



March 21, 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 (Absent)

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Dale Scobert, Chief of Police
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary
Susie LaDuke, 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

Jeff Smith 48441 East Meadow Way – Jeff attended the National Bike Summit in Washington DC, it is an annual meeting; he was representing GOATS and the City of Oakridge. Jeff gave an update on the projects that GOATS have planned for the year. Mountain Bike Oregon generates a lot of money and business for Oakridge twice a year.

James Affa Garden Road –Mr. Affa said since the City Council Meetings are going to be moved to the WAC we should have someone paint a mural on the side of the building.

There is going to be a Turkey Shoot coming up, he would like for the City to be able to tell people when and where this will be held.

Mr. Affa made a presentation to the Chamber about having a Star gazing Party.

Mr. Affa thinks Oakridge is the right town for a Velodrome. Mr. Affa brought information on Velodrome's and how to build them and get started.

Sandy Price 47763 Hwy 58 - Gave an update on the last Chamber meeting, they had a couple of new people at the meeting this week. Mr. Affa did come to the meeting to present his idea for the Star Gazing Party, they are tentatively thinking about doing it after the Keg and Cask Festival, which will hopefully get people to stay the night that would otherwise just go home.

The Newberry Eagle Newspaper has graciously given them a half page ad for every one of their papers they want to highlight business edition and then keep one portion of the ad for new membership. The way they will choose what business gets highlighted is if they attend a Chamber general meeting they can put their name in the hat and they will draw from there.

Everyone's misconception about the Chamber is that they are only interested in getting Mountain Biking events here; that is not true. It just happens to be that every body that is standing up and doing things is from the Mountain Bike Community. If you are interested in doing something please come to a meeting.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Biggerstaff asked if the general public can become a member of the Chamber.

Sandy Price said they can come to meetings, to become a member it is \$25.00 instead of the general business membership that starts at \$100.00.

Councilor Coey thanked Jeff Smith for going to DC to represent Oakridge.

Councilor Clark said the packet from Jeff Smith is very well put together.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.3 RTMP Funds

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes from the March 21, 2013 Council meeting

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the recommended changes. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

Mayor Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

The City Attorney has filed the Atherton Foreclosure documents in court; the auction date should be August 14, 2013.

Regarding the Surety Bond, he did receive a letter back; it was Mr. Zimmerman's response back to Louis' last letter. If any of the Councilors want to stop by and read the response they can stop by his office.

One of the items you have in front of you is a copy of the 12-13 TRT agreements; we will pick that up during old business.

Louis received a call from the facilitator for the Strategic Plan; he would like to come to Oakridge on the 27th or 28th of March to do the initial planning meeting with staff and Council. There was discussion on what date would work best for everyone. It was decided to meet on March 27th at 6:00 in the Council Chambers.

Concerts in the Parks have offered to do maintenance and clean up around the Amphitheater.

Councilor Coey said he talked to John Lucachick; the Parks Board Chairman about this; this is a project on the Parks Board list. Councilor Coey can get a hold of Home Depot and initiate the process to get them to donate materials. Once this is done the maintenance of it is great, right now it needs to be cleaned, water blasted and sanded, this is more than what volunteers can do, we can do it as a group but we need some professionals involved, we appreciate their help and this can be a collaborative effort.

Louis wants to work back in to sending out newsletters in the water bills again.

Jackie and I are working with the U of O water quality group; basically they are working more from a riparian zone ordinance; rather than sewer plant and water stuff. Louis will have to get with the owners that abut the river; they want to put in trees and brush to try to help cool the river. This is stuff that has come from DEQ. There will be another meeting in April.

Louis has been working on the supplemental budget, he will email the council a draft tomorrow; they can write their concerns, what they like or don't like so they can discuss it. After that he plans on posting it in the paper. They will have to do a public hearing before it can be passed.

6.2 City Recorder-Finance Report

Susan gave her financial report to the Council.

Last week Susan went the OMFOA conference at the coast. She was able to go on a scholarship; it was three days and a lot of sessions.

She reported on some of things she learned from the conference.

6.3 RTMP Funds

Councilor Coey said that in the DME flyer there was a mention of the grant for the RTMP money; there was a specific deadline for when you had to have your application in. Councilor Coey and Louis

discussed this and agreed there really does need to be a deadline for this money. His question for the council is, is this something they can kick out until the end of April.

Mayor Shorey said he is sympathetic to what he is saying; some people have their events in May, some don't have their events until September. Looking at the requests, the people who put theirs in last might not get the money.

Susan said we have a form that we have to turn in to the County by the end of the fiscal year, showing how we spent the RTMP funds, if we don't turn in that report then we won't get any more money.

Councilor Coey said that makes sense and that is why he was asking why they are being so arbitrary on this.

It was agreed that this year it did seem like it was very short notice with everything else going on, but we do need the deadline.

Motion: Councilor Coey moved to extend the RTMP funding requests deadline to April 5, 2013. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

E. Baszler (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Alcohol Permit Greenwaters Park for Corner Bar and Grill

Due to a misunderstanding on where this was going to take place this has been tabled until the next meeting. We will talk to Vince Maxwell and find out for sure where it is going to be.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Scobert handed out the Quarterly Review of Calls for Service to the Council and staff.

They are actively working on going after the homes in town that have burned down and have been destroyed. They are making some progress; Troy is doing a good job working on these.

Chuck is helping them with the asbestos issues; he is assisting in finding someone that can do them all at one time.

They are notifying people who have a lot of junk on their property and letting them know about junk amnesty days so they can get it cleaned up.

Louis said one issue they are working on is people walking their dogs and letting them go to the bathroom where ever they want and not picking it up. That is a violation of City Ordinance to not pick it up.

Troy and the officers will carry bags around with them and if they see you walking your dog and you don't have a bag they will give you one. From then on if you don't have one you can get a \$50 fine.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mayor Shorey reported that our Fire Chief has left; he has accepted a job in another city. He will be back on April 27th and 28th to do training.

They will have officers meetings every Monday.

The Fire Department got their rescue truck back that has been dead in the water for some time.

They are going out on 2-4 calls a day.

Tim Whittaker is the Acting Fire Chief until a new one is hired; Scott Hollett is the interim Fire Chief while Tim is away.

Councilor Clark asked if we have advertised for a new Chief yet.

Louis said he has not done that yet.

***Old Business

TRT Discussion

Louis gave the Council a Draft Marketing Agreement in their packets; this is the same one that Florence uses.

Louis read the agreement out loud. See attached

Louis asked for suggestions from the Council to give to the Community Services Committee so he will have something for them next time they meet.

Louis stripped down the draft copy and he did one for FY 12-13; Louis read the agreement and conditions out loud.

Councilor Coey asked if the check has been cut for the Chamber.

Louis needs this authorized first.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to present the agreement to the Chamber for approval. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Mayor Shorey (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Biggerstaff (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

Junk Amnesty

Louis apologized to Council for putting the advertisement in the paper before being approved, he talked to the County and was told we would get the fee waiver and he wanted to advertise in the paper for at least three weeks.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we accept the fee waiver and commence with Junk Amnesty. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

The fiscal impact to the City will be \$4500 to \$5500.

Councilor Biggerstaff said he knows a lot of people that would be happy to pay for Junk Amnesty; is there some way we could put something in our water bills that if they want to donate they can. We don't want people who can't afford it to feel obligated to pay.

R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye).
Motion carried 6-0

Councilor Biggerstaff and some others have been working on getting the new Council Chambers ready.

Mayor Shorey asked Louis where he was with the Yellow Bicycle program.

Louis has not been able to get to that yet, he wants finish the budget first. Louis will try to have something for him by the last meeting of May.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Community Service – Our two newest community members attended the meeting. Discussed Amtrak stopping in Oakridge, they had some communications with Amtrak wanting to know from Union Pacific a few items which Louis has forwarded on as of today. He will be sending Mr. Easton an email introducing himself as the Community Services Chair.

There have been traffic complaints at First and Oak Streets, drivers can't see when pulling out on to First from Oak Street; discussed several options that they will look in to.

Chamber of Commerce – Rick Little from ODOT was the speaker and he came and talked about upcoming road closures.

Councilor Clark said she has been attending Chamber meetings for several years and they have done a lot for Oakridge; Councilor Clark read a personal statement.

GOATS – Jeff Smith gave a similar report as he did here tonight. Finished things up with the Ditch Witch with the State and the City. The second weekend of October there will be the IMBA Regional Summit, 100 leaders of Mountain Biking will be in Oakridge, they usually stay out at Westridge but this year they are staying in Oakridge.

They formalized the adoption of Diamond View Park.

LRAPA – Had a board meeting today and went in to the first meeting for the budget. After the meeting Councilor Fortune talked to Sally Markos regarding an exchange program for seasoned wood, he told her he would throw it out there.

Parks, Trees and Trails – They are working on a Volunteer Coordinator job description.

OEDAC – There were a couple inquiries this week from Jill Miles with Business Oregon; people come to them all the time and they forward them to us. They had two hits this week, of which neither one we could fulfill.

Area Commission on Transportation – Met on the 13th in Springfield, they are still working on the 150% projects for 30 million dollars they were kicking around for various projects for Lane County. We will be meeting with ODOT again on the 30th to talk about crosswalks on the highway.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council April 4, 2013

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder