



August 7, 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 (absent)
Rayetta Clark, Council President
Glenn Fortune
Jim Coey
Ernest Baszler
Les Biggerstaff
Christine Slaven

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

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Karon Tiller – Riverview Street, Oakridge, There are pit bulls in her neighborhood killing cats. She is not going to tolerate this. She has heard that she is getting credit for the flowers in the flower pots around town, that is actually the Garden Club that is doing that. She was able to get her cat fixed for \$10.00 through WAG, they are easy to find and easy to work with.

Gary Carl – First Street, Oakridge, The Ukulele Festival was last weekend, they had over 90 people attend this year. UBRA supports the City's acquisition of the Siuslaw Bank property. A week from this Saturday the Uptown Bistro will open.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Coey asked about the burned house on Laurel Street.

Chief Martin said they are in the process of getting this taken care of.

Louis said they are having an internal struggle with the mom and daughters right now. He is working on the process of making it a dangerous structure with Kevin; he just spoke with the building inspector today. If they are not able to comply then they will do a summary abatement.

Councilor Coey worked as a volunteer for the Cream Puff this year and helped with registration. Next year there are four events going on during the same weekend; they are stretching themselves too thin with volunteers, it would be great if they can spread events out more.

Councilor Biggerstaff reminded everyone that this Sunday is the open house for Orchid Health.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Randy Dreiling; reduction in rent on Public Works property and the property along the river.

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5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

ODOT/Hwy 58 Crosswalk – The Hwy 58 pedestrian study is still ongoing for future crosswalks and bike lanes. The study should take about six weeks.

NWYC – Keith Brown was going to help us get some grant money through the NWYC a while back, however they are at a standstill at this time. The Parks, Trails and Tree Board are looking at some other options to find some money to use the old rail road bridge across Salmon Creek as a Ped/Bike Path.

Empty Lot on Hwy 58- He has been in contact with the appraiser all last week getting him information to appraise the property.

Amtrak – They have a meeting on August 20, 2014 at 8:15 with Union Pacific representatives.

Commercial Street Trail – Jackie just got a complete map of the street for Louis and he will take one more look at it before he sets it aside as futile or not.

ODOT Ride Center Grant – The Council asked Louis to draft a letter on this, he started the letter and then decided to stop and dig through the files to see what they have spent and get documentation from ODOT which he just recently received. On our local coordinator we have spent \$78,951.00 for roughly a 27 month period. We paid \$ 13, 082 to the Forest Service for NEPA and then \$128,000 for the Engineer, Architecture and Design, that is a little unreal. We have spent \$202,000 and we haven't even built anything. ODOT put the bid out and the bid went out today. Three bids came in; they were between \$296,000 and \$347,000.

Councilor Coey said it is a lean to with a bike wash and fire pit. Does Mr. DeFazio know this?

Louis said no not yet, they really want to see if they can salvage this money first before they really start throwing stones.

Councilor Fortune said why are we wasting time on doing this, we aren't going to salvage a darn thing, ODOT wants to take all of the money themselves and we end up with nothing.

Louis said that may be the case. We are going to work with Oregon Parks, they do these kinds of grants quite often and we are going to see if we can get an exception to allow ODOT to release the money to parks.

LCOG – LCOG is lighting the fiber here in the WAC, since they already did that Louis is going to get a router for this room, it should be fairly inexpensive since we aren't in here a lot.

6.2 Finance Report by City Recorder

Susan gave the financial report to the Council.

Susan said this was a huge month for the Muni Court; they took in \$20,000 for the month of July. They have a good turn over now of people making payment plans and collections.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked what she attributes that to.

Susan said part of that is attributed to the fact that we follow up on Failure to Appear and Contempt of Courts. We send out letters to people telling them they didn't show up to court when they were supposed to and they have fourteen days to take care of this, if not we start the procedures to suspend their license. People tend to respond to that.

Motion: Councilor Slaven moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Councilor Biggerstaff seconded the motion.

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

6.3 Facilities Permit discussion

Louis and the staff will be working on a new park rental application to make it clearer when renting certain areas to the park. He hopes to bring an update on this to the next meeting.

Councilor Coey thinks we should have a commercial event application. It defines the liabilities and responsibilities with all parties concerned and the dollar amount.

