



June 5, 2014  
City Council Regular Session  
Willamette Activity Center- Room 8  
47674 School Street  
7:00 p.m.



# MINUTES

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## 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 (absent)  
Albert Alcalde, Fire Chief  
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner / Public Works Secretary  
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder  
Kevin Martin, Police Sergeant

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Wes Tiller, 47596 Riverview Street, Oakridge – Asked about renting the WAC parking lot for the Pioneer Picnic on July 13, 2014.

He was advised to go to City Hall and talk to Jackie about renting the facilities.

Sandy Edds, Oakridge – She has 46 pictures of signs directing people to places around Oakridge. We don't need to spend money on more signs. We have great artists here in town that could paint signs for Oakridge.

Sandy Price, Oakridge - The annual Chamber picnic is Monday June 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fish Hatchery. The Chamber provides hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments. It is pot luck so bring a dish.

## 3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Coey thanked Postal Pharmacy and The Builders Supply for painting their buildings. He is encouraged by what he is seeing in people participating and the Council is working on helping people participate.

#### **4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

#### **6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

##### **6.1 City Administrators Report**

Louis said we are probably going to have to have a NEPA report done; it will cost the City about \$10,000. The Forest Service will probably do it; if we went through someone else it would cost a lot more. The Forest Service is saying they want to pull different parts of the canal down and to do that we have to have the Environmental Study done; they are saying that the canal was ours, we were using it and that is why we would bear the cost.

Transportation Systems Plan updates, Highway 58 Refinement Plan; the City Engineer is finalizing our grant for the Transportation Systems Plan, hopefully we will hear on that in the next couple of months.

We sent out letters to all of the business owners along Hwy 58 in regards to a possible crosswalk between Rainbow Road and Rock Road. Nothing is set in stone; it just shows three different proposals. We also sent out surveys in the water bills regarding crosswalks.

John Milandin is working on getting language for the ponds at the OIP per DEQ.

The hope is to keep working on the Strategic Plan; he hopes the Council can do quarterly retreats to get this done.

Louis is getting an estimate on what it would cost to demolish the WAC and rebuild.

Orchid Health is still looking at a July opening.

Teller Road construction; this year they are going to work on water, sewer and storm and get it prepped to do the actual paving next summer.

##### **6.2 Finance Report by City Recorder**

Susan gave the financial reports to the Council. The Statements of Revenue and Expenditures were sent out to the Council.

**Motion:** Councilor Clark moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

### **6.3 RTMP/TRT Discussion and Distribution by Council**

Mayor Shorey said in front of you, you should have RTMP/TRT documents for the distribution of funds. The RTMP/TRT Committee has met three times and in your packets are the recommendations from this advisory committee.

Councilor Slaven submitted what she thought we should do.

There is only so much money in the pot and the committee worked very hard to distribute this, is this process perfect? Absolutely not, it can and should be improved.

**Motion:** Councilor Fortune moved that we approve the recommendations for TRMP/TRT funds from the RTMP/TRT Committee as presented. No second. Motion failed

Louis said we can have discussion without a motion or prior to the motion.

Councilor Biggerstaff said he thought it came out of their work session Saturday that they wanted to change the TRT/RTMP system.

Louis said that was discussion only so we couldn't make any decisions.

Councilor Slaven said like Councilor Biggerstaff stated, she was under the impression that we were going to make some changes. She attended the last meeting of the TRT/RTMP Committee just as an observer and they definitely went ahead with the previous instructions that we had given them. We should have the discussion prior to the motion and just get in to it.

Councilor Coey said he thought in the work session as well, that they had decided to give instead of \$15,000 and \$5,000 to give \$10,000 and \$10,000 and start to put the \$10,000 that we were going to retain in the City to beautification in the community which is one of our #1 priorities in the Strategic Plan. In the Community Services Committee meeting; one of the things they discussed is RTMP should be handled by the committee because it is very specific as to what it does and the guidelines behind it. The TRT money should fall onto the Council and some of this money can go to projects.

Councilor Coey said he read what Councilor Slaven submitted and he likes it.

Councilor Slaven said she is thankful for the RTMP/TRT Committee and they did a really good job with the instructions that they had and unfortunately the instructions that they had weren't very good and that falls on Council. Councilor Slaven looked at all of their recommendations and tried to make them a little more stream lined. Some recommendations were made based on criteria that the Council and the

applicants had not been made aware of. IF you look at the application form it very clearly said what the criteria were and how those would be awarded; it said nothing about what percentage of the budget it was, it said nothing about whether It was a long standing event or new event or if it was profitable or not profitable; so it is unfair to make decisions based on those things and some of the recommendations did use those so she changed them with her recommendation.

