

October 18, 2012 Work Session City Hall Council Chambers 48318 E. 1st St. 7:00 p.m.





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 (absent) 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

<u>Karon Tiller, 47596 Riverview</u> – Will be having a garage sale for the food box in Gym at the WAC, is asking for fee waiver for the use of the gym.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Baszler commented on the Candidates Forum on Wednesday.

Councilor Clark talked about the Food Box; a large amount of information must be entered in to the computers, confidentiality is a big concern because of the room conditions. People do not want to give out their information. They want to use a vacant room for that purpose, food box users are now given a card.

United Way lost funding so they are asking for a lower rate on the room rent.

This will be on the November 1st agenda.

Mayor Shorey welcomed the four council candidates that attended the meeting.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 None

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Louis gave an update on Atherton.

Willamette Activity Center plan, a study was last done in 2010.

Salt Creek; the City and Forest Service have both been working on this.

Rental of a room for the Food Box for \$50.00 a month at the Willamette Activity Center.

6.2 City Recorder-Finance Report

Summer Sears gave a report;

Summer went over the Revenue and Expenditures statements with the Council and explained how to read it easily.

Restructuring of the accounting system was done at the end of August; the documents are more clear and easy to read.

Councilor Clark said the report was so much easier to read now.

- The 2011 Audit has been completed
- The 2012 Audit; the reconciling for the cash has been completed; there are still tweaks that need to be done in the process.

Summer presented the cash balancing process.

The 2012 Audit; the auditors will be here the second week of November. We have until December 1st to get any audit issues resolved, if there are any.

Councilor Barclay talked about the Audit Committee, the communication between the City and the Auditors will be important when the Auditors are saying they are not getting cooperation.

Louis said once stuff gets into the Council's hands; it gets to where it's public record, that's why we don't like to do scanned documents. Now if you want regular updates during the process, they can get with the audit committee and update that way.

When the auditors are here that is the best time for the City Councilors to get a hold of them and sit down with them and ask questions; what were the weak points, what were the strong points.

Louis said later on down the line they will be presenting some type of agreement where we can keep separation. We don't have separation on the reconciliation of cash. We will have two separate people doing this.

Louis, Susan and Summer will keep each other accountable so we don't have anything happen like it has in the past. Louis does not want to get back in the same position we were in, in the past.

6.3 LRAPA Ordinance Revisions and Discussion

The City of Oakridge has been working towards air quality attainment for a number of years. Originally the PM 10 levels, and now the PM 2.5 levels. LRAPA is asking the city to revise its current ordinance to assist in achieving the PM 2.5 levels.

Louis introduced Merlin Hough from LRAPA.

Mr. Hough, Director of LRAPA. By December 14th, 2012 they are required to have a plan for this area on how to meet the air quality standards. Mr. Hough went over the air quality standards and how to get there.

There are two keys things; one is finishing the home woodstove replacement program and the other is to improvement the curtailment effectiveness on red days, currently we have about 20 red days.

Mr. Hough reported his plan to the council and explained the issues to them.

Councilor Baszler is concerned because he had to buy a new wood stove and is burning seasoned wood but still has black smoke. What are you supposed to do it that is your only source of heat and he doesn't want to get a ticket.

Mr. Hough said the key is to try to avoid burning on those 20 days a year, if someone has low enough income and has an exemption then that could be an option. The new wood stoves help with burning but not 100%.

Over a million dollars has been spent in Oakridge for the Warm Homes Program and people have asked where the money was spent. It was spent on a variety of resources; homeowners have received 90% of the money, on either wood stove replacement or providing weatherization and home repairs. St. Vincent DePaul has assisted also.

Another question people have for LRAPA is why they measure air quality in the worst area of Oakridge. The answer is; they are required to measure air quality in the neighborhood scale that is most impacted.

Mr. Hough touched on other areas that were of concern. (See attached)

Everybody needs to do their part on no burning days.

Even if LRAPA goes away the standards stay the same, they are Federal requirements.

Mr. Hough went over more questions from citizens.

Air quality has improved over time; we hope we can get to the point where we don't have to worry about the curtailment of red days.

Most days of the year Oakridge's air is better than Eugene and Springfield.

Mayor Shorey said we can take this up at our next meeting.

Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (a), "to consider the employment of a public officer or employee".

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council November 15 2012

Signed: ____

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Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: ____

Susan LaDuke, City Recorder