



May 17, 2012
City Council Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers
48318 E. 1st St.
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRESENT AWARDS

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
Jackie Baker, Assistant Planner
Susie LaDuke, Interim Finance Director/City Recorder

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Hampton presented awards to the "If I were Mayor" contest winners Mary Bowers and Olivia Flack.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

John Ryon, 47735 W 2nd St – Wants to know where the money that we get from the gas tax and OLCC tax goes. He said we got \$327,000 from the government that we are supposed to give to the citizens of Oakridge. When he asks about it he never gets an answer.

Mayor Hampton said we can answer those questions in less than 30 seconds.

Bob said the Gas Tax money goes to the Street Fund and the OLCC money goes into the General Fund which supports funds like the Library and Police.

Mayor Hampton said the \$327,000 was not from the Government it was from an anonymous donor and the City Council will work on how to disperse the money.

Sandra Edds, Oakridge – She know they had to make some tough choices recently, we are a small town and she appreciates what you have done.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Barclay thanked everyone for attending. Some people have asked him the status on providing information to pursue a bond that was sent by email and mailed today.

Councilor Barclay said that Councilor Shorey mentioned that the Fireworks will be canceled this year. Councilor Barclay said prior to that he got a call from Julia with Western Display Fireworks that they had contracted with. They contacted Mr. Foster at the Moose Lodge with the new contract and he took it upon himself to respond in a phone call that there wasn't any funding and they were canceling the fireworks. Councilor Barclay talked to the person that comes and organizes the fireworks and told him no guarantees but there would be a chance that we can have the fireworks. Councilor Barclay said we could possibly scale down the \$5,500 price tag to maybe \$4,500 range, something more affordable. We should keep the fireworks; there is no other event in Oakridge that is better attended. This community has lost a lot. This does fall into the RTMP funds.

Mayor Hampton said we could have citizens form a committee; they would need to find out how much money they have right now and come back to the council with a proposal and see how much money the City can chip in. The City has never sponsored the fireworks; we have contributed money.

Councilor Barclay said if there is any way to make this happen, we should.

Councilor Fortune asked if the Golf Course had a problem with the fireworks being held there.

Councilor Shorey said they did have a problem with liability issues and people leaving their trash all over the golf course.

Councilor Barclay said he'd like to see the Council support this.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5.3 Special Meeting, May 10, 2012

6.4 Report from Tamara Graham

6.5 Consider amending contract with LCOG concerning our Library Grant

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Alcohol Permit for G.O.A.T.S. at Mountain Bike Oregon Events

5.2 Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 3, 2012

5.3 Special Meeting, May 10, 2012

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

G. Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), M. Hampton (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), D. Barclay (Abstain), A Kordosky (Aye). Motion carried 6-0-1

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 Selection of Exterior Colors for Library

Mr. Hodges said the lower half will be the darker color and the other will be on the upper portion of the building.

Councilor Shorey was at the Library Board meeting when it selected the colors and he said members were trying to go with the color that matched City Hall the best.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve Midnight Clover and Pine Ridge for the exterior colors of the Library. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

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

6.2 Amendment to Engineering Services for New Library

The City Engineer, Edward Hodges, with Curran-McLeod handed out a change order amount to put solar panels on the Library.

The overall summary for the Library is that it is on time and under budget. This is going to be a fantastic investment.

Mr. Hodges gave a report on the contract for the Library and some of the changes we had to make.

What Mr. Hodges is requesting is to reallocate some of the dollars that were for construction to engineering. The IFA does not mind amending the contract but they ask that the City give an additional \$10,000 to engineering. This is not money that they are contracted.

Councilor Barclay said he thought the original contract put a cap of 10% on engineering costs.

Mr. Hodges said that is correct, they stripped everything they could out of their own budget to make it 10%.

Councilor Barclay said he'd rather see value added to the building like the solar panels, as they will pay for themselves.

Mr. Hodges said that the original 10% didn't start out that way; we cut quite a bit by eliminating the resident inspector services. When you have the resident inspector there it reduces your liability that is why I pushed Bob and the City to put that back in.