Councilor Slaven handed out her recommendations to the Councilors and went over it with everyone. She explained how she came up with her recommendations.

Councilor Biggerstaff said the original reason for the TRT/RTMP Committee was to make sure groups were bringing people from outside the City in to the City. The other part was to make us fiscally responsible for where the money went. They had talked about using some of the funds not only for the groups, for projects for City.

Councilor Coey said they need to decide when they are going to start beautifying the City.

**Motion:** Councilor Slaven moved to allocate from the RTMP funds \$2,000 to the Keg and Cask, \$1,500 to the Tree Planting Festival, \$1,000 to the Fat 55, \$3,640 to the Ukulele Festival, \$2,940 to Concerts in the Park and \$2,100 to the Fat Tire Series. Out of the TRT Funds \$450 to the Garden Club, \$2,750 to GOATS, \$4,275 to the Lawn Mower Racing, \$5,130 to Signage & Wayfinding and \$2,700 to the Fireworks Committee. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Nay), E. Baszler (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Nay). Motion carried 5-2

Mayor Shorey said this negates having the TRT/RTMP Committee, they put in at least five hours working on this, he likes Councilor Slaven's process, but, it was the wrong time for it. It should have started next year not in the middle of the process.

Matt Altemus asked Councilor Slaven if she forgot the Marathon was on there.

Councilor Slaven said she did not forget.

Matt Altemus said he feels that is personal, if he needs to he will step down from the Chamber.

Councilor Slaven said committees make recommendations; it is up the Council to make decisions. The way this was handled was very inappropriate because people were given information that was in a recommendation form and felt that they had already got an answer which is not correct, no one should have had any idea what they were going to get until tonight.

Gary Carl said as Chair of the TRT/RTMP Committee he does not feel slighted, he does not feel their work was disregarded, he always thought it was a recommendation to the Council. He does not have any bad feelings or feel like his work was rejected.

#### **6.4 Ratification of City's Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Values**

**Motion:** Councilor Clark moved that we accept and approve the City's Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Values. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **7.1 General Unit Union Contract Ratification**

Louis hit the primary points that changed during the union negotiations, the biggest areas that we covered were wages.

**Motion:** Councilor Coey moved that we accept and approve the Oakridge General Bargaining Unit Labor agreement effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Shorey said last year they established a period of time to do the City Administrators annual evaluation. His understanding was that it would be done by July 1, 2014.

Louis said this needs to be done this month to meet the July 1, 2014 deadline. Louis said it's best that if you have citizens that have come to you with concerns on Louis that you talk to him about it and get both sides before he gets dinged.

## **8.0 POLICE SERVICES**

Sergeant Martin reported that the PD had 166 calls in May which generated 57 actual case reports and 85 traffic stops. They have three guys right now and he would like to thank the reserves for helping them out.

They have been trying to keep up with their Lowell contract; the reserves have been helping out with that.

Mayor Shorey said our Police reserves are our unsung heroes, they don't get a lot of credit and don't get much pay if any, they put a lot of hours in and don't get much in return except for uniforms.

Sergeant Martin said they have three guys graduating June 14, 2014 from the reserve academy.

Mayor Shorey said he'd like to announce that Officer Scott Conger was selected by the American Legion as the Western Region Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Leo Robb from the Fire Department was selected as Fire Fighter of the Year for the State of Oregon.

## **9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chief Alcalde said in the month of May they had 74 calls that is about 15 calls above normal. They had 15 second outs. They have been pretty busy. They are starting the FireMed promotion.

**10.0 Reports from Boards and Committees**

Public Safety Committee – The Police Department is applying for a grant for a school resource officer. Dr. Kordosky is helping to make that happen.

The Fire and EMS; they are working on renewing the IGA with Hazeldell. They will be helping with the Dam Marathon on June 14, 2014.

Community Services – Discussed TRT/RTMP process, how to make it better.

LRAPA – Sally is retiring

Oakridge/Westfir Tourism Alliance is now a 501C3; they signed an agreement with the Upper Willamette Community Development Committee last week.

Audit – The Auditors will be here in July and that is the testing phase and back in October, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for the regular part of the audit. The Audit Committee meeting is tentatively set for October 9 at 10:00 a.m.

OEDAC – John Milandin reported they are still pushing Bio Mass, with the help of Sarah Altemus Pope; she is working on her law degree.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council June 19, 2014

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder