

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016
STANFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 WEST COE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stanfield City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tom McCann at the Stanfield City Council Chambers, located at 150 West Coe Avenue, Stanfield, Oregon.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor Tom McCann and Councilors Pam McSpadden, Don Tyrrell, Lynn Weathermon, Del Manley, Jack Huxoll, and Jason Sperr. Also present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Public Works Director Scott Morris, Librarian Cecili Longhorn, and Finance Director Jerry Carlson.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Tom McCann led the audience and members of the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2015

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the December 1, 2015 council meeting as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: None.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris reported that they are taking down Christmas decorations now. He said that they received a new public works pickup truck, and Richard Dutcher is driving it. He said that they are getting bids now for building next to City Hall for the roof and mold abatement. He said they have three roofing bids, but are waiting on the mold abatement bids. He said the replacement roof on north booster pump station is almost done.

Finance/Administrative: Councilor Sperr asked why the Echo Bail payable line is negative. Mr. Carlson said that there is a difference between the payments that go out and the payments that come in, and sometimes they don't agree. He said he is watching the issue. He said some months you pay more than you take in because you are catching up on previous months. Mr. Larsen said that if you look at a year-to-date figure, it looks much different. Councilors Sperr and McSpadden moved and seconded to approve the finance reports for the months of October and November 2015. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Huxoll, and Sperr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilors Sperr and Weathermon moved and seconded to pay the bills for the month of December 2015 in the amount of \$252,407.70 as funds become available. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Huxoll, and Sperr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: None.

Library: Ms. Longhorn said that the library computers are finally working.

Councilors Sperr and Huxoll moved and seconded to approve all committee reports. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Huxoll, and Sperr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Longhorn said that something needs to be done about the speeding through town. Mayor McCann said that people know that there is only one officer working. Mr. Morris said there was some success with parking a police cruiser out on the road. Mr. Bell asked how the police investigation is coming along. Mayor McCann said that it is still under investigation, and so nothing can be said right now about it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen said the City closed on the building next to City Hall last week, and that it would be up for sale as soon as the roof and mold are addressed.

Mr. Larsen said that a city councilor from Hermiston contacted him and offered to give a 15 minute presentation on the Easter Oregon Trade and Events Center. Mayor McCann said the he

understood they were hurting for money. Mr. Larsen said that he thought they had enough funding to finish, but that they did not have enough funding for the additional phases. The consensus of the council was that they would like to hear the presentation. Mr. Larsen said that he would schedule the presentation for February 16, 2016.

Mr. Larsen said the Katy Brown, who had been working part-time in City Hall, moved to Milton-Freewater, and they were accepting applications to replace her. He said that he planned on conducting interviews next week.

Mr. Larsen said that they next day was a public hearing before the Planning Commission to hear a request to rezone the property at 615 E. Ball. Mr. Lloyd Piercy made the request to change the zoning so that he can put in a planned residential development. Mr. Larsen said that the same issue has to be brought before the City Council after the Planning Commission decides on it. The council discussed this potential project, as well as the Housing Authority project.

Mr. Larsen distributed copies of the City Charter, as some councilors had asked about the powers of city officials.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Sperr asked about the budget of improvements on the building next to City Hall. Mr. Larsen said that the amount authorized by the City Council allowed him to purchase the building for \$65,000 as well as remodeling costs of \$40,000. He said that the only money that should be spent is whatever is necessary to fix the roof, remediate the mold, and list it for sale.

Mayor McCann asked Mr. Morris if there was a requirement for hydrants at the Stage Gulch RV park when it was built. He said that there was a considerable amount of time required for the Firefighters to get water to the fire that happened there recently. Mr. Morris said that nothing was required at the time that it was built. The council discussed the fire and the City's ability to add more hydrants or encourage property owners to add more hydrants. Mayor McCann said that it would be good to talk to the owners about the situation, and how to improve the situation. Councilor Weathermon said that the City needs to be careful, because any help or requirement exercised by the City needs to be applied to other businesses as well.

Mr. Larsen said that the purchase of the building next to City Hall requires a supplemental budget to be passed. He suggested that a public hearing be planned for the first meeting in February to accomplish that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS §192.660(2)(f)

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of January 5, 2016 at 8:13 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for January 19th, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____

Mayor

Date of Approval: _____