



February 2, 2012
City Council Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers
48318 E. 1st St.
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: Robert DeLong, Interim City Administrator
Tim Demers, Fire Chief (Absent)
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.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hampton said there are two speakers signed up and he will give three minutes apiece.

Gene Hilleman - 47800 Short St. - said people are frustrated because they don't know how to help. He asked if there was anything they could do that doesn't include physical labor.

James Affa - 76340 Garden Rd. - talked about ORS statutes and what they are for. He said the Executive Session from last Council meeting was illegal. He said discussing unemployment was not a reason. He said members on the library board lived outside the City limits and cannot be on the board. He said resolutions cannot adjust ordinances.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Shorey thanked Jim Parrot and Floyd Staley for repairing a pothole on School Street. They did it on their own and never received thanks. He thanked the School District for allowing them to use their building for the last several months. He said unfortunately they can no longer use it due to a complaint.

Councilor Baszler said they need to try to get the chipper program going again. He said even if people have to pay something towards their chipping it would be worth it.

Councilor Barclay thanked everyone in the audience for coming. He also thanked Mr. Staley and Mr. Parrot for repair of the pothole on School Street. He said he there are volunteer opportunities for the City. He said he likes to see citizens come forward with plausible and workable solutions.

Councilor Clark said it would be helpful if Mr. Hilleman would attend the Community Services meeting which is open to the public. Their next meeting is February 9th at 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. She said they could put their heads together and figure out where volunteers could help.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Add 6.3 Discuss Bankcard Signature Change
Add 8.1 Transfer 911 Calls to Central Lane 911

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2012

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Fortune 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 Co-Location Agreement between City of Oakridge and LCOG

Milo Mecham from Lane Council of Governments explained about fiber optics. He said a regeneration facility needs to be put up to help boost the signal, and they hope to have an agreement with the City of Oakridge for lease of land at the Oakridge Industrial Park. He said it would be a no-cost lease as the fiber would be put to City Hall, the schools, the remaining medical clinic, and to the City Library. He said they have purchased 12 strands to run from Merrill to Coburg. They got their funds from the Obama stimulus funds, and the fiber will run from Klamath Falls to Eugene. He said once the fiber is lit, there will be opportunities for private companies to come in and purchase lines for the general population to purchase fiber optic connections.

Councilor Barclay asked about the property at the Oakridge Industrial Park which is Lot 24. He asked what would happen if someone wanted to utilize space at the industrial park and your hut was in the middle of it and have the property unavailable for 20 years. Mr. Mecham said the lot was located in the extreme Southeast corner there is the radio tower and two regeneration facilities. He said they are putting theirs in the same lot.

Councilor Barclay asked if there was going to be any cost to the City. Mr. Mecham said the City is donating the cost of the property for the lease for 20 years. He said there are no other costs.

Councilor Shorey asked what the timeline for installation is. Mr. Mecham said they have until January 31, 2013, to spend the money. He said if they get the lease tonight, the next thing is applying for building permits, and will probably have the hut in place within a month. He said when they get a

franchise; they will be doing construction in Oakridge in April and May. He said they hope to have the system up and running by June or July.

Motion: Councilor Shorey moved to accept the agreement between the City of Oakridge and Lane Council of Governments. Councilor Fortune 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 Resolution 2-2012 Establishing Audit Committee

Interim City Administrator Robert DeLong said he has spent a lot of time looking at the audit situation. He said this proposal is something a number of cities use to increase the transparency of the audit process. He said it is modeled after the City of Albany's. He said it would be a committee of the Council. He proposes two Council members and a citizen member of the Budget Committee. He recommends that the Council adopt the resolution that will establish this as a new City Council committee.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve Resolution 2-2012 Creating the City of Oakridge Audit Committee. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Shorey asked how it differs from the current Administration Committee. Mr. DeLong said there is no citizen member of that committee. He said this is a significant task list for this committee. He said it would extend the time and work load of an existing committee.

Councilor Fortune said that by adding a citizen member of the Budget Committee that citizen is familiar with the budget and the process that goes along with it.

Councilor Barclay said he personally thought government and other agencies should be as transparent as possible. He applauds Mr. DeLong, as anything that gets information out there that should be out there. He said his only concern is that this committee is a sub-committee of the Budget Committee. He said his preference would be the three members consist of a member of the Budget Committee, a Councilor, and a citizen with no affiliation to either. He said he likes the thinking and the suggestion. He is afraid that the committee with two Councilors and one Budget Committee member could be less than objective.

Mayor Hampton recognized Mr. Hadley.

Mr. Hadley asked how much authority this person actually has. He said he has a problem recognizing the authority of you seven and whoever is on this new committee is going to bring information. He said when he reads the paperwork he understands that it doesn't matter what the guy says.

Mr. DeLong said it's a three person committee. He said it's a recommendation-only committee. They would make recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Hadley said you have to read these audits and read the budget. He asked how come we don't have any transparency on what has happened. He said he knows we are short. (Mr. Hadley started talking on other subjects).

Councilor Fortune asked Mayor Hampton if we could get back on topic.

Mr. Hadley said he had the floor. He told Councilor Fortune if he wanted him to stop just tell him.

Councilor Fortune said stop.

Mr. Hadley said he would gladly stop. He said he was going to resign from the Budget Committee because you people don't seem to understand. He said you heard James say. He said he spent three hours with County Commissioner Faye Stewart and he said (he got off on another subject). He said he understands the work session is Saturday and he was going to be there. He said he was going to the Attorney General because Mr. Affa said all those Oregon statutes.

