

MINUTES  
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 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, Jason Sperr and Jack Huxoll. Also present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Public Works Director Scott Morris, Police Chief Bryan Zumwalt, 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 APRIL 5, 2016

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the April 5, 2016 council meeting with a correction to indicate that Councilor Don Tyrrell was not present at that meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Administrative: Councilors Sperr and Huxoll moved and seconded to approve the Finance Report for March, 2016. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER TRISTAN WALKER AND CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE OFFICER JOYCE WRIGHT

Officer Tristan Walker introduced himself, and Mayor McCann swore him and Officer Joyce Wright in to service to the City of Stanfield.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Carlson said that the City is in the process of eliminating the water deposit trust fund, deferred compensation fund, and bonded debt fund. The first two are being eliminated because the City's auditors have stated that they are no longer needed and are recommending that they be eliminated. He said that the bonded debt fund will not be needed, as the City is planning on paying debt off in full before the end of this fiscal year. The water deposit trust fund will be absorbed into the sewer and water funds, and the deferred compensation fund will be handled directly through other funds the same way as other payroll activities.

Susan Whelan said that she is beginning a program to feed hungry children during the summer months. She said that she will be looking to attach it to the Library's summer reading program. She said that if anyone who knows of any expertise in the community that may be helpful, to please let her know. Mr. Carlson asked about insurance coverage for such a program. Mrs. Whelan said that is a good question. Councilor McSpadden asked about involving the senior center. Mrs. Whelan said that she hopes they will be of help, but she has not talked to them yet. She is working on getting some funding for this purpose. Mayor McCann said that the City will support this project in any way that it can. Mrs. Whelan said that she would be inviting the City Council to share a meal to see what the program is like and be aware of who it is helping.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen said that there is a League of Cities training meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at EOTEC in Hermiston, and will be a good opportunity for the City Council to attend a local training. He recommended that all attend who are able, and asked that the Council let him know if they are able to attend so that he can RSVP. He said lunch will be provided at that meeting. He also said that his proposed budget would be mailed out this week, and the first budget committee meeting would be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Larsen asked the Council if they are interested in moving to a flat rate for sewer. He said that the current rate is difficult to work with, and causes confusion among residents. Mr. Larsen said the he recommended changing it, but that it would need to be handled carefully. He said that any change would need to be done by ordinance, and would need to be clearly communicated to everyone. Councilor Huxoll said that any changes should be handled in a public meeting. Mr. Larsen said that there are a number of ways to do it, but he would want the rate to be high enough that it would bring in the same amount of revenue as current rates. He said that the rate would end up being \$40-\$45 per month. The consensus of the council was that the City Manager should conduct research, develop a recommended rate, then hold public meetings to communicate that and get input from residents.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Tyrrell notified the Council that the Senior Center was painted yellow. Councilor Sperr asked if the City had sufficient personnel for the summer. Mr. Larsen said that the City's seasonal public works employee is back at work again, and the City recently took on a JOBS program participant, which helps with manual labor for the summer.

The Council discussed properties for sale and potential developments in the City.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660 (2)(b): CITY MANAGER EVALUATION

Mayor McCann recessed the regular meeting and opened an executive session to evaluate the City Manager's performance. After the evaluation, Mayor McCann recessed the executive session and reopened the regular meeting.

Councilors Sperr and Weathermon moved and seconded to have the city manager research the consumer price index for 2016 to see what the increase in inflation has been. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of April 19, 2016 at 8:05 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

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W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

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

Mayor

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