



September 4, 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 (absent)  
Les Biggerstaff  
Christine Slaven

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

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Karon Tiller 47596 Riverview Street, Oakridge – Watched as two beautiful pit bulls attacked a neighbor's cat. People need to watch their dogs and keep them on their property.

Larry Sweet, Oakridge – Is new to meetings, has lived here quite a while and just wants to check out what is going on.

Gene Hilleman 47800 Short Street, Oakridge – Now that we have a little money in the City we need to hire a dog catcher again. Dogs are running all over the City.

Louis said he doesn't believe the City is there yet, to hire a dog catcher/Code Enforcement Officer.

Chief Martin said right now dog at large calls are complaint driven.

## 3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Biggerstaff asked Chief Martin if there is anything that the police can do about the loose/vicious dogs around town.

Chief Martin said they do fine people and keep track of the violations for dogs at large.

Councilor Coey received an email from MBO; the DOD received \$1,100 in tips and they are giving back \$550 to the Kids MBO and \$550 to the Library. Councilor Coey thanked them profusely for their donation.

Mayor Shorey gave a briefing on the fires; he has been attending all of the briefings around town since they started. We have room 10 at the WAC open from 8:00 – 5:00 for people wanting to get out of the smoke.

Mayor Shorey wants to talk about changing the way the council votes, he would like hand votes instead of a voice vote, it's easier and faster that way.

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

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

#### **6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

Salt Creek Canal – The Oakridge Economic Develop Committee had a meeting yesterday, Sarah Altemus was there. There was a question as to if there was any funding out there so we could open up the Salt Creek Canal with separate funding in regards to the million gallon tank.

Transportation Systems Plan/ Highway 58 Refinement Plan – We put in a for a grant and we did not receive it. It ranked pretty high but not high enough, ODOT told us they would work with us and try to find funding under another program.

Highway 58 Crosswalk – ODOT is asking for 30% plans from the City, Louis talked to the City Engineer today, they did a project in Sandy and in Canby with similar crosswalks so they have plans to present already, that will save the City money.

Empty Lot on Hwy 58 – We have been looking to put in a visitor center at Hwy 58 and Rock Road, we were hoping that the appraisal would come in lower than it did but, they still want to sit down and talk about this.

Orchid Health Collective – We are still trying to help them put in fiber, LCOG just sent out their requirements for the grant so we now have an application and a process to follow so Louis will be working on a grant for Orchid and possibly the pharmacy. The Franchise agreement is being reviewed by the Lane Council of Governments.

Million Gallon Tank and Well – This ties in to the feasibility study that the City Engineer just finished up; part of it is that we were able to map out the majority of our water lines through the city so we do have a map of where our mains are at.

Refurbishment of OIP water tank and hydrant – this is on hold right now but, if there is interest we can come back and talk about it.

Teller Road Construction – Public Works should be starting on this next week; they will be digging up water and sewer lines. After July 1 next year they will do the paving, curb and gutter and sidewalk.

LTD – We had a meeting a number of months ago in regards to getting weekend runs with Diamond Express. LTD was doing a rider survey and would like to present to Council on October 2, 2014.

ODOT/IMBA Grant – Louis rejected the bid last week, we didn't have the money to do a \$351,000 project. There is still some money left over and ODOT is trying to get the money loosened up so that the work can be done locally and pay for materials.

Marijuana Dispensary Moratorium – Louis has started working with the City Attorney on a draft in regards to Marijuana Dispensaries, what this will be is basically locations, commercial/residential. Will the Council set certain hours? What happens in November may throw a whole new direction on this.

Mayor Shorey said on the 10<sup>th</sup> in Cottage Grove they are having a City Hall meeting and the Marijuana Dispensary will be on the agenda.

Councilor Slaven asked about the Transportation Plan; since we didn't get the grant are we going to be able to do something minimal to our streets.

Louis said right now we have Teller Road in line and then we have Berry Street; we are hoping to work with ODOT to pull the money from a different program, they are willing to try and help us do that. They want us to get our Transportation Plan up.

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

Susan gave the financial report to the Council.

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

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

## **6.3 Annexation Discussion E 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

Louis said a number of months ago the Council gave approval to go ahead and do the E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street sewer extension, one of the reasons that was done is there was four or five properties on E 1<sup>st</sup> where the sewer had failed. They are all tied in to a 4" line, when you think about that, that's probably not the right way to do this. All of those homes have already been connected and have pre annexation agreements. Some people want to annex in along with the ones that are already annexed in.

Councilor Clark said she heard the ones that are outside the city limits pay a higher water rate, will they pay a lower rate once they are annexed in?

Louis said our practice has been once they sign a pre annexation agreement we take them down to the lower rate.

