

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017
STANFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 WEST COE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting and Budget Adoption Hearing 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 Don Tyrrell, Pam McSpadden, Susan Whelan, Del Manley, Jason Sperr, and Jack Huxoll. Also present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Public Works Director Scott Morris, 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 MAY 16, 2017

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the May 16, 2017 council meeting as written.

STREET MAINTENANCE PRESENTATION, MIKE BARRY, ODOT

Michael Barry, from the Oregon Department of Transportation gave a presentation on the causes of street damage and prevention and maintenance techniques. The Council and staff discussed maintenance plans and funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: No Police report, and no questions on the Court report.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said they are working on sprinklers and parks, fixing water leaks, and getting ready for 4th of July. He said that they have been working on some of the issues raised by the safety committee, and will be putting up tables soon for the summer meals program. Councilor Huxoll asked about progress at the Panoramic Ridge development. Mr. Morris said that all the dry utilities are in and conduits laid, but no one has been up there for a week. He said it seems to be progressing slowly.

Finance/Administrative: Councilor Sperr said the he went through the bills, but copies were not made in time for the meeting, and they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING

Mayor McCann closed the regular meeting and opened the Budget Adoption Hearing and asked for comments. After hearing no comments, Mayor McCann closed the hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2017: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2017: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2017-2018 BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2017: A RESOLUTION LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jeanna Harju asked what had been learned regarding occupied RVs. Mr. Larsen reported his findings, that no other city that he could find allowed permanent occupancy of an RV. The Council, staff, and audience discussed the issue. No one on the Council made a motion to have the ordinance changed in any way. Several properties that also were violating the ordinance were discussed, and the consensus of the Council was that enforcement should be stepped up, and should apply equally to all properties. Mr. Larsen said that he would talk to the Code Enforcement about it.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Council discussed code enforcement efforts.

A resident asked about the smell of the starch plant. Mr. Larsen explained the status of the City's efforts to improve the smell. He said that there was a fire the previous Friday, which caused additional damage and revealed flaws in the fire protection system. He said that the plant owners have brought in a consultant who has reported on ways to improve their system. He said that they are making efforts to improve things, but it is not happening quickly. The Council, staff, and residents discussed the odor issue. The consensus of the Council was that the plant should shut down until they have finished their work installing the new equipment and correcting their system. Mayor said that he would like to see an injunction given against the plant, giving them 21 days to get the problem fixed or shut down. Mr. Larsen said that he would contact DEQ and work toward that goal.

Mr. Larsen said that last Friday he gave a presentation to the State Parks and Recreation Department seeking grant funding for the Stage Gulch Trail. He said that he learned that the City is on the short list, and likely to receive the funding.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Sperr thanked Mr. Larsen for his work on the grant application. Councilor McSpadden asked about the El Dorado apartments. Mr. Larsen said that he talked to the owners recently about it.

Mayor McCann expressed disappointment in the condition of the Post Office building and the landscaping around it. Councilor Sperr asked about a volunteer program to do painting, and funds that could be used to pay for paint. Mr. Larsen said that funds used for the façade improvement grant could be redirected toward buying paint and organizing volunteers to do it.

A resident asked about the painting of parking lines along US 395. Mr. Morris said that work is on his to-do list.

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

Mayor McCann opened the executive session to complete the City Manager's evaluation. After the council's discussion, he reopened the regular meeting.

Councilors Whelan and Manley moved and seconded to give the City Manager a 4% raise. Ayes: Whelan, Tyrrell, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: McSpadden. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting and Budget Adoption Hearing of June 6, 2017 at 8:28 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for June 20, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____
Mayor

Date of Approval: _____