

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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, Del Manley, Jason Sperr, and Jack Huxoll. Councilor Lynn Weathermon was absent. Also present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Police Chief Bryan Zumwalt, 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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the September 20, 2016 council meeting as written.

UPDATE ON THE CITY COMPOST YARD AND OPTIONS TO RESTRICT USE TO RESIDENTS ONLY

Mr. Larsen said that he had found a solution that would cost approximately \$1,300 and would connect to the existing gate opener and allow access through a four digit code. He said that the codes can be changed as often as we like, some could be permanent, and some could be temporary, allowing only a certain number of entries per code. He said that if this option is chosen, then the City should not leave codes active for too long, since the longer they are in existence, the more likely they are to get out to non-residents. He said that the City could put together a permit process, where the applicant comes in to City Hall and proves their residency, and receives a code. He said that the codes could be changed at a prearranged time.

Councilor McSpadden asked about contractors. Mr. Larsen said the codes could be given out to businesses as well, in exchange for a fee. Councilor McSpadden expressed concern about signage at the compost yard, and ensuring that people are not dumping stuff that they shouldn't be. Mr. Morris said that he allows some wood to be dumped, and people come in and cut it for firewood. He said that the issue was mainly the brush that needs to be ground up. He said that most commercial users dump grass and leaves, and that does not cost the City money. Mr. Larsen said that when taking information for a permit, the City can also get information on vehicles and license plates to aid in identifying people who are dumping the wrong type of waste or dumping it in the wrong place.

Mr. Dean Franks said that Sanitary Disposal charges \$160 to dump a trailer load of wood chips, and the City lets people dump for free. Mr. Morris said that he didn't know that, but that the City could adjust permit fees accordingly. Mr. Larsen said that the City should just look at what other places are charging, and charge a little less.

Mayor McCann said that he thought that the City should proceed with the plans that have been discussed. Mr. Larsen said that he would put together a permit form and information sheet on how the codes would work. He said that he would also figure out a price that makes it worth the City's while to accept their waste. He said that they would also need to order new signage. Mayor McCann said a sign that the City is not responsible for any harm at the yard should be put up, too. Mr. Morris said that some sort of window sign in vehicles would help to.

Mr. Morris said that they City could not burn anything, because DEQ classifies it as a commercial burn facility. Mr. Franks says that other small cities are still burning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt submitted the police report in writing. He said that Officer Marcum is doing well in the academy. He said that one officer is in the academy, one is in field training that can't operate solo yet, and one officer is part-time, which leaves Officer Toombs and himself as the only full-time solo officers in town.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said that they are working on getting Phase III of Panoramic Ridge started. He said that submittals are done but he hasn't heard anything from the contractors. He said that they cleaned out 15 storm drains a couple days ago. He said he has been working with IdaPro on getting back flows in place and resolving the cross connections that they have. He said they don't have any city water yet, so it's not a problem yet. He said they fixed a couple of water leaks. Mayor McCann said that there is a stop sign down at Dunne and Blankenship. Councilor McSpadden said that there is a streetlight out at Earl and Furnish. Mr. Morris said that they will be winterizing soon. Councilor McSpadden asked about flushing fire hydrants. Mr. Morris said that they flush them out as needed, but there was a lot of maintenance needed, as many of them don't work properly.

Finance/Administrative: Councilor Sperr asked about finance report. Mr. Carlson said that the City is in good shape cash-wise. He said that the fuel tax fund is an area of concern, and is an area that needs to be watched. Councilor McSpadden asked if the City sold the property on Wheeler. Mr. Larsen said that it is in process—the property has been sold, but the City has not received the funds yet.

Councilors Sperr and Manley moved and seconded to approve the finance report for the month of August, 2016 and to pay the bills for the month of September 2016 in the amount of \$167,031.99 as funds become available. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, 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, Manley, Sperr, and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Dean Franks says the City is doing a good job, keep it up.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen said that the new bills should arrive soon, and there is a newsletter in the envelope with it. He and the Council and Staff discussed the timeline in putting out the bills.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Sperr said that the High School Booster Club has an auction and dinner event in the High School Gym on October 22nd. He also asked about changes at the police department to address issues from last year. Chief Zumwalt said that he would be holding a police committee meeting in the future on that. Mr. Larsen said that they are still waiting on a report from the City's insurer.

Councilor Manley asked if the County is doing anything about the intersection of Feedville and Edwards roads. Mr. Larsen said that he has spoken with the County about it, and they are studying the issue. He said it seem likely that there will be a four-way stop put in.

Councilor McSpadden asked about the Main Street electronic sign. Mr. Larsen said that he and the Council discussed the location at the last meeting, and decided on putting it on the south side of Bard Park between Roosevelt and Stage Gulch. Councilor Sperr expressed his support for locating the sign at Bard Park.

Mr. Larsen said there may not be a second meeting in October due to lack of business.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of October 4, 2016 at 7:51 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for November 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____

Date of Approval: _____

Mayor