

The City Council for the City of Junction City, met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT: Mayor, Michael Cahill; Councilors Karen Leach, Bill DiMarco, Jim Leach, Randy Nelson, Steven Hitchcock, and Herb Christensen; City Administrator, Jason Knope; Public Works Director, Gary Kaping; and City Recorder, Kitty Vodrup.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Water Curtailment Discussion

Administrator Knope shared that the City had asked citizens to voluntarily restrict their water usage and that had produced a 10 to 15% reduction. But unfortunately, the City continued to see a drop in the aquifer which limited the amount of water that could be produced. Typically the City can produce 1250 gallons per minutes, but was only able to produce 880 gallons per minute today, which caused the ground storage tanks to be used and their water levels to drop. This is the primary concern, as a certain level is needed in the tanks for domestic water use and adequate fire flow in the event of an emergency.

Administrator Knope continued that before the Council was a Water Curtailment Plan, which outlines the various stages per the water level in the ground storage tanks over a 24 hour period:

- 33 ft. to 29 ft. = Stage 1: Voluntary restrictions
- 29 ft. to 26 ft. = Stage 2: Mandatory with certain restrictions on outside watering
- Below 26 ft. = Stage 3: Mandatory with no outside watering

Administrator Knope stated that the City was currently at Stage 2 and the intent of the Water Curtailment Plan was to give the City flexibility to be able to enact restrictions as needed throughout the summer. During the non-summer months, the City typically uses about 500,000 gallons of water a day. During the summer months, that number increases to about 1.5 million gallons per day, mainly because of outside watering; thus, outside watering was being targeted. The Water Curtailment Plan also establishes criteria for a large water user (using more than 100 consumption units per day, which is about 75,000 gallons) and limits them to no more than 50 consumption units per day. The rules also include stages of enforcement, which include: 1. a warning and making sure citizens are educated and understand; 2. a warning and possible fine of \$300; and 3. possibly having their water turned off.

Administrator Knope shared that the City had already implemented reductions with its outside watering of all parks and landscape areas. He stated that any curtailment did not apply to people who have their own private wells and added that the School District does have their own wells for irrigating their ball fields.

Director Kaping added that any restrictions could be in place for a number of weeks through July or even August, depending on the weather and what occurs with the water usage.

Mr. Howard Davis, Director of Operations at the Oregon State Hospital, asked if there would be additional costs to monitor and enforce this. Administrator Knope responded that there would be no additional costs. Mr. Davis asked if he could address the Council later in the meeting, and Mayor Cahill responded that this could be done under Other Business.

Mr. Dennis Miller, 145 River Road, Junction City asked how the City would be monitoring. Administrator Knope responded that staff would be looking at meters, and monitoring would be done by existing staff as they are out on their normal routes throughout town. Director Kaping added that citizens also call the City to report when they think a neighbor is using too much water.

Mr. Matt Nelson, 849 Laurel Street, Junction City, asked if the City was at Stage 3. Administrator Knope responded that the City was not at Stage 3, but had went from Stage 1 to 2 and was close to Stage 3 at times. One of the options for restrictions at Stage 2 would be to limit outside watering from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Director Kaping added that once the

Curtailment Plan is adopted, he and Administrator Knope would determine what types of restrictions to implement and then share that with the community through the news media, City website, mailers, Facebook, etc. Mr. Nelson added that this was not a surprise to anyone, as they had been expecting this since March.

A. Ordinance No. 1 – An Ordinance Adopting a Water Curtailment Plan, Including Water Use Restrictions, Notice Requirements, and Penalties; and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor Cahill and Administrator Knope read Ordinance No. 1 in full.

MOTION: Councilor DiMarco made a motion to read Ordinance No. 1 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nelson and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Administrator Knope read Ordinance No. 1 by title only.

MOTION: Councilor K. Leach made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.1. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nelson and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

B. Resolution No. 1 – A Resolution Declaring a City Emergency Water Shortage and Authorizing the City Administrator to Implement the City’s Water Curtailment Plan.

Administrator Knope stated that this resolution was required by the Ordinance and allows enactment of the Curtailment rules.

MOTION: Councilor Hitchcock made a motion to approve Resolution No.1. The motion was seconded by Councilor Christensen and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

3. Other Business

Mr. Davis distributed a letter and Copy of the 9th Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between DOC and the City. He introduced Carrie Kelly, Hospital Superintendent. He commended Administrator Knope and Director Kaping on providing immediate responses and knowledge to some recent issues at the hospital.

Mr. Davis read the letter, which referenced the voluntary conservation and actions that the Council took on the Water Curtailment Plan. He referenced water agreements in the IGA and noted that the hospital had concerns on how the plan would affect operations at the hospital, particularly since the summer season has just begun.

Administrator Knope responded that the hospital staff had been great to work with and that the hospital was not an outside water user, as they had their own supply for irrigation. He noted that Mr. Davis had pointed out that the hospital was to have ½ million gallons of water for fire flow, and that was built into the calculation of the 26 feet in the ground storage tanks, plus the 300,000 gallons in the elevated tank near the DOC property. So the hospital’s fire flow requirements were definitely being met and accommodated along with the rest of the City.

Mr. Davis thanked Administrator Knope for the information and stated that he would let the Fire Marshall know.

4. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kitty Vodrup, City Recorder

Michael J. Cahill, Mayor