



November 6, 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
Glenn Fortune
Jim Coey
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 (absent)

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Price, Oakridge - The Chamber has its next meeting on November 17, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at Greenwaters Park. All of the Candidates that are running for the Chamber Board will be there.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Shorey read the Veterans Day Proclamation

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Add executive session ORS 192.690 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real estate.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Empty Lot on Hwy 58 - This is on hold at this time, looking for ways to finance this property.

Strategic Plan – The new Mayor would like to have a small retreat in January after the new people are sworn in. Louis recommends doing this in February.

Amtrak – There is going to be some additional discussion on what direction the City is going to want to go on that and if it is going to stay a priority.

Councilor Coey said he and Lynda are attending a meeting next Saturday; The Association of Railroad Passengers, they are having a luncheon at the Oregon Electric Station. They were invited to attend and give some information on Oakridge and the Amtrak Station.

Teller Road – Chuck insures Louis that they will have the Stormwater, sewer and water stuff done by the end of this fiscal year.

LTD – They will be here at the next meeting to brief us on their ridership survey and some other thoughts they have on expanding the Diamond Express, possibly weekend runs.

DMV – Louis has a meeting with the Regional DMV representative, the Mayor will attend also. This is regarding driver's tests not being available here anymore.

The County will be up here on December 4th to talk to you about the County wide vehicle registration fee. Louis asked if the council is in consensus on where they stand on this so he can draft a letter to them.

Mayor Shorey said all of the information that we need to know is in the last packet we received.

Councilor Coey said we don't need to give them a decision when they are here, we can listen to what they have to say and then have a discussion.

Mayor Shorey wanted to congratulate the new Councilors Judy Rowland and Gary Carl for getting elected.

6.2 Finance Report by City Recorder

Susan gave the Financial Report the Council.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

6.3 Public Hearing Formation of LID for North part of Ash Street

Open Public Hearing 7:19 P.M.

Staff Report

Louis gave the staff report; back in April of 2014 the Council stated that he could start working on a local improvement district for Steve Saxon and Doug Bergner. What they are requesting is the repair of the North part of Ash Street, the City Engineer estimates the costs at about \$31,000, this cost will be split with the Saxons and the Bergner's at a cost of \$15,500 to be paid off within five to seven years to the City and the City will cover the other half. One of the ways to repay that is through a local improvement district. As we are working on the street we will be working on storm water mitigation, that is a steep hill so, what we hope to do is slow the water down and also use different types of grasses for filtering.

This part of the process is primarily, to declare the North end of Ash Street as an LID and enter into a resolution.

Statements in Favor

None

Statements in Opposition

None

Statements in General

Dawn Kinyon asked how this street gets prioritized just because these two people want their street worked on?

Councilor Biggerstaff said because they are paying half and it is going to save the city money in the long run; if we wait and don't do it then we will have to pay for all of it.

Close Public Hearing 7:25 P.M.

Council Discussion

Councilor Coey said that is a very steep road, it is a public street, it serves two houses but, it has become a safety hazard and has a draining issue. Like Councilor Biggerstaff said, they are paying half so it's a cheap deal for us.

6.3.1 Resolution 10-2014 Declaration of Ash Street as a Local Improvement District

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we declare the north end of Ash Street as a local improvement District and approve Resolution 10-2014. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session 7:28 P.M.

Executive session ORS 192.690 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real estate.

Back in session at 7:42 P.M.

6.4 Public Hearing for sale of property located at 76276 Industrial Park Way

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to postpone the Public Hearing for sale of property located at 76276 Industrial Park Way until November 20, 2014. 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

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7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Fee waiver for WAC Gymnasium for Magic Show

Motion: Councilor Fortune moved that we approve the fee waiver for the use of the WAC Gym by Loren Michaels and guest magicians and transfer money out of the TRT Fund to cover waiver. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

Councilor Slaven asked, just to clarify, this waiver is for two days and they are paying for the rest of the days?

Louis said yes, that is how he reads this.

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

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Chief Martin and Officer Davidson are in training at a career officer and development course.

The Fall Fun Night went very well and was very well attended.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde said they have their newest vehicle; 2916 a 3,000 gallon tank Tender. This one is an automatic so most people can drive it; the other one had several gears and was very difficult to drive.

They are in the process of signing their Ambulance Mutual Aid Agreement. Basically there are five ambulances in the area, Lane County, and what it says is if you need help, we will come. The problem is our closest mutual aid is probably 50 minutes away.

Their calls were actually down this month, they had 40 calls compared to 70 calls in the previous months. They attribute that to the colder weather, people aren't getting out as much.