After reviewing the change order for the solar, which is approximately \$43,000, the part of that \$43,000 for engineering costs is \$1006. That is primarily because they have to draft the the configuration of the solar panels. Ed had to do a load analysis for the vendor to figure out the panel size.

Mayor Hampton said he wanted to look at it from a slightly different view point, what is fair and do we want to maintain a relationship with this engineering firm.

Mr. Hodges appreciates the comments from Mayor Hampton and Councilor Barclay.

Motion: Councilor Kordosky moved to approve the requested amendment for Engineering Services for the Library. Councilor Shorey seconded the motion.

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

6.3 Forensic Auditor Report

The Forensic Auditor Tiffany Couch gave her report to the Council. She prepared two reports, one to show us where we are at and how bad it really is and the other she prepared over the last 24 hours, the one she thinks we really need to hear, but it's not the easy one to give.

She didn't find that anyone had stole any money, what she did find was worse; it was a gross mismanagement of your City's money. She fixed 2011 on Monday night. On June 30, 2011, when the last person left this City Hall and they walked out the door this City had \$38,000 to its name. \$3,000 in the LGIP and \$35,000 and some change in Siuslaw Bank. Not enough to make payroll, not enough to fix the dike if it broke, not enough for anything. That is an egregious breach management.

In the last two months she has performed what constitutes a miracle. She had made 150 accounting adjustments for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Tiffany dealt with people at City Hall who didn't want to help her and kept information from her on purpose.

Why is it that Tiffany and Bob are the ones that are all in; in terms of her time, in terms of how much she is giving away in her energy, Bob and Tiffany are the ones that are all in. She does not understand why she is not getting phone calls, emails or visits to City Hall by all of you (City Council) when she is here. We are so close to the finish line and one day she will be on Highway 58 and not going to come back and she does not want to leave all of us and know that we are not going to be successful. We are at a decision making mode where we can go one way and leave it the status quo and are going to set up Mrs. LaDuke and our future City Administrator; they are going to leave them in the lurch and we are going to be in the same position we were in a year ago. On the other hand she sees a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and she can get us there. It's not going to easy or cheap but at this point in time if we asked her to go in that office and ask her how much cash do we have, how much payroll liabilities do we have or what's our accounts payable? Her answer to us would be "I don't know."

We have come a long way since October; we've got a budget and we've got numbers good through 2011. It would not be fair to our new Finance Director to try and have her learn her new job and put the pieces of the puzzle for 2010 together.

The council needs to decide what they want to do from here on out; do they want to be all in or will they stay at the status quo and help Susan the best they can.

We have to fix 2012; we need to be able to press a button and know how much cash we have, how much "accounts payable" we have; we need to know if we need a tax anticipation loan and when.

We have people who have decimated our City and there are statutes against that.

This terrible thing did not have to happen to us.

Tiffany wants the council to be more involved with her to help our City.

Councilor Barclay praised Tiffany for her work; she did what the accountants and two of our staff members could not do.

Councilor Shorey said we are still in dire straits but there are two people in this room that brought us to where we are now, Tiffany Couch and Bob DeLong. He can't say how much he approves the work they have done and how much of themselves they have put in to this.

6.4 Tamara Graham – Auditors Report

Tamara Graham said thank you for the opportunity to briefly go over the results of the audit; the report was just released today.

The results of their audit are the audit has an unqualified opinion on the financial statements which means a clean opinion with no reservations. The results of the audit of Oregon minimum standards we found no exceptions or issues requiring comment except as indicated on page 50 of the financial report itself. We also issued a management letter which is included in the packet. The management letter notes significant deficiencies and two material weaknesses. We encountered no disagreements with management; there were no unresolved issues or disagreements with management that required accounting, reporting or auditing matters.

Mayor Hampton asked Tamara when they have the full report so the Council can accept the report.

They have been emailed to Bob and Tiffany and they are in the mail today.

Councilor Shorey said he missed something on the consent agenda that they approved and he'd like to discuss it, Councilor Shorey made a motion to reconsider the motion on the consent agenda. Councilor Barclay 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

Councilor Shorey asked why they are submitting the permit for the beer garden when there is already a permit out for this event.

Ben Beamer from G.O.A.T.S., the sponsors of the beer garden for Mountain Bike Oregon said that Randy Dreiling usually does both permits at once, but it wasn't included in the original permit documentation this time so he needs to add the alcohol permit for the event.

Councilor Clark said we usually adjust the hours of the event so it is shut down at 9:00 so they have an hour to get everything cleaned out for the quiet time.

Ben Beamer said they've always been quiet. He doesn't recall them shutting down before 10:00.

Councilor Fortune said they did that adjustment when there were bands playing.

Councilor Shorey moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

G. Shorey (Aye), Mayor Hampton (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), D. Barclay (Aye), A. Kordosky (Aye), E. Baszler (Nay), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 6-1

6.5 Consider Amending the Contract with LCOG for the Library Grant

Mr. Hodges said he thinks that the solar panels will be a great investment for the city. The other major concern he has is the aesthetics of the building. The vendor is going to put all the panels on the East roof of the building so we won't even be able to see them.

Mr. Hodges will email the council pictures of the solar panels.

Councilor Barclay said in the handout it says the electricity for that building will be at or below zero with the addition of the solar panels.

We will have a significant reduction in our electric bills.

We will put the solar panels on our next meeting agenda when the council has more time to look it over.

Bob gave a report on how the contracts work and payment process. It is a very complicated process and we have a new Interim Finance Director/City Recorder and he would ask for the Council's agreement to help us through an initial period where she is going to have to learn a lot of new stuff by increasing Christine's payment up to a total of \$8,000. Ed is here on site and helping us as well.

Councilor Fortune moved to approve the attached letter amending the Library grant administration contract with LCOG by increasing their level of services to the City, and increasing the corresponding compensation to LCOG by an increase of up to \$8,000. Seconded by Councilor Clark.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Volunteer Forms

There was discussion on the forms.

Mayor Hampton said he doesn't see the relevance of asking if they are a registered voter. He would like to see just one form for everything.

Councilor Clark had something she wrote that she wanted to read.

A few months ago and at numerous meetings during the public comment sections several people spoke up and wanted to know what the public could do to help the city since we are so understaffed. The Community Services Committee felt there was a need for help in the Public Works department who are down to 3 1/2 employees. Two wonderful members of the community; Gene and Celia Hilleman, stepped up and agreed to oversee the volunteer program, and only one person has volunteered. We have daily tasks that need to be done like taking out the trash and cleaning the WAC, picking up the trash that people leave all over the City that take the Public Works crew away from being able to do more important things like fixing our streets, fix water pipes etc... Where are all these people who offered to help or were they really only offering lip service? It's one thing to stand before this council and complain about everything and do nothing but complain. It's another thing to offer suggestions and be part of the solution.

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 June 4, 2012

Public Safety – The next meeting will be on May 30, 2012. Update on the Emergency Operating Plan, they at the point where they are just down to the at risk people. Faithe Simington has been distributing brochures from FEMA. She ordered more but it can take up to 45 days, it shows what businesses can do in case of disaster. Faithe said people are always saying we need to get rid of the police department; if we have a disaster and it's a county-wide disaster, where are all the police going to be? Are they going to come help Oakridge? They will be in the metropolitan areas. We need to protect our people and keep our police.

LCOG – No report

Chamber of Commerce – Next Monday with a \$5.00 soup lunch

Watershed Council – Retreat this weekend; they will walk uptown and meet with business owners and then dine at the pub.

LRAPA – No report

Trails Committee – Working on a volunteer form.

Treeplanting Committee – Will be wrapping up next Monday; there will be some turnover of committee members.

Library – We have a new volunteer. They are trying to find a way to let people outside of the City to be able to access the Library.

Ben Beamer with IMBA is working on a new kiosk and bike rack to possibly put up at City Hall.

ODEAC –John Milandin is working hard on the OIP. We are having a joint City Council, Planning Commission and OEDAC meeting on the 24th at 7:00 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Area Commission on Transportation – Met last Wednesday.

LEC - Will meet on Monday

UBRA – No report

HUB - The highway was striped.

The Council discussed how to proceed with the Applications for City Administrator. They will have a separate meeting/work session for that at a later time after the deadline.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 7, 2012.

Signed: _____
Donald E. Hampton, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder