



January 17, 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.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Quin Slocumb, 47529 Westoak Rd, Westfir – Commercial access to NFMF Rafting; Sent a request for a letter of support to the Council. They are trying to gain access to the North Fork and are running into a little trouble with the Forest Service. The season they are looking to run is from March until the beginning of July. There is a forest plan for the North Fork because it is a wild and scenic river that was implemented in 1992 that says no guides shall participate in water craft activities. If you read the forest plan it's all fishing talk which leads him to believe there was no interest at the time of white water usage, which is what they want. They applied for this permit last year and were denied. They have talked to some people at the Forest Service who has led them to believe that this is attainable but they need to prove public interest and benefit. They sent a petition around and they received a lot of signatures. They have support from the Chamber of Commerce and Middlefork Willamette Watershed Council; they are in the process of writing a letter of recommendation. This would be good for local business and the community. They would be done by the time people start going out to swim and fish.

Mayor Shorey asked Quin if the Rogue River is a wild and scenic river and if they raft on that river?

Quin said yes it is and they do raft on that river.

Mayor Shorey introduced City Attorney Ken Jones and Lauren Summers.

He introduced the Mayor and Council from Lowell.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Slaven is preparing a proposal for website changes; she'd like to spearhead that group to upgrade our website.

Mayor Shorey said if she has more information for the next meeting we can put it as a discussion item.

Councilor Coey said he went out with Quin a few times last year and had a lot of fun. They do family runs; it's not a crazy river by any means. This would be a great addition to our family here if we could expand his operation.

Councilor Coey wanted to publicly thank Erika Coyer for writing the letter for the grant money that we are going to the Ford Foundation with. The letter will definitely benefit us in the getting the money for the Strategic Plan.

Louis said he did not send the letter to the Councilors. What he did send out was the justification draft that was done by Park Resources. He will send out the letter from Erika Coyer.

Councilor Clark gave an update on Amtrak, so far it is going in a positive manner. They are working on getting their committee together.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- 7.4 Facilities Permit for FM Lighting
- 6.5 OICC Liquor Application for Lee's Chinese

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes from the January 3, 2013 Council meeting

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Mayor Shorey asked Louis about the action on the chapter 30 changes that we talked about. That is old business that we will discuss at the next meeting. He would encourage everyone to read chapter 30.

6.1 City Administrators Report

The City Attorney is getting ready to move forward with the actual filing for the foreclosure process on Atherton.

In regards to the bond he recently got a note from the bond company that he needs to respond to. They are just asking for clarification and a couple small items.

6.2 City Recorder-Finance Report

Susan gave updates on the bank accounts for the City. The LGIP account is different from last time, they made a transfer to pay J. P. Prinze, and the money came in to the LGIP from the IFA.

They are continuing on getting their stuff up to date in the accounting office. She will update as they get further along.

6.3 Letter of Support

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that the Mayor sign the letter of support for Upstream Adventures. Seconded by Councilor Coey.

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

6.4 Supplemental Budget

Louis said as you know we started this fiscal year we started our beginning fund balances at a zero. There are a number of adjustments that need to be made.

One of the things he did not put on there is adding another person for Public Works which he has already started but forgot to put on the agenda bill; that is the other piece he will be addressing.

They key areas that are really hurting us are the parks; we budgeted \$2,000 in an area that in the past we budgeted \$12,000-\$15,000.

There are some adjustments in the WAC; but no change in the budget amounts in that piece.

One of the biggest pieces is we paid for two audits this fiscal year and we budgeted for one. More than likely he would ask the council to allow him to take \$25,000 from the LGIP to move for a funding source for this specific item.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked Louis about the \$40,000; the possible fiscal impact. Is that for the year?

Louis said that is for the adjustments that he wants to do, for example \$25,000 of that would be for the audits; and then the parks. It could be more or less.

6.5 OLCC Liquor License Application for Lee's Chinese

Louis said this is a transfer of the license, as you know Jeff Lee is leaving the area, another couple is taking over the business. The transfer of the license is pretty standard. We have not had any issues with this business.

Motion: Councilor Coey moved to approve the OLCC License for Lee's Chinese Restaurant. Councilor Slaven seconded the motion.

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

6.6 City Attorney Training for Council

City Attorney Ken Jones and Lauren Sommers gave their training presentation.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Library Update

The contractor has been out there working with the HVAC units, putting up the wall. The HVAC people will be out next week to do the covering for the units themselves. It will be sound absorption material.

Councilor Coey said he looked at that today, it looked a little skinny to him, maybe a half inch board.

Louis said it's supposed to be thicker than that. He will do some follow up on that.

7.2 Microscopic Examination Report (Water)

The risk factor for micro-organisms contaminating our wells is low, we are at a level one, it would get risky for us if we hit level ten. At level fourteen then we would have to build a water plant for treating surface water. We are not there and we are looking good.