They have a meeting with ISO on the 19th; they are talking about insurance rates based on the fire department rating. They cover Westfir, Hazeldell and Oakridge. The Hazeldell rating is a 58B and some of the Hazeldell residents are being charged a 10. He asked them to bring big maps; he wants to see the streets. They want to establish where the boundaries need to be.

Chief is talking to the tax assessor and he is getting a list of every resident that pays taxes so they can't say this one or that one doesn't count because they don't pay taxes, he can say yes they do. He is ready for them; they have been going back and forth.

Louis said in regards to the burned down houses, the Chief spoke with the person representing the bank on the one on East First and Laurel, we are in the midst of writing up an agreement so that public works can take that down. They are also trying to work on the other one on Laurel Street, if it comes right down to it they will have to go with a dangerous building and under that ordinance the council has given him more authority on that than he thought he had, he will probably have to use it and take that one down at the same time.

The big pile of junk down by Rascals is slowly getting cleaned up, they will be dropping the hammer on them within the next six or seven days for a public health stand point. He asked the PD to get a hold of the health department in Eugene.

The ugly brown house on Riverview Street; they had the assessment done on that, there is asbestos in that house, the owner has already asked a company to go out and clean out the asbestos and he is going to ask the fire department to do a burn to learn.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Community Services – The meeting for tonight was cancelled, they will meet on December 4th at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Public Safety - The Police Chief announced that the cars are going to get new graphics, which they have. He also announced that he and another officer are going to go to training. They have a new employee at the Fire Department.

They discussed the cattery; they are still waiting on an electrician. They are working on the chicken ordinance and are discussing adding all foul as well.

Councilor Clark asked the Fire and Police Chiefs if they would bring in their new hires to City Council meetings like they used to.

Library Board – Everyone should have received Councilor Slaven’s email about the issue they are having at the library. There have been some behaviors that are rude and inappropriate and possibly a break in confidentiality. Unfortunately the Board Chair is ill so she hasn’t been able to meet with her, at this point we need to talk about whether or not we need to take action and remove this person from the Board.

Councilor Clark said this is a moot point, the Chair sent an email to the library coordinator that she is resigning as Chair.

Councilor Slaven said then we don’t have to worry about this or do anything.

Mayor Shorey thanked Councilor Slaven for her hard work on this; this is a painful thing to do.

LRAPA – They had a meeting that Sarah put together last week, it ended up being a five hour session talking about how we are not going to meet our attainment goals that were established by the EPA for December 2014 of 2.5. We met the previous number and then they decided to change it again. At this point we are not going to get there and without an extension and some really dedicated work by the community we won’t get there. The EPA could come in here and start doing things, this is pretty serious stuff. They have until March to come up with a plan to get an extension.

Because of the Deception Creek Fire there is a lot of fire wood sitting at the log deck, approximately 200 cords. They are working with the forest service to maybe get some of that to create a wood swap. It won’t be available this year but it will be next year. You would be able to come in with your split cords that you just got from the forest and swap it for a cord of dry wood. There is still some money for wood stove remediation’s and there are going to be fines, people that are burning trash, green wood and using unapproved stoves. Several of the officers have been trained, there will be some LRAPA staff on hand and if your opacity levels don’t meet the guidelines you will be fined.

Councilor Fortune said at the last meeting he attended they discussed looking for more money for wood stove replacement but, part of the challenge was that none of that money could go to landlords that had wood stoves in their rentals and the renters can’t get the money either. They discussed trying to get grants to allow land lords to replace the stoves.

Sarah Altemus said we really need to people to comply on no burn days. If we can show a little bit of a decrease in numbers she thinks we probably can get an extension.

Councilor Coey said everyone at the meeting is on board with this just trying to find some solutions on how to take care of this problem.

Councilor Fortune said we have a pertinent number of people around here burning wood that have an attitude, they are going to burn wood no matter what and they are going to burn whatever they want to burn. There are some homes that have alternate heating sources but, they are saying wood heat is their only source. The only thing that is going to get their attention is some fines, once that word gets around then others will comply.

Mayor Shorey said there are programs out there for ductless heat pumps, no matter what kind of house you have you can take out the wood stove and put in a ductless heat system.

They put the monitoring station in the worst spot possible and that is not going to change, they aren't going to move it. They are going to go with the worst number.

OEDAC – They don't have any meetings coming up. He did receive an email from Lane Electric saying Dave Devonzo and the new General Manager will be coming up on the 13th concerning economic development. They want to tour Oakridge.

GOATS – They had their volunteer awards party this last weekend. They had a good turnout. They are finishing up the Dead Mountain Trail, finishing up the connections up there. There is a trail work party up on Larison Rock Trail this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council November 20, 2014

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder