

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017
STANFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 WEST COE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stanfield City Council was called to order at 7:02 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 McCann and Councilors Pam McSpadden, Don Tyrrell, Susan Whelan, Del Manley, Jason Sperr, and Jack Huxoll. City Staff present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Public Works Director Scott Morris, Finance Director Jerry Carlson, and Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Mayor McCann approved the minutes for the September 19, 2017 council meeting as corrected.

ORDINANCE NO. 422-2017: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MOBILE FOOD UNITS AND VENDORS

Councilor Whelan asked for clarification on some minor language in the ordinance, and asked if the schools were exempt. Mr. Larsen said that they were.

Mr. Larsen said that the ordinance only allows food vendors in the commercial zones. He said that this is an oversight, and the industrial zones should be included, so that workers at industrial businesses can be served by food trucks. He proposed adding language to the ordinance that would allow this. The council and staff discussed the zoning in different parts of the City.

A citizen asked about catering trucks. Mr. Larsen said that private events are exempt.

Mr. Carlson said that the ordinance does not specify what the fine is for a class B violation. Mr. Larsen said that the ordinance could be updated to refer to the ordinance that was passed last week where the violations are listed.

Councilors McSpadden and Manley moved and seconded to approve the ordinance, with the corrections to allow food trucks in the industrial zones and with added language clarifying that the penalty is defined in the ordinance that was passed last week. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Whelan, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE TIME MUNICIPAL COURT SESSIONS ARE HELD TO 2:00 PM RATHER THAN 6:30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY

Mr. Larsen explained that the Police and Court committee met after the last meeting, and determined that the change in time starting in December was a good idea.

Councilors Tyrrell and Huxoll moved and seconded to approve the proposed time change for municipal court sessions. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Whelan, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilors Tyrrell and Huxoll moved and seconded to approve the proposed time change for municipal court sessions. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Whelan, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON ODOR ISSUES AT 405 N. HOOSIER LANE

Mr. Larsen said that the company called him earlier that day before the Council meeting to explain why the odor was so bad last weekend. They said that there was a communication error that resulting in already dry material going into the dryer, which then burned and caused a greater odor. He said that they reported that everything is moving forward according to the timeline that they had provided. The Council discussed the odor problems and the work being done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt submitted the police report in writing. Mr. Larsen explained that there is no court report yet, because the municipal court recently switched to new software which is causing a delay.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said they finally got the building permit for the new storage building. He said that new hydrants are going in near Pilot, which will be paid for by Pilot. He said that yesterday the striping was done on Harding Avenue. He said they will be winterizing sprinklers in the next week. The Council and staff discussed what needs to be done to 170 S. Main Street. Mayor McCann referred the issue to the building committee.

Finance/Administrative: Councilor Sperr said that he did not go over the bills yet. Mayor McCann said that will be handled at the next meeting, then.

Safety: Chief Zumwalt said that they met today at Stanfield Heights Park, and found that it is in pretty good shape, that is, it's not hazardous. He said that he would like to set up a community garden there in the spring, and that the Community Resource Officer could help with that. He said that some community buy-in may improve the abandonment and vandalism of the park, and encourage people to take care of it. The Council and staff discussed the situation at Stanfield Heights Park. Mr. Carlson said that the park needs to conform to City's ordinance standards regarding junk, trash and weeds.

Library: None.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jon Patterson introduced himself and Rebecca Grant, and said that he bought the two buildings (the Elephant's Trunk and the Burk Building) and vacant lot that were auctioned off. He said he is planning on fixing up the buildings and getting businesses in there. He said that they both have deep roots in eastern Oregon, and he owns PowerPro, an electrical firm. He said he doesn't know what he is going to do with the Elephant's Trunk, but suggested the possibility of a restaurant. He said they are thinking about putting a plaza in on the vacant lot that could be used by the patrons of whatever business is in the Elephant's Trunk, but also be open to the public at other times, too. He said that in the other building there will be an apartment or two upstairs, Rebecca Grant will be opening a yoga studio, and Kathy Baker's store is staying put. He said that building will be done before the Elephant's Trunk. Mr. Patterson, the Council, and Staff discussed the buildings and possible renovations and uses.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Tyrrell asked about the old Jesse James Club. Mr. Larsen said that it is still closed to the public, but the owner is allowed in. He said no one else is allowed in until there is a building permit to complete the repairs.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Whelan reported on the League of Cities conference that she attended. She suggested that the City do more to involve youth and Hispanics. The Council discussed community involvement and the Hispanic community. Councilor Whelan suggested finding a way for people to serve the community without a four-year commitment. She also suggested that a couple of councilors attend the community breakfasts at the Senior Center.

Councilor Sperr thanked Mr. Larsen for getting the downtown painting project going, and thanked Mr. Morris for his involvement. He said he looks forward to seeing everyone on October 14th for the painting event. Councilor Sperr said that he is very excited about the recently auctioned buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor McCann adjourned the regular meeting of October 3, 2017 at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____
Mayor

Date of Approval: _____