



January 2, 2014
City Council Regular Session
Willamette Activity Center- Room 8
47674 School Street
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Present: Gerald Shorey, Mayor
Rayetta Clark, Council President (absent)
Glenn Fortune
Jim Coey (absent)
Ernest Baszler
Les Biggerstaff
Christine Slaven

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Dale Scobert, Chief of Police (absent)
Kevin Martin, Police Sergeant
Albert Alcalde, Fire Chief
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Price Oakridge – It has been brought to her attention how many citizens and businesses are severely upset with the chamber. We have to find a way for the businesses and citizens to work together. She encourages anyone who is upset with the chamber to come and talk to her; she wants the town to move forward in a positive way. She invites anyone to come to the meetings and/or volunteer on the board.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Biggerstaff said he has missed most of the comments; he hasn't looked online to see what everyone is saying. He was scolded last week about the \$10,000 to the Chamber. When he ran for Council he wanted to get something in town besides bicycling and he still does but, that doesn't mean he's willing to bite off his nose to spite his face, right now the bicycling is what we have and if \$10,000 is going to keep that going for another year then we need to pay the \$10,000 and get over it. He agrees with Sandy about the other businesses in town joining the Chamber and getting involved.

Mayor Shorey said being on the Chamber Board and having insight on what goes on there and he has talked to people that are anti Chamber and it's primarily for the same reasons so there is no point in rehashing that, but he agrees that they all need to sit together and address the issues.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked what came about regarding the warming center: is that still happening.

Louis said they are still working with the ministerial associations to put together the rules. Louis has been in contact with them to make sure we get the proper certificate of liability.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked Louis about the \$1,800 for well #6; did we find out why they expect to get paid for that.

Louis said we have not paid that yet but, there are some other unexpected costs that Louis found out about today. He will bring that to the next Council meeting.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked Louis if we have heard anything from the lady regarding the funding for the crosswalk.

Louis said we have not, she said we should be hearing from her after the holidays.

Mayor Shorey gave his State of the City Address.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Baszler seconded the motion.

L. Biggerstaff (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

The City Attorney has filed an objection to the stay on the Atherton property. This will be heard January 7. It looks like we aren't the only ones filing an objection so that is better for us.

We had a meeting with the Forest Service and a representative of a company from this county. Went out into the forest on December 19, they showed us different stands and wood that could possibly be used for wood chipping.

Haven't heard anything on the DEQ fish testing yet.

The communication on the vacant lot on Highway 58 is ongoing.

Louis spoke with Orion Falvey from Orchid Health; they have been in discussion with a couple of doctors that would like to practice and a couple of doctors that are interested in investing.

In regards to the Surety Bond, he did send in a counter offer in the amount of \$94, 983.

The trail on Commercial Street; Lane Electric is going through their archives trying to get specifics on where their easement is.

We need to start on the Comp Plan within the next couple of months, that's something we haven't done since 2000.

There is a square cut out on Garden Road, when Wildish put the overlay down they broke a water pipe. The pipe has been fixed and our City Engineer is getting with Wildish to get it filled back in.

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report

Susie gave the financial reports to the Council.

It was brought to Susie's attention that there have been rumors on a Facebook page that the Council is not receiving this report, she would just like the audience to know that not everything that is posted on Facebook is accurate.

Susie passed out the December reconciliation sheets to the Council.

Susie gave an update on the audit, she and Summer spoke with Matt our senior accountant, and at that time he fully expected that we would have our audit in our hands on Tuesday. On Monday afternoon she received an email from Matt stating that wasn't going to happen. We are not late with our audit because Susie filed for an extension. Matt had an original date of January 31, 2014 to have it to us; Susie changed that date to January 9, 2014 because she told Matt that was not acceptable. Susie would like to have an Audit Committee meeting prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Shorey said there should be penalties against the auditor for not having the audit done on time.

6.3 Fill Library Board Vacancy

Louis said we have one application for this vacancy.

Georgeanne said she is very committed to the library.

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved to appoint Georgeanne Samuelson to serve in the vacant Library Board position. Councilor Slaven seconded the motion.

Mayor Shorey asked Louis what the term is on this position.

Louis said it is a three year term.

E. Baszler (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.4 Resolution establishing the TRT Committee and Rules

Louis said back in May we selected some people to be on this committee. One thing we never did was to establish a resolution. Along with that it gives a clear picture of the responsibilities of the group. There is going to have to be at least one meeting before we review anything so we can establish some guidelines. The intent is to have a formal ratification of the group.

Mayor Shorey asked that because of the Chambers fiscal year, does this address this at all?

Louis said yes it does, at the last meeting he did state to Mr. Dreiling that they would have to have their budget prepared by May when the reviews come through for everybody else. The money for the 2014-2015 year they will have to turn in by May.

Motion: Councilor Slaven moved that we adopt Resolution 1-2014 a resolution creating the City of Oakridge Rural Tourism Marketing Program and Transient Room Tax Advisory Committee. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Councilor Slaven said she knows there's been a lot of talk regarding this and especially the money that goes to the Chamber and she met with Louis about this months ago. She feels like we didn't handle this correctly, we were all so gung ho on getting this started that we put the cart before the horse and didn't lay out the ground work.

Mayor Shorey (Aye), E. Baszler (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Fortune said the TRT/RTMP Committee is an advisory committee; if the council rules otherwise that is what rules, not necessarily what the committee wants.

Dawn Kinyon asked what the Councils position is on changing the way they react to a motion that was made. In other words, on March 7 last year the Council voted 7-0 to implement a contract with the Chamber to provide the Council with a budget and profit and loss statement before they would approve anymore \$10,000 increments. It is her understanding that at the last Council meeting they approved that money without this information.

Councilor Biggerstaff said that was brought up at the last meeting. The problem is that the Chamber works on a different year than we work on. This covers 2014, not 2015. The Chamber is the only one doing anything to bring anything into this City. You can (complain) about the bikes, you can (complain) about anything you want, but they are doing it. If we don't help them then no one is going to do it. If you want to join the chamber and get something done then join the chamber. The fact of the matter is they did what they had to do and they did it for the City.

Susie said the Chamber is providing the documents that were asked of them and they continue to provide them and they are improving each time, so they have met that contract requirement.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

N/A

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Sergeant Martin said people behaved during the holidays. They have three people attending the reserve academy at the end of January.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde reported that the Fire Department was pretty busy this year. He gave a report on how many calls they are getting the types of calls.

The Fire Department had their Learn to Burn; it was on a yellow advisory day but the Fire Department is exempt because of critical training needs, they are required to do 60 hours a year and because of that they can burn on a yellow caution day.

Louis said they have been trying to do this for a couple months; the other days were red days. The smoke went west; it didn't go across the highway. The Police Chief did monitor the AQI and it changed one point from the time they started until they ended.

10.0 Reports from Boards and Committees

Administration – They discussed readdressing the \$100,000 tank at the Industrial Park. Union contracts are coming up this year.

Community Services – They talked about the Facebook thread going on about the chamber. They talked about the Parks, Trails and Tree Board and where it falls in the Community Services Committee. They discussed the strategic plan and when that is going to take effect.

Councilor Slaven asked Susie when they are going to have the audit committee meeting. She is just really worried about having it right before the City Council Meeting.

Councilor Slaven said they should set up the meeting date for the TRT/RTMP meeting.

The meeting will be held on January 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

***Old Business

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council January 16, 2014

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder

