



November 20, 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
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

Mayor Shorey wanted to take a couple of moments to express his condolences to the family of Councilor Fortune. Glenn served the community on the council for over 14 years, he was a USAA Track and Field Representative for many years, and he was also our LRAPA Representative. He was a Father, Grandfather, business man and a friend. Mayor Shorey asked for a moment of silence in memory of Glenn Fortune.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Freborg 76773 Bugle Loop, Oakridge– If anyone has not seen the Veterans display in the Uptown window you should go see it. Sayre Custer put it together with items on loan.

When he sees where the City is right now and where we were a few years ago and how far we have come with our Council and our outgoing Mayor, your leadership has done us well.

Dawn Kinyon 47709 School Street, Oakridge – Asked if there has already been two public hearings on the LID that was discussed at the last meeting.

Louis said no, how it works is they do the resolution and they have to post two times for the public hearing. They posted on the 13th and they posted the notices today. The actual public hearing is on December 4, 2014.

Dawn Kinyon asked what was at the last meeting then.

Louis said that was the resolution kicking it off. That is the first step of the LID process, you have to have a resolution kicking it off by the Council then the next step is letters to the participants and then notices for two weeks, two times and then you can have your public hearing after that.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Louis said the Rex Lesueur wanted to say a few words about Councilor Fortune. He was a friend and coworker for 18 years. He offered his condolences.

He wanted to let the Council know that he will be stepping into his shoes taking care of the insurance for the City of Oakridge.

Mayor Shorey said that Glenn was the coolest head we had on the council, when things would get a little in turmoil he would get us back on point.

Councilor Clark wanted to say that she and Glenn started the City Council together 14 years ago. They had planned to walk out of here arm in arm at the last meeting. He was her friend and fellow councilor.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

C. Slaven (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

The majority of tonight's meeting will be LTD and University of Oregon presenting survey results. The packets he gave the council with Measure 91 on it for the Marijuana Dispensary Moratorium, take those home and look at it. You will see some proposed language in there. What he would like you to do is let him know what you think about it, email him and let him know if you like it and if you don't like it tell him why. This is something Louis has just recently learned, if you are going to change the color on your zoning map or if you are going to change the text in your zoning ordinance you have to send out the form 38 days prior to the first public hearing.

Log Bicycle Racks – Louis and George Custer did a preliminary survey of the uptown and the community to see where we could place them. They are looking at different aspects such as safety.

Franchise Agreement – Hunter Communications, they are an Internet Service provider, the agreement is currently with the City Attorney for final review. Once they get that back Louis will present it to the council.

Letter to DMV – Louis and Councilor Coey spoke with DMV regarding the driver’s tests being taken away from Oakridge. They found out it wasn’t just us, this is happening all over the state. There are towns with over 9,000 people that don’t do drivers tests. The DMV acknowledged that they should have let us know, they apologized and will be sending a written letter to council and the citizens.

Councilor Coey said they did say that it is a state wide DMV thing, they won’t let the municipalities know, they will let the school district know, but not the city, it is a state mandate.

Louis said this is from a DMV level state wide from the administrator down, not above them.

Appraisal of 76276 Industrial Park Way – It was previously appraised as a 1950’s building. The building was moved and stripped down to the bones and totally refurbished. In 2002 we did additional rehab, in a nutshell he sent a letter to the appraiser and said we need him to look at the property again. The prospective buyers are well aware of what is going on and Louis is assisting them with a business plan.

There will not be a public hearing 6.6 tonight.

Councilor Biggerstaff asked what his timeline is on this.

Louis said he is hoping to hear something this week. Louis said the goal is to use those buildings to provide jobs.

6.2 Finance Report by City Recorder

Susan gave the Financial Report to the Council.

She has been in contact with the auditors, she hopes to see a rough draft of the audit by the end of this month. She has not heard back from them on anything else they need.

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), R. Clark (Aye), J. Coey (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

6.3 Lane Transit District Presentation

Aline Goddard from Special Mobility, the Oakridge Division introduced Tammy with Lockwood Research and Susan from LTD, and they presented survey results for the possible growth of the Diamond Express.