Louis wanted to make sure it was clear that this is a voluntary annexation on E 1<sup>st</sup> Street except for those that have pre annexation agreements.

Gene Hilleman asked if it is going to cost the land owner to hook up to the sewer system.

Louis said he hasn't talked to the Council about that yet. There have been times when the City, in the past, has waived the hook up fees.

#### **6.4 Set Date for Next Retreat**

Louis said some of the primary concerns are Hwy 58 beautification, renovation or rebuild of the WAC, Inflow and Infiltration and Streets. If anyone has any specifics he would like to get them so he can get the agenda done for the meeting.

Councilor Coey said we need to talk about Amtrak.

It was agreed to set the meeting date for October 18, 2014 from 9:00 until 4:00 at Greenwaters Park.

#### **6.5 Letter to DMV in regards to suspension of drivers tests in Oakridge**

There was an article in the paper from the DMV that said they will no longer do drivers tests in Oakridge. Louis is asking for permission to draft a letter for the Mayor on behalf of the Council and pursue this. He has spoken with Commissioner Stewart and he is good with anything that we present to support our issue here. One of the arguments in the newspaper article was that a lot of people from Eugene and Springfield were coming here to take their tests because it is easier. They said the difficulty of our streets is not at the level that it should be and does not meet their state wide standards. Louis went on line and looked up every DMV in Oregon, Condon is a city of 784 people, how does a town of that size have traffic and streets more difficult than ours? There are a number of cities like that, that is going to be part of his argument. Are the people testing in Oakridge crashing more? Are they getting more tickets? They have to have some justification to be able to say they are not going to do this anymore.

The Consensus of the Council was to have Louis pursue this and write a letter. When Don Hampton was the Mayor a number of years ago he had to fight to get our one day a week back here.

#### **7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

##### **\*\* OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **8.0 POLICE SERVICES**

Chief Martin reported that they had 295 calls for service that resulted in 57 reports, 58 citations and 20 warnings.

Our reserves are still working very hard to cover shifts.

We bought a new car from the County today; it cost less than having the car that was damaged fixed.

They will be testing for the police officer position on Saturday.

## **9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chief Alcalde reported that we had the highest level of fire fighters here working on the fire, the reason for that is because structures were threatened. There is still a lot of smoke in the air and that is due to the controlled burning they are doing.

They had a record number of calls for July; the majority was traumatic injury and chest pains. They had three helicopter calls. They are short staffed right now because they lost one employee.

They are putting on an EMT Basic class through the Safer Grant, in the past we haven't done a very good job in spending those funds but, we are really going to spend them this year. Lane Community College is doing the class for us and those in the class are getting the class for free. The good thing for the community is we are going to have 18 more EMT's. After this class they are going to do an advanced class.

They are looking to purchase a Tender for Oakridge and Hazeldell. They are trying to negotiate a price right now; it should be less than \$10,000. It will be an easier vehicle to drive and it is an automatic transmission. It is a 3,000 gallon Tender and has a hydraulic dump tank.

## **10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Community Services Committee - Met today at 5:30 and started a discussion on the new facilities permit for Greenwaters Park and the WAC. They are trying to define it a little better, trying to define what determines a commercial or non commercial event, non profit or for profit event. There will be a map included on the permit for better clarification. We just started this process and we were trying to get the Parks, Trails and Tree Board involved but none of them could participate. We are going to email this out and hopefully have something for the Council on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Public Safety Committee - They are still working on the new animal/chicken ordinance but, before they can go any further they are having Louis check some zoning information for them.

Louis is going to attend the next Public Safety meeting to discuss zoning with the committee.

All that is left for the cattery to be finished is the electrical work.

They are discussing cameras in the cars for the police officers; right now they don't have cameras.

Fire and EMS have a new logo that is very nice and professional. The repairs for the door are in process. They talked about working on an emergency preparedness plan; do we have something like this?

Mayor Shorey said we are in the process of working on one but, we are not finished. We ran into some difficulties with things we never had before like school shootings.

Louis said it is called an Emergency Management Plan.

Library – They are working on collaboration and working as a team.

Mayor Shorey said one thing they talked about was covering the porch at the library.

It was agreed to keep the executive sessions at the end of the meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Council adjourned at 8:21 p.m. for Executive Session

Five minute recess

Executive Session 8:27

**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 persom designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. ORS 192.660 (2) (h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.**

Adjourned Executive Session 8:58

Resume open meeting 8:59

**Motion:** Councilor Coey moved to proceed with the course of action as discussed in the executive session to have the City Administrator contact our City Attorney to proceed with the litigation settlement. Councilor Fortune seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council September 18, 2014

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

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