

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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 Don Tyrrell, Lynn Weathermon, Del Manley, and Jack Huxoll. Councilors Pam McSpadden and Jason Sperr were absent. Also present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Police Chief Bryan Zumwalt, Finance Director Jerry Carlson, Librarian Cecili Longhorn and Municipal Judge Rose Emerson.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2016

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the July 5, 2016 council meeting as written.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE'S TRAINING REPORT

Judge Rose Emerson reported that she recently attended the National Judicial College, as required by new state law for all lay judges. She said it was excellent training, which included five years worth of education, as well as plenty of materials and resources. She said it covered everything from the role of judges to domestic violence. She said that there was also a lot of training on what not to do.

Mayor McCann said that the Municipal Judges Association has come a long way from when he was a liaison with the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Mayor McCann said that the list of vehicles and equipment was provided to the Council. Councilor Huxoll asked what kind of prices would be set for the equipment. Mr. Morris said that it would be sold to the highest bidder, and he would set a minimum bid. Mayor McCann asked which dump truck was on the list. Mr. Morris said it was the red one with the broken box.

Councilors Weathermon and Huxoll moved and seconded to declare the vehicles and equipment on the list surplus. Ayes: Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt said that one of the incidents was a train jumper that went through 6 cars and stole one, but was arrested before he even got out of town. He said that person ended up being in jail for three weeks. Chief Zumwalt encouraged everyone to lock their cars, as every car that was broken into was unlocked. Mayor McCann asked what the non-dog animal calls were. Chief Zumwalt said it was livestock from poorly-fenced properties.

Mayor McCann said that he appreciated the notice regarding the fire, and stated that he was saddened by the loss of the home and one of the community's resident.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said that they have been mowing, maintaining parks, watering, and asphalt patching. He said that he is still working with the new owners of starch plant. He said that they moving forward with modifications, and trying to figure out what kind of wastewater the City can take from them. He said that they want to send water from their air scrubbers, but that may not work either, as the water is really high in salt and will be a problem for the plant. He said you can't grow anything on the salt-irrigated field. Mayor McCann asked about striping on Harding Avenue. Mr. Morris said that he met with Stripe-Rite in Tri-Cities to do that as well as some crosswalks and other striping by Pilot. He said that if price is good enough, they will work in the center line.

Mayor asked if there were problems at the compost yard with people sneaking in. Mr. Morris said that no one sneaking in there, but there is garbage being dumped there. He said that they set up some cameras, which will be functional on Friday. Chief Zumwalt noted that they caught the last person who dumped there. Mr. Larsen said that he is concerned with commercial businesses dropping off waste without paying any fee. The council and staff discussed the use of the compost yard by commercial enterprises.

Finance/Administrative: Councilors Manley and Huxoll moved and seconded to pay the bills for the month of July 2016 in the amount of \$142,445.66 as funds become available. Ayes: Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried. Councilors Huxoll and Weathermon moved and seconded to approve the finance report for the month of June 2016. Ayes: Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: Chief Zumwalt reported that reflective tape is needed for the stop sign at Coe and Sherman, and that there are holes in Coe Street Park that need to be filled.

Library: Ms. Longhorn said that they went from doing 10 days of programs for a typical summer, to 28 days of programs. She said it was a lot of work, and they had 28-98 kids each day. She said it was a great thing, and there is definitely a need, but it was a lot of work. She said that the Library will be closed for fair week for cleaning. She said that the programs were fun and the kids liked it. She said this was not teenagers, but pre-school through Jr. High aged kids. She said they had stranger danger class, fitness classes, and a mini golf course. She said that they remained within their summer reading budget.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Cecili Longhorn expressed concern about the transient camp by the river. She said that the transient population has shot up, and bathroom use at the library has gone way up and is a problem. She said that it is affecting the way people enjoy the river, and people who live nearby are experiencing problems. Chief Zumwalt said that they thought it would be easy to take care of, because the camp is on county-owned property, but that the results are not what they would have liked. When the camp was elsewhere, it didn't become an issue until it became visible from the road. He said that they probably won't get results until there is pressure on the County. Ms. Longhorn said that there are children living in the camp too, and that is not healthy. Mayor McCann said there is a constant problem with this on the Columbia River. He said that their policy has been to take down the camps, and take them to the Sherriff's Office Property Room. Mr. Morris said that he has never seen this many transients in the area.

Ms. Longhorn also asked about Code Enforcement. Councilor Huxoll says it has never been worse than now. Mr. Morris disagreed. Chief Zumwalt said that there is a new form that they will be using, and asked people to direct complaints to City Hall, and the new form will get the complaint to the right place. Mr. Larsen said that it is important for people to know that they can complain, and give specific information on where the violation is, especially the address. Councilor Huxoll said that everything on US 395 south of the market is a problem. Mr. Larsen said that it is a work in progress. Judge Emerson asked what the City's procedure for repeat offenders who are indigent or don't have the means to clean up their properties. Mr. Larsen said that there is a procedure in the code for property owners to be given notice and a chance to fix the problem, and if they don't, the City will clean it up and put a lien on the property. Mr. Morris said that there are quite a few problem properties. Mr. Larsen said the he would be looking at making sure that minimal chances are given to repeat offenders. He said that some notice needs to be given to make sure the City is on good legal ground, and to preserve good will. Mayor McCann suggested posting signs on property to shame people into maintaining their properties. Councilor Manley asked about the property that was supposed to become a used car lot. Mr. Larsen said that property was sold on contract, with agreed payments, so both the previous owner and the new owner need to be notified, and they both may disagree on who is responsible for the property. The council and staff discussed problem properties.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen said that candidate filing forms are due on August 30th, so please submit them soon. He said he will probably post about it on the City website and facebook page. He said that he is beginning to gather information for a main street electronic sign that is in the budget this year.

He said he has in mind an electronic sign by Bard Park. Mr. Larsen said that he is looking into changing the City's urban growth boundary by dropping some parcels out of the UGB, and adding other parcels in. He said he met with some people at the State about it, and will look into hiring some consultants to examine the feasibility and likely results of such a move. Mayor McCann asked about the process to do that. Mr. Larsen said that it would not be easy, and would likely take a long time.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of August 2, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for August 16, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____

Mayor

Date of Approval: _____