6.4 OLCC Application for Lee’s Chinese Restaurant

Motion: Councilor Clark moved that we recommend approval of the Lees Gourmet Garden II Inc., OLCC Liquor License Application. Councilor Coey seconded the motion.

Mayor Shorey (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye). Motion carried 5-0.

6.5 Request for funds for Hwy 58 Snowflakes

Motion: Councilor Coey moved that we donate \$500.00 from the Community events line item to the snowflakes for repair and purchase of snowflakes. Councilor Biggerstaff seconded the motion.

Councilor Slaven asked how much we have spent out of that line item already.

Louis said we have spent about \$600.00, he didn't bring it with him today, the only other thing we have spent it on are the dumpsters for St. Vinnie's.

Councilor Clark said she is on the Snowflake Committee and they just replaced bulbs on all of them and it takes thousands of bulbs. Each snowflake costs around \$700.00.

Gary Carl asked who puts the snowflakes up?

Councilor Clark said Lane Electric does and Chuck and his crew help out.

Councilor Slaven said First Tech has a Holiday Lights account for anyone who would like to donate, you don't have to buy a whole snowflake.

C. Slaven (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), Mayor Shorey (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

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

Cancelled

6.7 Surplus shelves and other items in Old Library

Louis said normally the items in the library he can just surplus himself however, to keep everything transparent he is requesting the council to surplus shelves and other items from the old library. The Museum is working with us, their volunteers are taking the shelves down for us and we are donating them to the museum. The museum will take most of the shelves and then we have tables, stuff like that to sell. Some of the city departments will take some of the other stuff also.

Motion: Councilor Coey moved that we surplus the shelves and other items in the old library for sale and donation. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

Mayor Shorey (Aye), J. Coey (Aye), R. Clark (Aye), L. Biggerstaff (Aye), C. Slaven (Aye). Motion carried 5-0

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

Acting Police Chief Martin said he wasn't at the last meeting, he was at the Academy with Officer Davidson getting Oregon State Certified. They were both at the top of their class.

October stats are 79 traffic stops that resulted in 40 citations, 178 calls for service that resulted in 48 case reports.

They had a really good turnout at the Fall Fun Night, they got lots of compliments that the Officers were helping in uniform in the booths.

Two of the burned houses are getting close to coming down, they are finalizing with the families.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Alcalde said they had the Insurance Service Offices inspections, for those of you that don't know what that is they determine the grade for the Fire Department and that grade determines what you pay for your insurance rates.

They had several individuals that had incorrect rates, mostly in the Hazeldell District, and what they determined is they had old boundary maps and those maps had certain points of Hazeldell not in the district and they found some issues with Oakridge. Chief Alcalde is going to work with them to make sure the maps are correct. It could make a big difference if somebody gets a ten, which is what you pay when you don't have a fire department, you pay very high insurance rates. If anyone thinks they are paying incorrect insurance rates they should probably talk to Al.

One thing that Chief Alcalde wanted to share tonight is that 20% of Firefighter fatalities occur responding or leaving calls, so it is very important that we maintain the vehicles. At some point they will have to think about replacing some of the vehicles.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Community Services Committee – Councilor Coey and Lynda Kamerrer went to the Oregon Electric Station for a luncheon by a group called The Association of Rail and Transit Advocates. They have been around for about 25 years. They help advocate for rail and passenger lines in Oregon. They knew about our Amtrak interest so they asked them to attend. They just talked about rail services and asked them to do a small presentation on what their conversations have been with Amtrak and U.P. Lynda ended up doing that because Jim had to leave.

Mayor Shorey brought up the piles of trash along the Hwy, the one down by Rascal's is gone and the one by the hardware store is almost all gone. He appreciates who ever cleaned those up.

Louis said Matt Michael, the new General Manager for Lane Electric was in town last week, and they had a meeting and discussed a lot about economic development and what that meant for Oakridge and Lane Electric. He is a very smart man and we as a community got really lucky that Lane Electric hired him.

Public Safety - Will meet on December 2, 2014

Administrative Committee – We don't have anyone left on this committee

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council December 4, 2014

Signed: _____
Jerry Shorey, Mayor

Signed: _____
Susan LaDuke, City Recorder