

The City Council for the City of Junction City, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT: Mayor, David Brunscheon; Councilors Karen Leach, Bill DiMarco, Jim Leach, Randy Nelson, Herb Christensen, and Laurel Crenshaw; City Attorney, Carrie Connelly; City Administrator, Kevin Watson; Police Chief, Mark Chase; Public Works Director, Jason Knope; Community Services Director, Melissa Bowers; and Secretary, Tere Andrews.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brunscheon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPRECIATION TO COUNCILOR JACK SUMNER

Mayor Brunscheon presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Jack Sumner, for his service to the City from 2003 to 2013, as a City Councilor, Planning Commission Chair, Budget Committee member, Senior Citizens on Patrol Captain, and chair and member of many other Council Committees.

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the bills from January. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiMarco and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

None.

VI. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) MUTUAL AGREEMENT ORDER REVIEW

Director Knope reviewed that the City has been under a Mutual Agreement Order (MAO) with DEQ since 1995. The purpose of this new MAO was to lay out the steps that were necessary for the City to come back into compliance with the Sewer Treatment Plant. Staff has worked with DEQ to try to negotiate a fair timeline for the City to construct the improvements that are necessary, as well as address other interim issues between now and the time a new treatment plant would open. One of the requirements is for the City to operate a dechlorination facility as part of the existing operations by April 1st. DEQ has allowed the City to discharge through the month of May

MOTION: Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the Mutual Agreement Order as presented and authorize the City Administrator to sign the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilor K. Leach and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

VII. BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT

Administrator Watson stated that before the Council was a Banking Services Contract with US Bank to formalize the relationship between the bank and the City for a period of three years.

MOTION: Councilor Christensen made a motion to direct staff to execute the contract for banking services with US Bank and designate the Finance Director to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilor J. Leach and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Mayor Brunscheon distributed copies of Administrator Watson's written resignation to the Council.

MOTION: Councilor K. Leach made a motion to accept the resignation of the City Administrator, with his last day being February 28, 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiMarco and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

MOTION: Councilor K. Leach made a motion to delegate to the Mayor the Council's authority to conduct interviews with interim candidates and appoint an Interim City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Mayor Brunscheon noted that he had a candidate already in mind. Councilor K. Leach withdrew her motion. Councilor Nelson withdrew his second.

Mayor Brunscheon stated that he had spoken to each of the Council members and would like to appoint Community Services Director Melissa Bowers as Interim City Administrator.

MOTION: Councilor Nelson made a motion to appoint Melissa Bowers as the Administrator Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilor Christensen and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor Brunscheon and Attorney Connelly will negotiate a contract and bring back to the Council for approval.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Director Bowers reported that this last Saturday was the 35th Anniversary of the Viking Sal Senior Center, and volunteer of the year was Rose Goslin. She expressed appreciation to Councilor K. Leach for attending the celebration. She also thanked the Council for the faith they put in her and noted that she looked forward to working with them.

Chief Chase stated that Officer Baker graduated from the Academy and his field training would be completed in May or June. The City has received a number of complaints about a gun shop that is expected to open on February 16th in Junction City. Recorder Vodrup had pointed out that the City's code has language on licensing of second hand stores, but that has not been enforced for many years.

Attorney Connelly reviewed that she had been working with Director Knope on some Requests for Proposal that would be coming before the Council in the next six months. She took a tour of the Telemetry System at Public Works. On March 12th, Lane County Board of Commissioners will hold their hearing on the UGB Expansion.

Administrator Watson reminded the Council of the following meetings: February 19th – Wetlands Work Session, February 20th – Fiscal Policies Work Session, and February 21st – TSP Open house. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as City Administrator and added that he could see many good things for the City on the horizon.

X. COUNCILOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Councilor K. Leach congratulated Director Bowers on her appointment as Interim City Administrator.

Councilor Nelson thanked the Treatment Stakeholder Subcommittee, DEQ, City Council, Director Knope, staff, and Westech for their work on the MOA. He asked if there was any progress in getting new Council chairs. Administrator Watson responded that they had requested to have a few vendors bring some test chairs out.

Councilor Christensen congratulated Director Bowers and stated that she would do a good job for the City.

Councilor Crenshaw congratulated Director Bowers. She noted that the Senior Center meals were open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$3.00 and they also deliver. She has scheduled regular delivery of meals to her business and would like to see more businesses take advantage of that. This is a way that businesses could help support the community

XI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Brunscheon congratulated Director Bowers on her appointment and thanked the Council for making that decision. He congratulated Administrator Watson on his new job opportunity and noted that he wished him the best in the future.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Brunscheon stated that citizen complaints had been expressed on the new gun store opening in Junction City. He asked how the Council would like to address this.

Administrator Watson reviewed that the City did not have a licensing program set up for this, so a program would need to be recreated if the Council wanted to enforce licensing. There had also been citizen concerns on the gun shop signage, but the City's code only regulates square footage of signs.

It was noted that the Community Development Committee had spent a lot of time reviewing business licensing in the past. After discussion, the Council consensus was to have the Community Development Committee resume review of this issue and business licensing in the City.

Mr. Jeff Haag, 27430 8th Street, Junction City, stated that Bi-Mart sells guns, and he didn't know if they had to have anything special through the City, but he knew that the state had gun licensing requirements. He expressed that he would hate to see the City get into a business license bureaucracy and cause more of a burden on local businesses, just because a citizen is misinformed or undereducated about the purpose of a firearm.

Dr. Dale Rowe, 1824 W. 10th Avenue, Junction City, stated that he was speaking as a public citizen as part of the Budget Committee. He thanked Administrator Watson for his work on the Budget Committee and noted that it had been a pleasure working with him. He added that he looked forward to working with Director Bowers.

Dr. Rowe reminded the Council that two years ago, the Budget Committee worked very hard on a budget and made a proposal to the Council about restructuring City offices and possibly eliminating a position and/or consolidating positions. He suggested that before the Council makes any decisions on a permanent replacement for the City Administrator that they allow the Budget Committee to do their job and come up with a reasonable proposal for what do on the monetary side.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kitty Vodrup, City Recorder

David S. Brunscheon, Mayor