

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, Police Chief Bryan Zumwalt, Finance Director Jerry Carlson, Librarian Cecili Longhorn, and Police Department staff.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 16, 2016

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the August 16, 2016 council meeting as written.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER CODY MARCUM

Officer Marcum introduced himself and his family. Mayor McCann administered his oath of office.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2016: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER, SEWER, PARKS, AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, SETTING THE AMOUNT OF THE CHARGES, ADOPTING THE METHODOLOGY FOR SAID CHARGES AND ADOPTING AN IMPROVEMENT PLAN LISTING IMPROVEMENTS TO BE FUNDED WITH WATER, SEWER, PARKS, AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-97COMPOST YARD

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

DISCUSSION OF THE CITY COMPOST YARD AND THE ISSUES CAUSED BY PUBLIC USE OF THE FACILITY

Mr. Larsen explained the increased costs of operating the City's Compost Yard. He said that he and Mr. Morris believe that the increase in brush and tree limbs has been from people outside of the City. He said that closing the facility to the public is a possibility, but if that is not done, there needs to be some method of enforcement to ensure that only Stanfield residents are using it, and that they are dumping the proper material. He said that this would require either staffing the compost yard during certain hours, or installing equipment on the gate to close it to unpermitted individuals. He also explained that all residents with garbage accounts can dump yard waste and tree limbs at the Sanitary Disposal transfer station in Hermiston. He said that the question is whether the City wants to pay for the compost yard, or increased code enforcement, or more brush piles around the City.

Mayor McCann said that he would like to look into some equipment on the gate that allows residents in, but is closed to nonresidents, just like at the Store n Lock storage facility. Mr. Larsen said that he would look into that, but the codes need to be protected or single use, otherwise they will get out and be used by people all over the county. He expressed concern about the cost.

Councilor Weathermon suggested limiting access to Stanfield residents to only a couple of days a week, and having a seasonal worker staff it. Mr. Larsen said that he would look into it, but when it comes to staffing, you are going to pay someone \$10 an hour to sit there and check permits and truck beds.

Chief Zumwalt said that there would be a lot of people interested in keeping the facility open, and may volunteer to staff it. He said he would hate to see it go.

Councilor Weathermon asked if there was work that a staff person could do there. Mr. Morris said mowing and stacking brush is all. He said that the person could direct people to dump their waste in the right place, which would help.

Councilor Manley asked if the compost could be sold commercially. Mr. Morris said no.

The Council and Staff discussed potential solutions. The consensus of the Council was to seek a way to keep the facility open to residents. Mayor McCann expressed opposition to any additional fees.

Mayor McCann suggested that the public works committee meet to discuss options. Mr. Larsen requested some time to research equipment and staffing costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt said that the Officer Marcum begins at the academy on September 12, and graduates January 20th. He said that Officer Walker's last day at the academy is Friday, and he hopes that he will be working on his own sometime in October. He said that there was an article in the East Oregonian about a missing person in Stanfield, but he has been unable to get a hold of the family, and there is no missing person report. He said that he has no information about the person at all, the Stanfield Police Department has never had any contact with him.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said that he had pre-construction meeting today with the builders at the Panoramic Ridge development. He said that the contractors are ready to go, but there is some preliminary work to be done first. He said that IdaPro Solutions is expanding the starch plant and doing a lot of work to put in new equipment. He said that they are still looking in to what wastewater the City can take. He said that there will need to be some pretreatment, as some of the wastewater they want to get rid of will have a lot of salt content, which is a problem for the sewer plant. Mr. Morris and the Council discussed concerns about odor at that location.

Finance/Administrative: Councilors Sperr and Manley moved and seconded to pay the bills for the month of August 2016 in the amount of \$289,208.12 as funds become available. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: None.

Library: None.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen said that an agreement had been made with the County for paying for dispatch services. He said that he would make copies of that agreement and have the Council vote on it at the next meeting. He explained that the dispatch center costs are divided up based on assessed value, so bigger jurisdictions with more valuable property will be paying more, however, this will still be an increase.

Mr. Larsen explained that the next meeting will be a joint work session of the City Council and Planning Commission and community meeting. He said that it is part of the ongoing update to the City's downtown code.

Regarding an electronic sign for Main Street, Mr. Larsen said that he had received some information from a firm in Pendleton with some very attractive pricing. He said that he was working to get more information from that firm. He and the Council discussed potential locations.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor McSpadden asked when the public works committee meeting would be. Councilor Weathermon said he needed to check his calendar. Mr. Larsen said he needed some time. He said sometime between September 20th and October 4th.

Councilor Sperr asked Chief Zumwalt if Umatilla County is still a drug hub. Chief Zumwalt said yes, the County still qualifies for HIDA funding. He said that the incident on the report means that someone called in a drug call.

Councilor Huxoll asked what Heidi Carver was doing to sell the City's building at 170 S. Main. Mr. Larsen said that she is continuing to show it to interested parties. Councilor Huxoll asked about her request to vacate a block of Lucy Street. Mr. Larsen said that the City has no need of that block of the street, as it is a dead end and has no utilities, and is not an improved street.

Councilor Huxoll asked why the City couldn't sell it. Mr. Larsen said that he didn't think state law allowed that. Mr. Larsen said that he would like to see it vacated, as it promotes the development of more housing.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of September 6, 2016 at 8:05 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for September 20, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____
Mayor

Date of Approval: _____