Councilor Slaven said this should go the Parks, Trails and Tree Committee instead of the Community Services Committee.

Louis said the Parks, Trails and Tree Committee can set up a joint meeting with the Community Services Committee, the Parks, Trails and Tree Committee are an advisory Committee.

6.4 Library Policy Ratification

Louis said this is a very well written policy; the only thing he is recommending differently than what they recommended is under library membership for Oakridge residents who live within the city limits where it says residents must provide a valid Oregon drivers license or identification. What Louis is presenting is that it should say they must provide a federally recognized identification. It might take a person longer to get Oregon Id.

Motion: Councilor Coey moved that we accept and approve the Oakridge Library Policy as presented with the changes that City Administrator Gomez mentioned from Oregon legal to federal legal ID. Councilor Slaven seconded the motion.

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Replacement or Repair of Sewer Plant Monitoring System (SCADA)

Louis said he doesn't have any documentation for the Council. Our sewer plant is 20 years old and fortunately for us we have done a lot of work on the pumps. One of the major electronic systems for monitoring levels and alarms is failing. It is important to have this system. If this fails we will have a huge DEQ issue.

Motion: Councilor Coey moved that the City Administrator repair or replace the sewer plant SCADA System not to exceed \$15,000. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

Councilor Biggerstaff said he thinks \$15,000 is cheap but, he thinks it's going to cost a lot more than that.

E. Baszler (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Nay), R. Clark (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), G. Fortune (Aye).
Motion carried 5-1

**** OLD BUSINESS**

Siuslaw Bank lot Cedar and E. 1st Street

Louis talked to Mr. Hultenberg from Siuslaw Bank and they are open to selling this lot to the City. The total price would be about \$25,000 and that would include about \$10,000 to actually put something on it. They are looking at bike parking, a water fountain, benches and a mural.

Councilor Clark asked where the money for this purchase would come from.

Louis said he would recommend a lot this payment to come from the Transient Room Tax, the initial part, about \$2,000, he would recommend it come from contingency into community projects.

Randy Dreiling – Discount rent on the old Public Works Building

Louis said Randy came in and was asking if we could discount a little bit on the Public Works building. He thinks it is reasonable until we get our stuff out of the office and out of the bay so he can use the whole building.

Councilor Fortune asked if when the agreement was drawn up was there anything in there that said we would have all of our stuff out of there.

Louis said no.

Councilor Fortune said Randy agreed to the price, why we want to change.

Councilor Biggerstaff said he thought Randy only wanted part of the building anyway.

Louis said Randy is also asking the same about the land down by the river.

Councilor Coey said he doesn't have a problem with giving a discount on the public works building but, the property by the river, no.

The consensus from the Council was not to do anything, leave as is.

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin reported that in the month of July they had 239 calls; 68 resulted in cases and 86 were traffic citations.

The calls have gone down at the Oakridge Mobile Home Park, our reserves have been walking the park and talking to people and it has been very positive.

Chief Martin has worked at several places during his career and we should be very proud of our Police Officers.

Councilor Coey said these guys have been doing an amazing job at the Oakridge Mobile Home Park. The new reserves are very sharp.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde is absent, he is still moving his stuff up here, and he should be on his last truck run.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Parks, Trails and Tree Board – Board Member Brown took some pictures and worked up some estimates on the old rail road bridge to turn it into a Ped/bike path. With NWYC doing the project it would take approximately 10 weeks and cost about \$141,000 and that is with figuring the path would be 15 ft wide, it would cost about 1/3 less if we cut that in half, you would still have about 7ft of path to walk/ride on.

Councilor Biggerstaff said we have to do something about this, the City is liable for all of these kids playing on this and we are really lucky that no one has gotten hurt.

Councilor Coey said Keith Brown got his information from Rails to Trails, a group in Oregon that takes old spurs through different communities and turns them into paths.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned at 8:06 p.m. for Executive Session

Recess then go into Executive Session.

Executive Session 8:15

Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (f) to review records exempt from public inspection, ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with governing body on Labor Negotiations, ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and ORS 192.690 (h) to consult with Council concerning current litigation on or litigation likely to be files.

Adjourned Executive Session 8:41

Back in regular session 8:41

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council August 21, 2014

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder