and he would like to see the high school auditorium full every meeting. He said the Council works for the people in Oakridge and citizens need to get involved. He said free speech enabled someone to liken the Mayor to a person responsible for six million deaths. He said public comment, by Oregon state law, is not required at these meetings; public attendance is. He said public comment is a courtesy that is extended.

Councilor Barclay said he did watch the video of the Lane County Commissioner's meeting and it was a four to one vote. He said they did voice some concerns. Commissioner Leiken did not feel this situation was a County Commissioner's responsibility. Barclay said it is Oakridge's mess to clean up. Commissioner Bosievich did not use the word malfeasance in relation to reconciling the GL to the bank statements on a monthly basis. He called it malpractice of a public official.

Councilor Barclay wondered what the penalty is of borrowing against the property taxes six months down the road. Will it affect projects that are funded with property taxes in November and December? He said at the last work session the comment was made by the City Administrator that we bought things we couldn't afford. He asked what things were bought.

Councilor Shorey said he received an email from Billie Wheeler but she did not have a phone number so he could contact her. He said a mine is not going in. The proposal was for exploring the idea of putting in a rock quarry which would be after Oakridge Sand and Gravel expends the ability to get rock out of their

current space. Shorey said he predicted between two to four years of borrowing money before Oakridge is well again. He said it's his prediction; it doesn't mean it's accurate.

Councilor Baszler said raising water rates is a touchy subject. He said Oakridge should not have to make up money in water/sewer charges. He said let's go ahead with borrowing tax money to get out of the hole.

Mayor Hampton distributed two items to the Council. One was a letter from Billie Wheeler and the other is a bill with a note on it from a customer. Mayor Hampton read the note from Dennis and Caroline Dietrich which suggested "The City Council pass an emergency resolution to assess a one dollar Debt Crisis Surcharge to every water and sewer bill. This could allow at least one person to not be laid off. Please pass our suggestion along to the Council."

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Hampton pulled 5.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 4, 2011.

Councilor Shorey added 6.4 Internal Control Policies and Asset Management

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.2 St. Vincent DePaul Financial Literacy Class Fee Waiver

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve item 5.2. 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.

5.1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of August 4, 2011

Councilor Fortune said on page three of the Council packet in the minutes, the public comment speaker should be Robin Kever.

Councilor Shorey said on page ten of the Council packet in the minutes, it should read Internal Control Procedures into Policies. He said also on page seven of the Council packet in the minutes it should clarify the motion to read "moved to accept proposal number two made by the auditors to modify their opinion and receive a qualified audit on the General Fund for fiscal year 2008-2009."

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to accept item 5.1 with the above corrections. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion. Mayor Hampton (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), E. Baszler (Ayer), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Sterling Bank Parking Space Closure Request

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to close the two parking spaces on Cedar Street next to Sterling Savings Bank to allow for the customer appreciation day August 25th. Councilor Shorey 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 Fat 55 Facilities Request with Noise Request

Mayor Hampton said on page 21 of the Council packet for the permit there isn't anything checked for a noise variance. He said it should be checked "no".

Councilor Baszler asked about the vehicles parked at the industrial park. Mayor Hampton said that was for Mountain Bike Oregon, not for the Fat 55 permit they were discussing now.

Mayor asked the applicant what the hours were going to be for the music and awards ceremony. Eugene Cathcart, the applicant, said music would be from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. with the awards ceremony is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and he expects the amplified noise to be finished by 8:00 p.m.

Councilor Barclay asked Mr. Cathcart if he was late getting his permit in last year. Mr. Cathcart said yes he was. Councilor Barclay said he is late again this year.

Councilor Shorey asked what kind of security he was going to have. Mr. Cathcart said he wasn't going to have any security as it was a mountain bike race.

Councilor Clark asked if there was going to be alcohol sold at the event. Mr. Cathcart explained that he was late this year with his application because he didn't know he could be on the agenda. He said with all the other stuff going on he didn't want to talk about the mountain bike race during public comment and then the time was over the 45-day time frame. He said he would like to have a beer garden at the event but the City Administrator said he was too late; but to ask the Council for consideration.

Councilor Barclay asked how they could vote on the alcohol permit when it was not included. Mayor Hampton said it is City staff that goes over the checklist for the alcohol permit and makes sure security and everything else was complete and satisfactory.

Eugene Cathcart said he was holding the event to bring more people and economic stimulation to the area. The race will be on Saturday and there will be a kids' day on Sunday, the 25th. He said the music was free to the community, and he invited everyone out to enjoy the weekend.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve the noise permit for the Fat 55 Mountain Bike Race on September 24th in Greenwaters Park. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. 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 GOATS Facilities Request Fee Waiver

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the fee waiver request for the Kids Mountain Bike Day in Oakridge on September 25th in Greenwaters Park. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion. 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.

6.4 Internal Control Policies and Asset Management

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to deal with Internal Control at a work session and vote on it the first meeting of September 2011. Councilor Barclay seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey said the Internal Control Policies are not in the proper format and they were passed in January 2010. He said the auditors have said the internal control system is lacking and they need to get this fixed.

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

Mayor Hampton asked when the work session would be scheduled. He said he did not have his calendar with him to check his schedule and suggested going back into regular session after the Executive Session to set the work session date and time.

Councilor Shorey said he would like to see a list of assets the City owns and their values, such as property and what the plans are for those assets. He said if there are surplus assets the City should be liquidating them to help with the financial issue instead of borrowing money.

Mayor Hampton asked if that could be a friendly amendment to the previous motion and discuss this at the work session also. The Council agreed.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

No report.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES:

No report.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Gordon Zimmerman said the Dead Mountain radio antenna project is almost complete. He passed around photos of the project to the Council. He said Chief Gomez has been working since 2006 to update the antenna and outbuilding. The project should be finished in a month or two.

Chief Gomez said the grant was \$256,000 and they were able to soft match \$52,000 of it. Gordon said when the project is done the property and the tower will be deeded by the State of Oregon to the City.

9.1 Resolution 12-2011 EMS Equipment Reserve Fund

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to approve Resolution 12-2011 creating an Emergency Services Equipment Reserve Fund for the 2011-2012 budget. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Mayor Hampton asked what the difference is between this resolution and the previous one. Gordon said only the name was different.

Councilor Shorey asked that this be done in the proper format and that it be reviewed in ten years. Gordon asked for clarification as to whether he meant in the resolution or on the budget forms. Councilor Shorey said the budget forms.

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.

9.2 Resolution 14-2011 EMS Surcharge

Gordon said the next two items on the agenda were up for discussion only. He said if the Council would like they could be discussed at the work session along with the Internal Controls and Asset Management.

Mayor Hampton said the intent of the resolution was to put money into the Emergency Services Equipment Reserve Fund.

Councilor Baszler asked what happened to the \$47,000 that was supposed to be in the reserve fund during the budget process.

9.3 Outsourcing Dispatch Discussion

Councilor Kordosky said if they weren't discussing 9.2 they shouldn't be discussing 9.3 either.

Gordon said the work session would be a better place for discussion where all the information could be available.

Councilor Barclay said it was frustrating as back in May the budget failed the first vote. He said with the concession for the Emergency Services Reserve Fund the budget passed. He said he doesn't see a difference between this resolution for a \$5.00 per month surcharge for six years and the \$7.50 per month surcharge for five years that the voters voted down. Gordon said the \$5.00 is only for ambulance replacement and not for personnel.

Gordon said the Council has a goal to replace the aging ambulances the City has. This is a potential way to raise the funds to replace the three ambulances. Councilor Barclay said this was going against what the voters wanted. Mayor Hampton said the Council could modify its goals.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration - meet Monday, August 23rd

Community Services - met August 15th. Discussed Osprey Park lighting and recommended 70-watt amber bulbs with downward baffles. They also recommended to leave the lights on at all times, all City parks post hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. including Greenwaters Park, and all City parks be posted as "Authorized Vehicles Only from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The Community Services committee would like to meet jointly with Public Safety Committee to discuss safety issues that have come up at the end of the Fourth of July fireworks show. They also discussed water rates, but not in depth.

Councilor Shorey asked when they could expect to see all amber lights at Osprey Park. Gordon said they would order them as soon as the Council accepted the committee's recommendation. Mayor Hampton asked for a consensus and did not hear any objections.

Public Safety – met last Wednesday of July. They discussed the dispatch center. The cat house is almost done. The mudding and electrical needs to be finished, but they have a shortage of volunteers.

LCOG - no report.

Chamber of Commerce – had board meeting. Board member resigned. They are trying to figure out the membership contractor as related to the Director. Those positions need to be two separate people but they haven't solved that issue yet. The Chamber is still interested in improving its website.

Watershed Council - nothing new.

LRAPA – advisory committee meets September 9th at the WAC in Room 10.

Trails - no report. Councilor Kordosky asked if anyone sees debris on the trails or has information on who is blocking the trails to please contact someone about it. She asked if you see anything please take pictures or write down the location.

OEDAC - meet Tuesday, August 24th at Mannings Café.

Parks, Trails, & Trees - meeting cancelled.

ACT - met and discussed the I-5 Bridge They are going to use one half of it for traffic and spend the next two and one half years building the other half. They spent the meeting discussing communication with the public and how they want to arrange public comment at their meetings.

UBRA – They have six banners up on East 1st Street so far. They are working on getting the money to buy more brackets to hang the rest.

Mayor Hampton said the Community Development Corporation and the Chamber held the Keg and Cask Festival. They raised \$2,600 to split between the Chamber and the Food Box.

HUB - asked about the tunnel rebuilding on Highway 58. Said they heard the highway was going to be closed five days a week. There will be a meeting September 1st with an ODOT representative.

Gordon said an ODOT Rep will be at the next Council meeting to discuss the issue. He said he had told ODOT they cannot close the whole highway as this would be a severe hit to Oakridge.

The Mayor called a five minute recess at 8:22 p.m. for Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) d - Labor Negotiations.

Gordon asked that the Executive Session be at the high school and that the work session be scheduled for Thursday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

11.0 Executive Session: ORS 192.660 (2) d - Labor Negotiations.

Council reconvened into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council September 1, 2011.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder