



April 18, 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
Dale Scobert, Chief of Police
Tim Whittaker, Interim Fire Chief
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

The Oakridge Tree Planting Princesses gave their speeches.

James Affa, Garden Rd Oakridge Or - He passed out papers at the last meeting showing what Bend was doing in the way of a velodrome. Bend is already fundraising and had 275 people show up and raised enough money to file for their 501C3. This is something that would bring people in.

Karon Tiller 47596 Riverview St Oakridge Or – She would like to see the City cleaned up. The property owners on the corner of Hwy 58 and River Rd need to clean the property up. She has been cleaning it up for years and she doesn't have time to do this anymore.

Sandy Price 47663 Hwy 58 Oakridge Or – Gave a Chamber update, they had a general meeting on Monday the 22nd at noon, at Big Mountain Pizza.

We played a video that is out from Travel Lane County. It is a project from the Rural Tourism Studio. They work on bringing tourism dollars to the community. They had about a dozen people over a ten week period work on this; they came up with some priority lists that have been shared with Louis.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Baszler said he was disappointed in the turn out for the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday.

Mayor Shorey said next month we will have a meeting for the Strategic Planning.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

7.2 Fee waiver for Greenwaters Park for GOATS Annual Mountain Bike for Kids

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes from the April 4, 2013 Council meeting

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

In regards to the bond, he and the City Recorder are going to write one last letter. When he gets the results back he will bring that to the Council.

The Supplemental Budget has been posted.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked if the Budget Committee will see this.

Louis said the Budget Committee will see it when they go into the 13-14 budget, right now anyone can see it.

Mayor Shorey explained what a supplemental budget is.

If anyone has any questions about the supplemental budget they can come in and talk to Louis.

Councilor Slaven explained an easier way to look at the budget and understand it a little better.

6.2 City Recorder-Finance Report

Susan was on the phone with ASYST all day and was working on an Accounts Receivable issue; she does not have a Finance Report. She apologized and will have it done Monday and put the reports in the councilors boxes.

Louis said In the back of your packets you will see a letter where people are talking about different ideas for the use of left over Secret Millionaire money. Louis would like some direction from the Council on how to handle the input and feedback from different groups and citizens on some ideas. The City does have some ideas on how to use it.

Councilor Clark said she would like to keep the money in a contingency fund for projects that may come up later.

Councilor Slaven said we should come up with some ideas on what we want to spend the money on, not just say we are going to put it aside, we need to have some projects in mind that would help the community.

Susan suggested letting it sit until we get the results back from the survey for the Strategic Plan and see what the Community wants.

6.3 Appoint Parks, Trees and Trails Committee Members

Louis said the two applicants that applied have already served on the Parks Board, they wish to stay on.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we appoint John Lucachick and Keith Brown to serve the vacant Parks, Trees and Trails Committee positions for a term of 3 years. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

Councilor Coey said since we are short one to go ahead and put a vacancy notice out.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

*****Yellow Bicycle Program**

Gary Carl said about six months ago he had the idea for the Mercantile to fix up the surplus bicycle from the Police Department and put them out for public use. That seemed like a good idea until someone asked about liability, what if they don't get the bikes back and about helmets. As he looked into those issues and talked to some people in the community he realized it wasn't such a good idea.

He talked to Kristin Dahl from Travel Oregon and she put him in touch with someone who does this professionally. Mr. Carl did that and got the idea that instead of the City doing it maybe a private enterprise could do it.

Eugene Cathcart from the Willamette Mountain Mercantile said he'd be happy to look at the surplus bikes to see if they are worth fixing up.

7.1 Parking Space closure (Road Authority) Lion Mountain Bakery

Louis said Ms. Lamont from the bakery is asking to close a couple of parking spots. This still needs to go in front of the Planning Commission, we are just asking for the parking spots at this time.

Councilor Clark said she works at the Oakridge Animal Clinic next door to Ms. Lamonts bakery and she said there shouldn't be any issues with the parking spaces out front.

Councilor Coey said he would like to see that they make sure this is seasonal.