Mayor Hampton said we have a motion on the floor. He asked if there was any other discussion.

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 Bankcard and Account Authority Discussion

Mayor Hampton asked for some explanation on this from the City Recorder.

The City Recorder said the City's bank accounts at Siuslaw Bank have the previous City Administrator's name as authorized to open and close accounts and to sign checks, and the Council needs to name a replacement. The Branch Manager of Siuslaw Bank said it needs the change recorded in the minutes so the changes can take place.

Councilor Shorey asked who the check signers were. The City Recorder said the Mayor, Council President, and the Finance Director were the signers.

Mr. DeLong said he would rather not have the authority to open and close bank accounts for the City.

Mayor Hampton said the Charter states the City Administrator will have this authority and sign checks.

Councilor Barclay said the Charter does not specify duties for the Interim City Administrator.

Councilor Shorey said they should wait until they hire a permanent City Administrator, as they have enough check signers at this time.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to remove former City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman from the check signer authorization card and as the account authority. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion. 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.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Request for Use of Greenwaters Park

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to accept the request by the Oakridge Kiwanis Club for the use of Greenwaters Park on April 7, 2012, with the fee for park use waived. Councilor Shorey 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.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Resolution 3-2012 Transferring the Eastern Lane PSAP Duties and Funds to Central Lane 911.

Chief Gomez said at the last Council meeting that the Council approved the Lane County Sheriff Dispatch services would be dispatching for the Oakridge Police Department. He said we do two functions downstairs. They take 911 calls and dispatch. He said since they are not going to have dispatch anymore, they have to transfer their 911 responsibilities down to Eugene, which is Central Lane 911. He said the difference is when someone dials 911 it will ring in Eugene. Once it is received they will send the information to the Lane County Sheriff and they will either dispatch fire, EMS, or the police. He said the function is not being lost; just someone else is doing it.

Councilor Fortune asked who was paying for this. Chief Gomez said Oakridge is. The cost is cheaper to have someone else do it rather than the City.

Chief Gomez said if someone dials 541-782-4232 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. they will get the Oakridge staff. After 5:00 p.m. if someone dials that same number they will speak to the dispatch center in Eugene. He said dial the phone like you always have to the non-emergency number and someone will answer. And if you need an officer, someone will dispatch one.

The question was asked why Oakridge would need employees in the police department if we are not dispatching.

Chief Gomez said because we have other functions such as record keeping, interaction with the DA's office, the Department of Human Services, evidence, etc. He said information will be sent out. He said there will be a town hall meeting with staff from Central Lane 911 and dispatch staff from Lane County Sheriff's Office sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve Resolution 3-2012 Transferring Public Safety Answering Point Duties and Funds to Central Lane 911. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion. D. Barclay (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), G. Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye). Motion carried 7-0.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

No report.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration - they had an informal meeting and discussed reestablishing the chipper program. Councilor Fortune spoke with Chuck Kurnick about the possibility of citizens paying for the service. He found out the cost of running the chipper is \$138 per day, and there is a part time person that works at the rest area that could be available for running the chipper.

Councilor Fortune said in a statement to the audience that he and the Council operate by *Roberts Rules of Order*. He said the reason he asked Mr. Hadley to stop because there was a motion on the floor to establish an Audit Committee. Mr. Hadley was recognized by the Mayor to make a question or statement about the proposal adopting the audit committee. He said Mr. Hadley chose to go way off into other areas, Budget Committee and City Council issues, and he felt it was inappropriate. And if nobody else was, he said stop. He said Mr. Hadley did not stop. He said he wanted to stick to the issues they were taking care of and to not slam Mr. Hadley. He said when there is a motion on the floor the Councilors operate under the same rules and if they stray off on another subject that doesn't pertain to the motion; he will raise his hand and ask the Mayor to get back on course.

Community Service - meet Thursday, February 9th at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Safety - met January 25th at noon at City Hall. The cattery is being worked on by community service people. The Dead Mountain Project is in its final purchasing of equipment such as repeaters and antenna. The project should be complete by the end of March. They discussed the PSAP change over. They discussed the Salt Creek Tunnel project. The Oregon Department of Transportation has defined their work window. They will be working May through June for two years, leaving no closures during July through October so as not to disrupt the tourist months for local businesses.

Mr. DeLong said he received an email from DMV saying they are receiving comments asking when they were going to reopen. Mr. DeLong said he replied telling them that Room 10 was available. He identified the people he could work with on that. We have not heard a response yet.

LCOG - meet later in the month.

Chamber - will meet the third Monday, February 20th at Lee's.

Watershed - Mayor Hampton said he has missed meetings due to meeting conflicts. They are still going to have a retreat up here sometime in the future. Mayor Hampton said he reminds them often about plantings at Osprey Park.

LRAPA Advisory Committee - a final report is in process.

GOATS - meeting at Greenwaters Park Monday, February 6th.

Tree Planting - Mayor Hampton said he erroneously reported the talent show and coronation were on Thursday when they are actually on Friday. He said there should be an announcement about the princesses soon.

Library - gave report last meeting. The library construction has begun. They should be complete ahead of schedule. They held groundbreaking on Wednesday.

ODEAC - meeting cancelled.

Team Oakridge - Mayor Hampton said the Community Calendar is still available.

Regional Fiber - the LCOG representative Milo Mecham gave his report earlier.

Parks, Trails, & Trees - meeting cancelled.

ACT - meets Wednesday, February 8th.

LEC - met last week. They got to hear what is going on in the City of Florence. They elected officers. They are the same officers as before.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council February 16, 2012.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Ruthann Plumlee, City Recorder