

MINUTES  
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015  
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, Jack Huxoll, and Jason Sperr. 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Mayor Tom McCann approved the minutes for the November 17, 2015 council meeting as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: None.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris reported that they are busy with winterizing, odds and ends, and end of year stuff. He said that the roof blew off of the north booster pump, and he will have a bid on it tomorrow. Mayor McCann commended Scott on the lights and decorating. Mr. Morris said that he deiced roads today, and they are ready for the coming storm.

Finance/Administrative: Councilors Sperr and Weathermon moved and seconded to approve the bills for the month of November in the amount of \$194,746.59 as funds become available. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Huxoll, and Sperr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: None.

Library: Ms. Longhorn talked about the ready to learn program, which gives a library card to kids ages 0-6, and is designed to encourage early literacy. She said they will have drawings for prizes to encourage participation. There is also a drawing for a deposit into a college savings account. Stanfield Library is one of the first libraries to participate in this program. The Library Board would like to combine bank accounts and put them under the City's tax ID. She said she needs a motion from the Council to do this. She asked for a motion to combine the library accounts, put them under the City's tax ID, and approve Kim Mills, Marcia Flemmer, Karen Johnson, and Cecili Longhorn as signers.

Councilor Sperr asked if this changes Jerry's job. Jerry said it makes things easier, but suggested that a city official be another signer for those accounts in order to make it easier to get any checks signed. Councilor Weathermon asked if there was any issue with having the City Manager as a signer. Ms. Longhorn said no. Sue Whelan said that would need to be approved by the Library Board. Mr. Larsen suggested that the Council pass a motion approving this as requested, with the addition of Mr. Larsen as a signer, and specify that it would be contingent on Library Board approval.

Councilors Sperr and McSpadden moved and seconded to combine accounts, put under city Tax ID, and add City Manager Blair Larsen, Kim Mills, Karen Johnson, Marcia Flemmer, and Cecili Longhorn as signers, pending Library Board approval. Ayes: McSpadden, Tyrrell, Weathermon, Manley, Huxoll, and Sperr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kal Garton, a real estate broker from Pendleton, said that he just listed the old high school for sale. He said he owned the old Pendleton High School, which is in the middle of a residential zone and was remodeled into offices, and the grounds became a park. He said the offices became government offices. He said that such buildings are unique in that they are in the middle of residential zones but are not suited for residential use. He said that opportunities like this don't come around very often. He said that this building is 47,000 square feet, and has many benefits, including a kitchen, gymnasium, and remodeled first floor. He said part of it could be a city police station. He said that the highest and best use for the property would be for the city to own it. He said that they have had interest from a church to do homeless shelter, for a VA project, and a mental institution for criminally ill. He said he has included report on asbestos and earthquake issues. Mayor McCann suggested that the building committee look into it and come back with recommendation to council.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Huxoll said he doesn't think the City should be involved in it, because of the cost of remodeling. Mr. Garton said that the City at first didn't get involved in the old Jr. High in Pendleton, which was later remodeled into Pendleton City Hall. Councilor Sperr said that years ago, he thought that it would have been great to see it turned into a parks and recreation facility or YMCA. Councilor McSpadden asked if the asbestos reports are current. Mr. Garton said that most of the asbestos has been abated, and what remains on the second floor should be encapsulated. He said that there is also lead paint on the second floor which should be covered up or removed. The consensus of the Council is that this issue should be sent it to the building committee.

Councilor Sperr invited everyone to a free community dinner at the High School on December 12, from 5-8pm.

Mayor McCann announced that he will be running again for Mayor in 2016.

Mr. Jouseph Minazedeh said that the old high school building is fabulous, has a lot of history, and should be preserved. Councilor Huxoll said that it should be used, but the City could not afford to buy it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS §192.660(2)(f)

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor Tom McCann adjourned the regular meeting of December 1, 2015 at 8:34 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

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W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_