7.3 Estimate for Rehabilitation of Well

We have received an estimate from Rainbow Pump Co; we have worked with this company for many years. The goal is to try to rehab well #6.

Councilor Biggerstaff had questions on the bid. He doesn't understand it, what is the unit price and what is the total price?

Louis said he will sit down with Chuck and the Engineer and bring this back to the next meeting.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked where well #6 is.

Louis said it is at Salmon Creek Park by the old Public Works shop.

Councilor Clark asked if we should get another estimate.

Louis said it's really difficult to get estimates from these kinds of guys.

Councilor Biggerstaff said he wasn't implying it was a bad estimate, he just doesn't understand it.

Louis said it is very confusing.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked why we are doing well #6 and not others.

Louis said the goal is to do them all, just not all at once. He can let the Council know why well #6 is first after he talks to the Engineer. We don't know if it is in worse shape.

7.4 Facilities Permit for FM Lighting and Sound

This is the third time they have been in front of us. Each time they have used the WAC gym there have never been any issues, they are very conscience about not disturbing the neighbors.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Facilities Permit for FM Lighting and Sound. Councilor Biggerstaff seconded the motion.

E. Baszler (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye).

February 27th is City day at the Capitol; Louis said the Mayor will be out of town so he plans to go to represent the City. If any Councilors would like to go email Louis and let him know.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Scobert said the Police Department has been busy.

Next Friday they will have the oral boards for the second in charge position. They have some good candidates.

Started work with the Superintendent of the Schools, the Fire Chief, County and State Police for a critical incident team; for incidents that may happen in our schools. They are in the beginning planning stages and are planning some training at the schools.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Demers said the new ambulance has the new E Plates; it's being licensed by the State of Oregon to be an ambulance. We have a radio to install so you should be seeing it on the roads soon. Our plan is to put it in service when our senior paramedic is on his shift.

Mayor Shorey asked if they will be holding an open house.

Chief Demers said they will be having a dedication; they have a plaque to put it in for the donors.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Parks, Trails and Tree Committee - Councilor Coey said they are creating a volunteer list of projects in town that people can participate in. When Christine gets her calendar up there will be a list of projects on there. They are creating a job description for a volunteer coordinator, that person will be listed for volunteers to contact; they will work with Chuck from Public Works.

There is an authorization letter that will be coming through from ODOT about the ride center for Greenwaters Park.

GOATS – This is going to be a big year for GOATS; the ride center will be completed by the end of this year which means we will have new facilities at Greenwaters Park and Diamond View Park. A lot of improvements, especially for Diamond View Park, the new cover at Greenwaters is going to be very impressive. IMBA is holding their Regional Bike Summit here the first week of October. That brings in at least 100-150 people, they are staying here in the City. They will be using all local services; Rays, Hotels etc. They just want to give back to the community.

We will have some new trails this year with the grants that have come through.

Jeff Smith will be attending the National Bike Summit in March.

Community Services – They are going to look into the parking along First Street near the Corner Bar; there have been complaints that it is hard to see when pulling out from Oak Street.

They will meet again on February 7th at 2:00.

OEDAC – Larry Phipps; they had work sessions out in the woods. The water is shut off at the old Pope and Talbot Mill; they had meetings about that and will bring recommendations to Council soon.

Regional Fiber – Councilor Fortune is the new representative

Area Commission on Transportation – Had a meeting on the 9th in Springfield. Most of the projects have been proposed; they are supposed to vote on prioritizing the projects. Oakridge did come up at the meeting for the Highway 58 project, the Mayor wants to resurrect this project so we have a say in it. What he is proposing to the Council is for him to pursue this and get them interested again. He talked to the Area Manager and he will be up next week.

Councilor Fortune asked if there was any discussion regarding replacing gasoline tax money that we receive. This will also affect the revenue.

Mayor Shorey said that has been proposed by ODOT but hasn't been embraced by the legislature, most of ODOT's money comes from the Feds. People like himself kind of resent that, they go out and buy fuel efficient vehicles and then they want to tax them because of that.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked if anyone mentioned bringing back the crosswalk near Rainbow.

Mayor Shorey said that was part of the plan. Crosswalks and safety islands, those kinds of things were getting people upset because of going from four lanes to three lanes, those kinds of things people thought were terrible for them; it was really a good study they just didn't take it far enough.

Councilor Fortune said he was part of that a few years ago. The big failure of the project to him was the conceptual drawing showed an island all through town. That is what the nay Sayers focused on.

Library – Working on the last steps of the Library Grant to close it out. They have started work on the Mark Sundin Memorial; they will be selling bricks for the courtyard.

Tree Planting – They have a website up; Oakridgetreeplantingfestival.com.

They may not be having the art show this year; they have had some issues with that; the lady that was doing it stepped down.

They want to plant trees at the OIP rehab site.

Councilor Coey said we have planted out there before and the trees died.

The theme this year is "Let the Good Times Grow"

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

Respectfully submitted before the City Council February 7, 2013

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder