



October 4, 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

Council Present: Gerald Shorey, Mayor
Glenn Fortune, Council President
Daniel Barclay
Ernest Baszler
Rayetta Clark
Amy Kordosky
Terry Callahan

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Dale Scobert, Acting Chief of Police
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner
Susie LaDuke, Interim Finance Director/City Recorder

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Paris Potter 47630 W 2nd St – Thank you for the chipper program. He would like to know if there is a fund that citizens can donate to for major repairs for the City.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

7.4 Rest Area Discussion

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes from the September 6, 2012 and September 20, 2012 Council meetings.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve both sets of minutes with the correction on page 11. Councilor Callahan seconded the motion.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Atherton was supposed to get caught up on their payments by October 1st, 2012; they didn't make the payment so the City Attorney is moving forward with foreclosure documents.

Still working on the bond for Gordon, they asked Louis for more information.

They had a Salt Creek Canal meeting today; Ed estimated \$300 - \$400 thousand to fix it.

On October 26, 2012 the office staff would like to go to a customer service class in Sun River. The class will help them how to deal with abrasive customers. Jan and Mikal from downstairs said they can be up here to take payments. They won't be able to process anything but they can hand write receipts and answer phones.

The Mayor and City Administrator are focused on customer service; ways to improve it and how to handle difficult situations.

They Mayor and City Administrator looked at the WAC for possible uses; one use might be turning the courtroom into a meeting room and holding the City Council meetings in there. We will have more room for citizens and the heating and air conditioning would be more comfortable temperatures.

For the meeting on the 18th, it will be a work session but Susie and LRAPA would like some of the Councils time.

6.2 City Recorder-Finance Report

The 2010-2011 Audit is complete; it was a pretty good audit, same deficiencies.

Susie handed out the Financial Reports to the Council.

We will be handing out the Secret Millionaire money on October 6, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.

6.3 Support of Race to the Top Grant Submission for Oakridge School District

The Oakridge School District has formally adopted the goal of implementing a proficiency based education system for the children here in Oakridge.

The Shift is supported by the Oakridge School District Board of directors.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Oakridge School District. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Charter Franchise Fee Discussion

There was discussion on franchise agreement and extension for more time to review the proposal and changes.

Councilor Fortune said we should see if we can get a copy of Cottage Groves franchise agreement.

7.2 Library Status Report and Change Order

They had the punch list walk through today; only minor corrections need to be made. On the double doors on the west side of the building we need to install a handicapped button to automatically open the doors.

Some of the Library Board members asked about covering the deck on the back of the library, the contractor and the Engineer don't think it would do much good against the weather, it is up too high and the rain will get in anyway.

They want to put up a sign on the rails around the back deck that say "Do Not Climb"

The Architect has asked for money and with the minor changes the amount would be about 17,000 – 18,000 dollars.

Councilor Barclay wants more information.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the change order punch list items for the Oakridge Public Library to total no more than \$20,000 on the repairs. Councilor Kordosky seconded the motion.

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

7.3 Amtrak Train Station Discussion and Letter of Support

Lynda Kamerer and Pat Harmon are requesting a formal letter from the City of Oakridge to Amtrak stating the City's interest in having a passenger stop here.

They have been in contact with Robert Eaton from Amtrak. This is one of the first steps to move forward.

Councilor Barclay asked if they have contacted ODOT; they may be able to assist them.

Pat Harmon did contact ODOT and they were very helpful.

They would like a council liaison; Councilor Clark said she would do that, she helped get the Diamond Express to Oakridge.

They aren't sure if they are going to ask for a full stop station or a flag stop; they will ask for the most they can get and if they have to get scaled back to a flag stop that is ok.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we authorize the Mayor sign a formal letter to Amtrak stating the City's interest in Passenger Rail Service. Councilor Callahan seconded the motion.

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

7.4 Rest Area Discussion/ Requiring Safety Plans for Larger Events

Louis spoke with someone from ODOT; we do own the property. As for the rest of the rest area they ok with City sanctioned events as long as they don't interfere with the motoring public.

Councilor Fortune said the Community Services Committee could look at it and come back with recommendations.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Interim Police Chief Scobert announced that our temporary police officer is going back to Polk County; we will find another full time replacement.

Councilor Baszler asked about the house on Commercial Street with all the cars in front.

Chief Scobert said they have been issued citations and he will have to appear before the Judge before we will see movement.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers said they have asked for Accountability from Event Coordinators, they do have concerns about getting to bikers if they are injured out on the trails.

Come by and see the new sign out in front of the Fire Department; it was paid for by the safer grant. Chief Demers explained how the safer grant helps our community.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Administration – Discussed general fund and EMS holding their own, Mission Statement and discussed the Chipper program and scheduling the chipper.

Public Safety – They met today; they discussed surplus properties, they have a couple hundred bikes that they need to dispose of. Discussed the cattery and the gun range, there are some repairs that need to be made on the west end of the range. Still discussing Public Nudity and Chicken Ordinances.

LCOG – They had their public meeting; they only meet about four times a year. They had a report from their Executive Director.

Library - The design for the Memorial Plaza is shaping up, discussing bike rack and fountain.

Executive Session 8:40 p.m.

Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (e) “to conduct deliberations with person designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions”

Back in session at 9:07 p.m.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to reject the offer on the 8.4 acres. Councilor Barclay seconded the motion.

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

The Candidates forum will be on October 17, 2012 at the High School Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council October 18, 2012.

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder