



May 16, 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 (Absent)
Les Biggerstaff
Christine Slaven

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Dale Scobert, Chief of Police
Tim Whittaker, Interim Fire Chief (absent)
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Kever, Oakridge Or - Ms. Kever thanked the Mayor, Councilor Biggerstaff and Louis for coming down to her store. She asked if anyone has talked to other towns that have themes, how many towns are booming because of that.

James Affa, Garden Rd Oakridge Or – Mr. Affa thanked the Council for attending the Strategic Planning Meeting.

The City's color palette is very depressing, we need bright cheery colors. He would like to see the city spearhead a painting project along highway 58.

Candis Michaels, 47465 Hwy 58, Oakridge Or – Ms. Michaels is here for the Concerts in the Parks Committee, she thanked Louis for attending their meetings.

It is nice to see committees working together, the Parks, Trees and Trails Board helped with the Amphitheater cleanup and Councilor Coey got them the paint.

Sandy Price, Oakridge or- Chamber General Meeting will be Tuesday at the Forest Service, potluck lunch for scholarships. Soup and salad bar for \$5.00.

The Circus will be in town on May 24, 2013; there will be two shows.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Fortune said he was on the Council when they adopted the Cascadia Design, it was adopted for new businesses coming into town, it wasn't for existing businesses unless they were going to do a major remodel. It wasn't meant to force people to spend a lot of money they didn't have. It does happen in a lot of communities. Maybe we should come up with a new paint palette.

Councilor Biggerstaff said having worked in a number of towns and pretty much all of them have this same theme, no one is going to like all of the colors. If Ms. Keever wants to put a new roof on her business, she should a put new roof on. Anything the City does is going to be intrusive on somebody, it's just a matter of who do we want to intrude on, if we don't do anything then we are intruding on the people that want to do something, if do intrude then we are intruding on the ones who don't want to do something.

Councilor Coey said we have design parameters, it doesn't mean it's etched in stone and that's what you have to do. If there's a major façade change like St. Vinnie's then yes, there was some things that we had to give up on that that we would have liked to seen but, it was going to throw the whole thing out if we forced that issue, we are not looking to force anything, but we are trying to make Hwy 58 more appealing when driving through. As far as the colors, he would be willing to take that on as the Community Services Chair and they could review the color palette.

Louis said what he would recommend, since the color palette is part of zoning, is to have the Planning commission start changing some of the language.

Councilor Coey thanked the volunteers that helped with the amphitheater and the City for renting the lift.

Mayor Shorey thanked everyone for helping to clean up the amphitheater and he thanked Councilor Coey for getting the paint donated to the City.

Mayor Shorey had a good meeting with the McKenzie-Blue River Chamber of Commerce that was headed up by Gary Carl; they tried to stop by each of the businesses on First Street and went out to the Fish Hatchery.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

They asked the City Engineer to request a grant for the Salt Creek Canal feasibility study and he did do that, we are just awaiting approval.

Garden Road; they want to start construction on June 1st and be done by June 30th, part of that is being paid for by a small cities allotment grant.

We are putting off the well rehab for next fiscal year, Rainbow Pump will not be able to do it until June, and the time is too risky for us. We will wait until October to do the rehab.

The next Budget Meeting is May 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the WAC.

They are putting up an advertising sign at the Industrial Park; they are advertising manufacturing, anything they can accommodate out at the Industrial Park.

Riparian Zone update; the Mayor and Louis had a conference call with DEQ and the folks who are doing the project for us, it seems like it's a joint decision that they are going to look at the Riparian Zone more from a non regulatory standpoint.

Mayor Shorey said there is a misconception of what the plan was; the people were here to help us implement a plan that was already in place. What people heard was they were going to lose their houses to somebody 100 ft from their property. That is not true; the whole thing here is water quality. Most of you already have riparian vegetation and you don't even know it, you have landscaping right up the river, you don't have to plant trees to get that.

The City will do their stuff first so the people can see what we are talking about, rather than you have to do this. Mayor Shorey encourages anyone to come in and look at the matrix. They will be back here on June 6, 2013. The city needs an Inflow and Infiltration Plan (we may have a draft already).

6.2 City Recorder-Finance Report

Susan gave the current financial report.

Susan has been working on getting all of the changes from the supplemental budget into the accounting system.

We are working on getting all of the UB accounts into conformity, we have people who have owned homes for years and are having new renters and we find we do not have the required paperwork. We are trying to be consistent and have the same paperwork for everyone.

6.3 Oregon Tourism Presentation

Kristen Dahl from Travel Oregon; she thanked everyone for taking the time to hear a little about the work that our own community has been up to for tourism development.

Travel Oregon is the States Tourism Development and Marketing Organization and they are funded through a 1% lodging Tax.

Travel Oregon was invited to start participating in Oakridge in 2007, when they were selected by IMBA to develop one of the nation's first IMBA Ride Centers. They were invited to the table to collaborate alongside a whole team of partners including the Forest Service, The City of Oakridge, IMBA, Travel Lane County and a number of stake holders.

Kristen handed out some information to everyone that has to do with the program itself, The Oregon Rural Tourism Studio. They bring in people with all levels of expertise in a whole host of different fields to help communities develop their tourism economies.

Catrina Davis read the 15 Year Community Tourism Vision to the Council and citizens. (Attached)

Randy Dreiling said he has worked with Travel Lane County and Travel Oregon for many years. He has always been involved in tourism and he has a great partnership with Travel Lane County, Travel Oregon, IMBA, the Forest Service and the Scorpions. He just wrote a grant for a new visitors guide, we are down to about 5,000 of them.

6.4 Approve RTMP Fund Recommendations

Susan gave the Council a list of the recommended events and dollar amounts.

Louis read the list aloud.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we approve the recommendations for RTMP funds. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Request to Place Memorial Bench at Salmon Creek Park

The Family Resource Center would like to create a memorial bench in honor of Shelley Miller; she did a lot for the community and cared a lot about kids.

Councilor Clark said this is an excellent idea; Shelley was very much an advocate for the children.

Motion: Councilor Coey moved that we approve the Shelley Miller Memorial bench for Salmon Creek Park. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

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

7.2 Proposal for Fruit Orchard

Louis said he checked and the zoning is ok to do this that was the only concern he had. He believes it would be beneficial for that part of the City. We will write up an agreement, they don't have one with the other community garden but he is drafting one up for them at this time.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we allow Ms. Iverson to plant the orchard with a signed agreement from the City with conditions. Councilor Slaven seconded the motion.

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

7.3 Alcohol Permits for Concerts in the Park and Just Us Festival

Louis reported that the Concerts in the Parks have asked for alcohol permits in the past, we have not had any issues with them in regards to enforcement action and they always clean up after themselves.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we approve the alcohol permits for the Oakridge Concerts in the Park Committee. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

Councilor Clark is concerned about the time on the permit, it says from 12:00 until dusk we should put a definitive time.

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

Amended Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we approve the alcohol permits for the Oakridge Concerts in the Park Committee with the amendment that the hours are 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, not dusk. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

7.4 Community Caring Concert Alcohol Permit (St. Vincent DePaul)

Louis reported that this is being sponsored by St. Vincent DePaul, they did this last year and there were no issues with the event.

Kirk Troute from Concerts in the Park said Geina approached them to help her out; she is trying to keep the alcohol separate from the kid's area. They are going to help out with the security as well.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we approve the alcohol permit for the St. Vincent DePaul Caring Concert with the agreement that Concerts in the Park will partner with them for security measures. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Scobert handed out the Quarterly Calls for service report.

The new Sergeant; Kevin Martin, will start on June 3, 2013. Officer Gerig will be off on leave starting June 4, 2013.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

9.1 Surplus of OFD Vehicles

Louis reported that as it is in City Code, anything of value that is going to be surplus must go before the City Council. They want to use the money to make repairs inside the station.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we surplus the OFD vehicles listed and allocate the funds. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye).
Motion 6-0

Louis reported that out at the Sewer Plant the blower room buildings roof is coming off. They have got the three required quotes needed and will be repairing this soon.

*****Old Business**

Riparian Zone Update

Reports from Boards and Committees

Community Services – They should have a final draft on the TRT/RTMP agreement that they came up with, they will be bringing it to council soon. They discussed the traffic issue on 1st Street. There was discussion on bump outs and traffic flow. There are a lot of things they don't have control over on the beautification of Hwy 58, but they are getting a lot of good ideas.

Public Safety – Discussed parking on 1st Street bump outs and back in parking. They discussed the surplus vehicles the Fire department is getting rid of.

LCOG - They presented their budget and discussed the evaluation of their Executive Director.

GOATS – They are meeting at 6:00 instead of 6:30 now.

OEDAC – They are working on renting the OIP office; this would be a huge benefit, 20+ staffed professional jobs. Bio Mass meeting update.

Parks, Trails and Tree Board – Discussed Amphitheater clean up and condensing the Volunteer Coordinator job description.

Area Commission on Transportation - Discussed projects that ODOT has lined up for the future. Discussed the Highway enhancement plan.

Tree Planting – The final wrap up meeting was a success.

Library – They are having a Strategic Planning Meeting on Monday. Discussed Summer Reading Program Volunteer Coordinator. Rules and Regulations for Library.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 6, 2013

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder