

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016
STANFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 WEST COE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stanfield City Council was called to order at 7:03 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, Finance Director Jerry Carlson and Assistant Clerk Nikki McCann.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2, 2016

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the August 2, 2016 council meeting as written.

SWEARING IN OF ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

Mayor McCann administered the oath of office of Assistant City Clerk to Nikkole McCann.

PRESENTATION ON RATES FROM MIKE JEWETT, PRESIDENT OF SANITARY DISPOSAL, INC.

Mike Jewett, President of Sanitary Disposal, said that the last rate increase for garbage service was in January 2013. He said that another request for rate increase was avoided in 2015 due to low fuel costs and an increase in work in Morrow County. He said that costs are continuing to increase, including an increase in the tax on landfill loads and the increase in the minimum wage. He said that the rate increase they are proposing would increase costs by 7.8 percent, or \$1.25 per month for most residential customers. Councilor Sperr asked why Stanfield is going up 7.8 percent, while others are going up only 7.2 percent or less. Mr. Jewett said that one of the reasons is that the landfill is hosted in Morrow County, and communities there pay less. He also said that franchise fees differ in other communities, which effects the cost in each community.

Mayor clarified that Sanitary Disposal is no longer a landfill, but is only a transfer station.

Mr. Carlson asked how many Sanitary Disposal employees get minimum wage. Mr. Jewett said that very few earn the minimum wage, but the increase affects their wages, because they want to be fair to their workers.

Councilor Weathermon said that he appreciates the new garbage truck, as it is much quieter. Mr. Jewett said that truck was just purchased a couple of months ago.

Councilors Huxoll and Sperr moved and seconded to accept the proposed rate increase. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Larsen said that he would have a resolution for the Council to adopt in September.

Mr. Carlson suggested that the community be told of the rate increase. Mr. Larsen said that he would look into advertising it.

Councilor Sperr asked if the City looked into a phone calling system to alert people. Mr. Larsen said that he would prefer an email system, if he had enough email addresses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Administrative: Mr. Carlson said that he made one change from previous reports: he included the beginning budgeted carryover balance in the revenue section, so the bottom line will total the bottom line of the expenditure side, but this may confuse things a little bit. He also said that the General Fund and the Library Fund look like their expenditures are exceeding revenues, however this is a normal thing, as those funds receive the majority of their funding from property taxes, which start to arrive in November. Councilors Weathermon and Sperr moved and

seconded to approve the Finance Report for the month of July, 2016. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen explained that there are some issues with utility bills that he has been looking into. He said that the Post Office's new policy of sending bills to Portland to be sorted results in the destruction of some bills, as they are too small for the machine. He said that he has looked into this, but there is nothing that the Post Office can do about it. He said that he is looking into outsourcing bills, and switching to full page statements. He said that this is more expensive but has the benefit of not being harmed by the machine, including a return envelope, and including the option of including a one page newsletter. He said that this would increase the cost by about \$200 per month, which takes all costs into account except for staff time. He said that money is not saved by using less staff time, but that staff can then do other things. He said there is also an option for emailing out bills. Councilor Weathermon asked how much work it is to get the bills ready to send to the vendor. Mr. Larsen said that it is the same process that we have now, except that instead of printing, a different button would be pushed, which would send the file to the vendor. Councilor Sperr asked how much time it would take to put out a newsletter. Mr. Larsen said that the biggest barrier is the work to print it out and deliver it. He said that the content is not that hard to take care of. He said that it would be easy to put one out quarterly.

Mr. Larsen discussed options for a Main Street electronic sign. The Council and Staff discussed potential signs, mounting options, and locations. Mayor McCann suggested that the building committee look at options and make a recommendation to the Council.

Mayor McCann asked what the cost would be to have some City of Stanfield condolence cards printed that could be sent out any time there was a loss in the City. Mr. Larsen said that he didn't know how much it would cost, but a big batch could last for quite a while. He said that he didn't think it would cost that much. Mr. Larsen said that he would look into it.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Weathermon announced that he is not running for reelection. He encouraged outreach to the Latino community for representation on the Council.

Councilor Sperr asked for an update on the Police Department review. Mr. Larsen said that two reviews have been conducted, and he is waiting for final reports. He said that the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police suggested that these two reviews be conducted first. The Council and Mr. Larsen discussed Police Department staffing changes.

Mayor McCann said that he would be gone the week of August 29th until September 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of August 16, 2016 at 7:47 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for September 6, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____

Mayor

Date of Approval: _____