

MINUTES  
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017  
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 Susan Whelan, Don Tyrrell, Del Manley, Jason Sperr, and Jack Huxoll. Councilor Pam McSpadden was absent. Also present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Public Works Director Scott Morris, Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt, 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 MARCH 21, 2017

Mr. Larsen said that there were some spelling mistakes that have been corrected. Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the March 21, 2017 council meeting as corrected.

REPORT ON LEAGUE OF CITIES ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FROM COUNCILORS WHELAN, MANLEY, AND SPERR

Councilor Sperr reported that he and Councilors Whelan and Manley attended a training put on by the Oregon League of Cities. He said that they learned a wide variety of things. He said that interpersonal relationships were talked about a lot, and that a little politeness goes a long way. He said that he learned that he is not keeping good enough documentation, and that notes and records should be preserved at City Hall. He also said that other cities have done a lot to involve their citizens and get input on what citizens want. He said that he learned that 6-7% is typical for franchise fees now.

Councilor Manley said that the training was very intense. Councilor Whelan said that she learned a lot, and was pleased that the materials were provided to her so that she could refresh her memory later. She said that the training was very well done, and she would like to go to the League of Cities annual conference in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt reported that things are getting busier. He said that Officer Marcum had his first solo night shift, and will now be working solo a couple of days per week.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said that the gate is up and running at the compost yard now. He said that they have given out the code for the first week, but after that, residents will need a permit and code from City Hall. He said that they replaced some fire hydrants, and are busy mowing and getting sprinklers running. Councilor Huxoll asked if anything would be done to fix the damaged median. Mr. Morris said that they would clean it up and fix the sprinklers that were broken. Mr. Morris also said that the City would hold an Arbor Day celebration on April 20.

Mayor McCann asked what could be done to clean up the bricks at the Library. Ms. Longhorn said that they just need to be hosed off. Mr. Morris said that it is time to seal them and the whole building again.

Councilor Sperr asked about whether the dumpster at Bard Park was necessary. Mr. Morris said that they are used by everyone, but we are not paying for them. Chief Zumwalt says it is better if citizens dump there for free than leave the trash in their yards. Councilor Sperr also asked about the portable bathrooms at the parks, and if they are necessary. Mr. Morris and Chief Zumwalt said that they get a lot of use. Councilor Sperr said that he is looking for ways that the City can save a little money. Mr. Larsen said that they could be reduced for a little while to see if fewer units are sufficient. Councilor Sperr also asked if garbage cans could be placed at the baseball fields. Mr. Morris said that they would see to it.

Councilor Sperr said that he and Councilor Manley talked about Stanfield Heights Park. Mr. Larsen said that this had been discussed before, but the Council was not unified on a course of action. Mr. Morris said that they usually mow it at least once a month. Mr. Morris said that some people have been dumping their weeds back there, and this makes it hard to mow. Chief Zumwalt said that it was suggested before to put in a community garden. Mr. Larsen said that every option of productively using the area requires work, and people to do it. He said that the council previously discussed the idea of finding neighbors who were willing to extend their fences so that there was no park left. Mr. Larsen said that way there is no maintenance required by the City. Councilor Huxoll said that would take value away from other homes. Mr. Larsen said that he views the elimination of the park as something that would make all the properties in the subdivision more valuable, because the park is a blight right now. Councilor Manley said that he just wanted to see it mowed and weedeated twice a month. Councilor Sperr said that perhaps it needs to be mowed more often. Mr. Morris said that they don't pay very much attention to it now, and mow it once every four weeks. Mr. Larsen said that if that is the Council's wish, then the City could do that, but that takes staff time.

Mayor McCann asked about the situation at the old Jesse James club. Mr. Larsen said that the State Building Codes Division will not do anything about it, but the City is using its authority to keep anyone from legally being inside the building, and the owners will need to have an inspection done before they will be permitted to use it again. Chief Zumwalt said that the owner is still in California, and they won't do anything until he comes back. Mr. Morris said the Fire Marshal said the Fire District would enforce no occupancy. Mayor McCann said that he wants to make sure that the City doesn't incur any liability.

Councilor Sperr wants to be proactive on this issue. He doesn't want it sitting there for the next 20 years. Mr. Larsen said that the City could prevent the owners from using it in its present condition. He said that doesn't solve the problem of a productive use, and there really isn't anything the City can do to force a productive use, it can only prevent an illegal or dangerous use. Mayor McCann wants to give them 60-90 days and then start the condemnation process. Chief Zumwalt suggested giving a presentation to the Council on what has been done and what can be done next.

Councilor Whelan said that there is a problem with the sidewalk at 305 S. Main. Mr. Morris said that the City has not done anything to the sidewalk, but it has been covered by gravel and parking. He said that it is not supposed to be diagonal parking there.

Finance/Administrative: None, bills and finance report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Safety: None.

Library: Ms. Longhorn said that National Library Week is next week, and the Library will be forgiving late fees. She said that this will get people back into the library. She said that the Library District has donated gift cards to be given out, and the Library will have book sale. She said that the Library will be closed April 18-22 for the Oregon Library Association convention.

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

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Longhorn said that she is very concerned about the homeless camp by the river, and the occupants are out at night, possibly up to no good. The Council and Staff discussed the issue.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of April 4, 2017 at 7:57 p.m., and opened the goals-setting workshop that was continued from March 21<sup>st</sup>. The next meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_