Motion: Councilor Coey moved that we allow Ms. Lamont to use the two parking spaces in front of the Lion Mountain Bakery. Councilor Biggerstaff 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

7.2 Request for Fee Waiver for GOATS

Louis told the Council that GOATS is asking for two fee waivers, one on June 9, 2013 and on September 15, 2013 for the Kids Mountain Bike Event.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we approve the fee waiver for the two Kids Mountain bike Oakridge events, organized by GOATS and Trips for Kids CAT. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Councilor Biggerstaff said we should have money put aside out of the TRT Fund or RTMP Funds for fee waiver requests like this. It would be on a case by case basis.

Councilor Coey said they talked about this in the Community Services meeting; they talked about all of the groups coming for fee waivers but we still have park maintenance to deal with. His suggestion to the groups is to increase their grant requirement by the amount of the park fee so the City still gets the money for the park maintenance and they still get to use the park.

Eugene Cathcart said he did discuss this with Councilor Coey but he had already submitted his grant request for these events. If there is still a way to apply for the grant they would do that. They just want to be able to provide a free bike event for the kids.

Louis said nothing says that we can't project out what is going to be requested for fee waivers and set that aside. The TRT money can be used for beautification of our parks.

E. Baszler (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Nay), R. Clark (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 6-1

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Scobert handed out the Quarterly Calls for Service.

He did receive the traffic survey that was done uptown and he will present that at the next Public Safety meeting so he can explain it.

They are still actively working on six different dangerous buildings in town and progress is being made. We will see some action being taken in the next few months.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Interim Fire Chief Tim Whittaker introduced himself. He has worked for the City for eight years.

They are up significantly in their call volume, last year in 2012 they had the highest call volume in the last 4-5 years and as you can see 2013 will be even higher.

They have their fourth person on staff and they have the Safer Grant which they received for over \$600,000. That has increased their staffing capability, it has reduced their response time and it has increased the number of people on scene. This is a good increase for their revenue.

They are working on team building exercises and how to better serve the community.

The new ambulance is very nice and is helping with the infrastructure of the Fire Department. They definitely appreciate the Secret Millionaire.

Tim has been working with Louis on the Chief's job description; what they'd like to see from their new Chief; job qualifications and try to hire the best person for the Fire Department and the City.

The rescue that was out of service is now back in service.

They are doing a lot of clean up around the department; they will have surplus equipment and vehicles.

On April 27th, 2013 they are going to have the drug take back program from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

*****Old Business**

Town Hall Meeting

Councilor Coey said a year/year and half ago the auditorium was packed when there was calamity amongst us and now that things are righting and we need the help of the community to create this plan for the future of Oakridge we had 20 people show up. He would to see everyone participate in the process of what they are trying to achieve.

The meeting was not well publicized, it was not noticed out around town, in the newspaper and it was on the website.

There is another meeting on May 9, 2013. Louis is going to ask the school and make sure they don't have anything else going on.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Community Services – They discussed the traffic issue on 1st Street, will come back with recommendations for the Council.

They discussed the Amtrak Station; this is a ten step process, we are at step three. They are working on a newsletter to keep people up to date and informed on their progress. We did hear back as far as location and had an aerial view.

Gary and Pat have been spending a lot of time on grants, out of 100 grants there are probably only five that we qualify for.

Audit Committee – Didn't have a meeting, coming into the budget period now and they should be more active. They do need revisit their reason for existing.

GOATS – Ben reported that they have a lot of events coming up; including hikes and trail training. They are working on a number of grants.

Treeplanting – The mini Olympics are free this year. If anyone knows of anyone wanting to have a float have them turn in an application, they don't have many right now. Dinner theater tickets are available for purchase right now. The Museum will be open from 10-4.

Library Board – They talked about the mural they want to have painted on the wall in the children's area. The Board is working on Strategic Plan goals; they hadn't brought anything forward yet.

OEDAC – Louis reported on signs they are working on for the Highway, they have ordered 4 x 8 ft signs, and the only change is it has the City logo in the left hand corner. Once the signs come in Chuck will mount them. They have a meeting on the 29th with a Rep from the State of Oregon and the Lane County Director for Economic Development.

Area Commission on Transportation - Met on the 10th, discussed up coming projects. One thing that is in process is the South Valley Regional Solutions Center; this is a group that will help those with projects going on.

They are working on getting high speed rail from Eugene to Vancouver B.C. It is in the study stage at this time.

Gary Carl attended the Kiwanis meeting, two young men that are students at the U of O are talking about bringing a mobile medical van to this area, and they will make a presentation to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council May 2, 2013

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder