



January 3, 2013
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
Rayetta Clark, Council President
Glenn Fortune
Jim Coey
Ernest Baszler
Les Biggerstaff
Christine Slaven

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Tim Demers, Fire Chief
Dale Scobert, Chief of Police
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary
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.

1.1 Swearing in New Mayor and Councilors

Susan LaDuke swore in Mayor Jerry Shorey and New Councilors Jim Coey, Les Biggerstaff and Christine Slaven.

1.2 Elect New Council President

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to elect Councilor Clark as the City Council President. Councilor Biggerstaff seconded the motion.

L. Biggerstaff (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Benjamin Beamer, 76438 Maple St, Oakridge- Thanked the Council for their service and everyone else who volunteers their service on other boards and committees. Congratulated the new Councilors. Ben read a quote.

Dawn Kinyon, 47709 School Street, Oakridge - Formally requested a copy of the 2012-2013 budget.

Louis said he would get her a copy.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

3.1 State of the City Address

Mayor Shorey read his State of the City Address

3.2 Committee Assignments

Mayor Shorey announced the new committee assignments.

See attached

Mayor Shorey needs to know when and where the committees meet.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

N/A

The City Attorney will be here at the next meeting for Council training.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes from the December 20, 2012 Council meeting

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the December 20, 2012 City Council minutes. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Mayor Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), L. Biggerstaff, C. Slaven (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

Mayor Shorey asked when we were going to talk about Chapter 30.

Louis said he didn't even put it on the agenda yet, he wants to bring the Council a draft. Even though it's been codified into this form it still needs to go before Council to make the changes to the ordinance.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

The City Attorney has requested more documents for the Atherton foreclosure. Louis is getting him what he needs.

They are still working on the Surety Bond, Louis needs to answer a few questions from the bond company. Once they get everything they will let the City know if there is something there or not.

They are putting together a Steering Committee for the Salt Creek Canal.

Public Works had to send in a water test about three weeks ago, it is an expensive test, they test for surface water organisms; they did find some intrusion at level one. At this point we don't have to do anything until it is at a level ten; at level 14 we treat the water. We will have to test the water again. The test costs around \$300-\$500.

6.2 City Recorder-Finance Report

Susan handed out the Cash Position Report to the City Council.

Amount available in our Siuslaw General account is 732,675.01, the Safer Grant account has 38,406.40, the Ambulance account has 67,419.02 and the Sterling account has 45,783.42.

Our Audit is complete and on time; Susan gave copies to the City Council and Staff. It was an unqualified audit.

6.3 Strategic Plan Discussion

Louis said this actually segways into Ben Beamers quote in regards to planning and working and building towards the future of the community.

He presented to the Council what it would cost to bring in a third party facilitator to assist the city in setting up a strategic plan.

We have requested a grant from the Ford Foundation; that would be about \$4,900 and the City's part would be approximately \$1,300 maybe a little more or less.

There is a break down in the Council packets what they would be presenting to us by week.

Louis has received positive feedback on putting together a strategic plan.

Councilor Coey asked Louis if there is really a reason we need to hire these people or anyone; there's not enough talented people in our community without having to spend \$6,100?

Louis said it is better to minimize people saying they don't want to talk to this person or that person being the facilitator of this group. Louis agrees that there is talent in the community. He will be presenting this to Council at a later date. It's up to the Council and whatever way they want to go.

Councilor Biggerstaff said he would like to see a third party administrator come in to do this.

Gary Carl asked Louis if we didn't get the grant from the Ford Foundation if it would change his mind about a hiring a third party administrator.

Louis said he would still go forth with the strategic plan; we may have to look at a plan B and look at local talent.

Louis has talked to other people who have used this third party facilitator and they are very happy with their work.

Councilor Slaven asked if we knew a time line on when/ if we are going to get the grant.

Louis said we should know something by the end of this month. Their timeline to get this done is between 90 and 120 days.

Councilor Coey asked Louis if he has contacted the Ford Foundation.

Louis said they are doing all of that for us.

Councilor Slaven asked where the \$1,300 would come from.

Louis said from Professional Services; he would take it out of each fund, this will affect every fund.

Councilor Coey said since we have a good long term relationship with the Ford Foundation we should contact them ourselves.

Louis said we can do that.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Library Update

Louis said when we had our audit done on the library we had a few minor shortcomings. With the help of Susan and Christine Puetz they have corrected all of those issues. He just wanted to let the Council know where we were with that.

The Engineer is in the process of lining up all the final change orders including the dampener and the board for the HVAC unit.

We are close to getting the library grant closed out.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

They are in the process of hiring a #2 person downstairs. It is his intent to hire Dale Scobert as the Chief sometime this month; he is hoping to do the same with Susan LaDuke as the Finance Director/City Recorder.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers apologized for running out on last months meeting.

The Light Parade was a success; they received \$220 in cash, 350 lbs of food and "a bunch" of toys. Chief Demers thanked the community and surrounding communities.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked about going to the WAC and looking at the Justice Court room.

The Council decided to meet there tomorrow at 10:00 am.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Discussed dates and times for some of the meetings; there will be changes in some of the meeting times.

Mayor Shorey asked if we are going to be able to utilize the old library for meeting space.

Louis said that is the intent, he is just waiting for them to get everything out of it.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council January 17, 2013.

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder