

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, Lynn Weathermon, Don Tyrrell, and Del Manley. Councilors Jason Sperr and Jack Huxoll were absent. Also present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Public Works Director Scott Morris, Librarian Cecili Longhorn, 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 OCTOBER 4, 2016

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the October 4, 2016 council meeting as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: No Police report, the Court report was submitted in writing.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said that they have been winterizing, picking up leaves, blowing out sprinklers, and planting grass under the old water tower. He said that they cleaned out 15 storm drains.

Finance/Administrative: Mr. Carlson said that the Councilors should note that the street, water, sewer, and fuel tax funds have some areas that have overspent, and a resolution will be needed to shift monies around. Councilors Manley and Weathermon moved and seconded to approve the finance report for the month of September, 2016 and to pay the bills for the month of October 2016 in the amount of \$142,857.07 as funds become available. Ayes: McSpadden, Weathermon, Tyrrell, and Manley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: None.

Library: Ms. Longhorn said that a pre-school child in the City won a \$1,000 Oregon college savings account today through a program being run in Libraries throughout the State. She said that three people are coming off of Library board: Susan Whelan will be on City council, and will not be eligible to continue on the Library board, and two others have expired terms. She said that they are looking for new board members, preferably some young people or people with diverse backgrounds.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Cecili Longhorn suggested painting the council chambers, and getting a new door for the building, so that it shows others that an investment is being made on the building, especially on the outside. Mr. Larsen said that should be a part of the budget process for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen said that there would not be a second meeting in November. He said that there will be a Planning Commission public hearing on November 15th. He said that hearing is to approve potential changes to the Downtown Zone, and the issue would go before the City Council in December. He said that there is still a planning commission vacancy that needs to be filled. He said that he has been trying to get the word out, but has not had any interest yet. He asked the Council to assist in finding candidates.

He said he had no updates on the Main Street Sign, but the County is giving the City a \$5,000 grant to assist with funding the project.

He said that he met with the builder at Panoramic Ridge. He said all the permits are completed, but the subcontractors doing the work are overbooked. He said that they discussed options to speed up development, such as forming a Local Improvement District (LID). Mr. Larsen explained that an LID is a special district formed by the City, and the City sells bonds to make improvements within that district, and assesses the cost on the property owners within the district. He said that it is a way to finance a development without having a developer that could give the City a steady supply of improved lots.

Mr. Larsen said that he is still working on the process for permits to the compost yard, and he is waiting on Gordon's electric to get the equipment installed.

Mayor McCann asked about the development proposed by the Umatilla Housing Authority. Mr. Larsen said that he hasn't heard anything yet, but was last told that they would find out if they were approved for funding sometime in November.

Mr. Larsen said that there is a high school football game on Friday, the first state playoff game played in Stanfield since 1957. He encouraged everyone to support the team.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Weathermon asked if some areas are over budget because habits need to change, or are these unforeseen issues? Mr. Carlson said that some of it is from the high cost of chipping at the compost yard, but he is still looking at the reasons why.

Councilor McSpadden asked about having a waiver for non-employees to sign before they ride in City vehicles. Mr. Larsen said that he will look into it and make sure that the City has a policy that is legally enforceable. The Council and Staff discussed the use of City vehicles by on-call employees. Mr. Weathermon said that employees need to understand how the public perceives their use of City vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of November 1, 2016 at 7:25 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____

Date of Approval: _____

Mayor