

MINUTES  
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017  
STANFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
150 WEST COE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stanfield City Council was called to order at 7:00 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 McCann and Councilors Don Tyrrell, Susan Whelan, Del Manley, Jason Sperr, and Jack Huxoll. Councilor Pam McSpadden was absent. City Staff present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Public Works Director Scott Morris, Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt, Finance Director Jerry Carlson, and Librarian Cecili Longhorn.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Mayor McCann approved the minutes for the November 7, 2017 council meeting as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN FUNDS

Mr. Larsen said that the resolution was necessary because the City was unable to get low enough bids for the Public Works Storage Building, and therefore paid back the loan. He said that the cost to the City was just the interest for that period. Mr. Morris explained the increase in the bids was because of the change in the wind load codes, and the cost of materials going up. He said that they looked at both a steel building and a pole barn for the building, and he was surprised by the prices that came back. He said that all the contractors seem really busy.

Councilors Huxoll and Manley moved and seconded to approve the resolution. Ayes: Tyrrell, Whelan, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON ODOR ISSUES AT 405 N. HOOSIER LANE

Kevin Andreson from 3D Idapro said that the air scrubber is delayed because of transportation issues, since it required oversize permits, but it is built and on the way. He said that they would be shutting down the next morning, the air scrubber is expected to arrive on Thursday or Friday, and they would be ready to start back up on Monday.

Mr. Larsen explained that since the deadline has passed, the City has not received sufficient complaints to trigger the new odor nuisance ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt explained that he submitted the report for October and November, as well as three recent press releases. He also submitted a list of the properties that are in the code enforcement process. He said that the Police Department started a Facebook page in order to better show the public what the department is doing.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said they have been working on Christmas lights, repairing equipment, and maintaining the compost yard. He said they are waiting for winter. He reported that he assisted the Police Department with code enforcement lists. He said that they are ready

for winter. Chief Zumwalt reported that Officer Walker climbed up to the top of the old water tower to put new lights on it, which have been well received by the public.

Finance/Administrative: Councilors Sperr and Manley moved and seconded to pay bills for October in the amount of \$140,885.38 and November in the amount of \$216,852.59 as funds become available. Ayes: Tyrrell, Whelan, Manley, Sperr and Huxoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: Chief Zumwalt said that they put together a street light repair list, and have directed staff to make sure there is ice melt at all buildings.

Library: Librarian Cecili Longhorn reported that the Library is offering fine forgiveness right now in exchange for donated food and toilet paper. This gives people opportunity to get fines forgiven and benefits the food bank. She said that often people both pay their fines and donate. She said that the Library will hold a Santa's Workshop on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She said that this year instead of people paying to come, it is being funded entirely by Christmas Tree sales at Main Street Market.

Ms. Longhorn said that she is looking at starting a program called Imagination Library, which is put on by the Dolly Parton foundation. She said that studies show that the program costs \$25 per year per kid, and the literacy rate goes up by up to 75%. She said that all studies show that on average literacy rate goes up by 30%. She wants to start a program that would cover all of Umatilla County, but she doesn't want to raise that much money. She said she is asking Altrusa for funding, but there is also a foundation in Tigard that will pay 50% of the cost for rural libraries. She said is concerned that this will not bring more people into library, but it will have a big impact. She said that the book is mailed directly to the child, and will be sent from the donor organization, perhaps Altrusa. She said that there is another organization that may be a possible funder too. She said that the program ends on the participating child's fifth birthday.

Ms. Longhorn also said that Scott Morris finally gave in and put lights on the library.

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

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Carlos Chavez said that the smell was very strong on Saturday, and that fortunately the wind was been blowing it away from town. He said that he doesn't know of a formal way to report the odor to the City, and that there needs to be a proper way to do that. Mr. Larsen said that all citizens need to do is either call in and leave their complaint, leave a message on the voicemail, email him, or leave a note in the bill payment box. He said that he only needs to know when the smell occurred, where it was detected, and what household the person is from. He said that messages left after hours are received. Councilor Whelan asked if a complaint can be submitted anonymously. Mr. Larsen said that you can do that, but the odor nuisance ordinance requires that complaints be from different households, and so they cannot be completely anonymous in order to be used to assess a fine. He said that citizens can still make anonymous complaints just to let the City know there is a problem. Cecili Longhorn reported that lots of people complained about the smell in the last couple of weeks. She said that she thinks people are being lenient and patient right now. Councilor Whelan said that the complaint process should be posted on the City website. Mayor said that he thinks they are at a turning point now. Councilor Sperr said that he would like it posted on the website and on the City's Facebook page.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen reported that he is continuing to solicit bids for work on 170 S. Main, but nothing concrete to report at this time. He said that he spoke with the lawyers who are handling the estate, and the deal for the Elephant's Trunk and Burke Building has fallen through, due to problems with the liens on the properties. He said it is unclear when anything will happen to move that project forward. He said that something needs to happen soon, because the properties are on the list for the Sherriff's Auction in the spring. He said that it is disappointing, and he didn't think anyone was going to get more money for the properties. The Council also discussed 110 N. Main Street, the old High School, the Housing Authority property near Locust Street, and the old fueling station with the food truck in front of it.

Mr. Larsen also reminded the Council of the City Employee Christmas Luncheon on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Tyrrell asked about the idea to have a student representative on the City Council. Mr. Larsen said that he will have a draft ordinance at the next meeting.

Mayor McCann commended police department on the apprehension of the homicide suspect. He said it was a job well done. He also thanked the Library for all their efforts. He said that these departments along with the Public Works Department are what keeps the City going.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor McCann adjourned the regular meeting of December 5, 2017 at 7:43 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

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W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

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

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