

The City Council for the City of Junction City, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Mark Crenshaw; Councilors Robert Stott, Jack Sumner, John Gambie, Dale Rowe, and Bill DiMarco; Excused Absence: Councilor Kara McDaniel; City Administrator, Jason Knope; City Attorney, Carrie Connelly; Police Chief, Bob Morris; Public Works Director, Gary Kaping; Finance Director, Mike Crocker; HR Assistant, Stephanie Moran; Community Services Director, Tom Boldon; and City Recorder, Kitty Vodrup.

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**2. Changes to the Agenda.**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes – August 14 and 28, 2018**

**MOTION:** Councilor Stott made a motion to approve the August 14 and 28, 2018 Council Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sumner and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

**4. Review of Previous Month's Expenditures**

Mayor Crenshaw asked if there were any Council comments or questions on the previous month's expenditures. There were none.

**5. Public Comment on Items not Listed on the Agenda**

None.

**6. Supplemental Budget for Building and Planning**

Director Crocker presented the supplemental budget to recognize additional revenue and make appropriations within the Building and Planning Department in the General Fund. The Council approved electrical and plumbing inspectors on June 12, 2018, so \$80,800 was being added in personnel costs. Additional costs for Building Official contracts were being added in the amount of \$100,000. Also added was additional revenue of \$100,800 from building permit and planning revenues and \$80,000 in Intergovernmental Agreements. The appropriations and revenue were balanced, so no change to the Ending Fund Balance.

**Resolution No. 1** - A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019 and Making Appropriations within the General Fund.

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

**7. Police Association Contract**

Administrator Knope presented the Police Association contract. Council had reviewed changes at the previous Council meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilor Stott made a motion to approve the Junction City Police Association Contract as presented and authorize the City Administrator to sign the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sumner and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

**8. Council Agenda Forecaster**

Administrator Knope presented the forecaster.

Director Kaping noted that the Community Development Committee had requested that the Boarding, Rooming, and Lodging House Code discussion be added to the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Work Session. The Council consensus was to add.

Councilor Sumner stated that he would like to have the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) discussion that was listed as Future Business come to the Council before his term ended. Mayor Crenshaw responded that he would see if the RLF Committee could meet.

**Staff Reports**

Chief Morris reported: The department was making good progress with the new recruits, who were doing incredibly well. Department members participated in the 911 Recognition ride and received good comments and appreciation. A juvenile was arrested over the weekend for robbery and other charges.

Director Kaping reported: The rectangular, rapid flashing beacons had been installed at Oaklea Middle School. The water leak had been fixed at 1<sup>st</sup> and Front and asphalt patching would be done. Public Works staff was in process of getting bids for the Greenwood Street project. He added that the department recently hired Utility Billing Clerk Lisa Straw, and she was doing very well.

Councilor Sumner stated that there was a significant lump on Oak Street. Director Kaping responded that they were aware and it was on their task list.

Director Crocker reported: The auditors were currently doing the audit, and the Finance Department and other staff members were busy with that. One of the reports pulled for the audit was that the Enterprise Zone tax credit for last year was \$38,000.

Director Boldon reported: The City received two nice letters recently, regarding the Library. (He distributed copies). One was from Commissioner Jay Bozievich, who thanked the volunteers for stepping up and doing a great job of keeping services going at the Library. The second letter was from Rick Kissock, Executive Director of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, who congratulated the Junction City Library on being named this year's Organization of the Year. Director Boldon added that they were up to 17 Library volunteers, and staff member Freda Darling had done a great job of coordinating training and working with the volunteers.

Attorney Connelly reported: At the last meeting, it was brought to the Council's attention that the ACLU had sent a letter to the City regarding its anti-panhandling ordinance, claiming that it was not content neutral and therefore potentially unconstitutional. In communities that do not see a lot of citations for panhandling, they were leaning towards repeal. The City of Springfield was moving towards alternative language that was more content neutral. She added that the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court issued a case called Martin versus the City of Boise where ordinances were deemed unconstitutional when applied to homeless individuals who have no other alternative location to rest, sleep, or eat other than in public areas. She noted that she was available if there were questions or any follow up for how these might apply in Junction City.

Councilor Sumner asked about the status of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court case involved the tree in Junction City. Director Kaping responded that they were still waiting.

**9. Councilor Comments/Questions**

Councilor Rowe stated that he was happy to assist the Mayor when the governor came and visited on Monday. He noted that it was a positive experience for all in attendance.

Councilor Sumner stated that the Community Services Committee meeting would not be held on September 18th; he hoped to have the parkland at the Reserve on the October agenda, as there were constituents who were still upset that they did not have a park. He continued that he had requested that the Council receive reports from Building and Planning and the Police Department. Mayor Crenshaw responded that he would bring that up under Other Business.

Councilor Sumner added that he was receiving many comments coming to his home about public safety department personnel, and he had forwarded the questions to the City Administrator. He said that the individual Councilors and the Council had limited authority on such matters, and people should address their concerns directly to the City Administrator.

**10. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Crenshaw noted that Chief Morris had brought up that Junction City participated in the 911 Rally from Eugene to Salem. Mayor Crenshaw noted that he rode his motorcycle and that the City of Junction City really stepped up and represented Lane County with seven patrol cars escorting the procession. The City of Eugene provided motorcycle escorts and it was a good collaborative effort and impressive show. One of the things that really impressed him were citizens getting out of their vehicles and saluting, and it was great that the public recognized the value of the veterans and public safety personnel.

Mayor Crenshaw continued that as follow up on the ACLU letter, he had contacted LCOG (Lane Council of Governments) to see what other cities in Lane County were experiencing. He found out from Chief Morris that this was not a tool that was used in a lot in Junction City, so repeal could be an option or the City could consider developing more neutral language.

Mayor Crenshaw continued that he had met with Administrator Knope to look at the history of the City Administrator evaluations. Mayor Crenshaw noted that his plan was to put together a proposal for Council consideration and would also attach the history of what had been done as part of that presentation.

Mayor Crenshaw stated that as Councilor Rowe had mentioned, the governor came to Junction City and toured the high school, starting out in the Home Economics Department and moving into Industrial Arts. He noted that the education system over the last forty years had been geared towards telling our kids that they needed to prepare to go to college, but they had missed an opportunity to give an option to prepare kids for other vocations. He noted that there were shortages on skilled labor across the entire United States; the high school was building a new building that would include some robust programs that would foster giving students the opportunity to explore different vocations, which was valuable.

Mayor Crenshaw noted that he appreciated Councilor Sumner's comments on Council authority and liked the idea of citizens thinking that the City Council or individual Councilors were a conduit of communication. He did not necessarily want to stop that but did want everyone to recognize that all of those comments or questions would be funneled through the City Administrator.

Ms. Sandie Thomas recognized the firemen that had put up a flag across Ivy Street as part of the 911 Rally.

Mayor Crenshaw thanked Ms. Thomas for her comment and thanked Junction City Rural Fire Protection District and Lane Rural Fire Authority for their efforts and participation.

Mayor Crenshaw recognized and thanked all of the volunteers in the community, because that community spirit was what made Junction City as special as it was. He added that because of the efforts of volunteers, Junction City was able to accomplish so much and had services more comparable to larger towns.

Chief Morris added appreciation to the VFW and Tri-County Chamber for also helping with making the 911 Rally a success.

#### **11. Other Business**

Mayor Crenshaw asked if the Council wanted to receive reports from Building/Planning and the Police Department.

Discussion followed and included that those reports used to come directly to Council and Committee Chairs used to provide reports at Council meetings, but that had been discontinued. It was noted that a Building/Planning report was prepared for the Planning Commission. It was asked if the Council wanted staff to take the time to prepare those reports, and if so how often and what should be in the report. It was noted that being transparent and following process was important. Also noted was that there was a desire to see information at the Council level, but they should go through the committees first; if the committees did not meet, staff could possibly present the report to the Council.

After discussion, the Council consensus was to have the Committees discuss and give direction to staff on what statistic data and specific activities they would want to see in a report.

#### **12. Presentation to Planning Commissioner Sandie Dunn**

Mayor Crenshaw presented a certificate of appreciation to Sandra Dunn, for serving over 20 years on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Crenshaw noted that there had been wonderful attendance at the meeting and it was always good to see so many people in the community interested in what was going on.

**13. Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Kitty Vodrup, City Recorder

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Mark Crenshaw, Mayor