

The City Council for the City of Junction City, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 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, Steven Hitchcock; and Herb Christensen; City Attorney, Carrie Connelly; City Administrator, Melissa Bowers; Police Chief, Mark Chase; Public Works Director, Jason Knope; Finance Director, Mike Crocker; and City Recorder, Kitty Vodrup.

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. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

III. 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 Christensen and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Steve Balderston, 1720 W. 15th Avenue, provided pictures of recent snow/storm damage near his home and thanked Public Works for doing a good job on the clean up. This last summer, he hired an engineer to do an elevation survey from his property to 18th Avenue, as he has maintained that the culvert that runs beyond 15th to 18th (outside the City limits) is insufficient. The survey showed that the culvert invert near his home was 6 inches lower than the invert at 18th Avenue; therefore, when heavy rain was received, the culvert overflowed near 15th and backed up on the street. He asked if the City could contact Junction City Water Control District and ask them to contact culvert property owners on making necessary changes to the culvert to prevent improper drainage/blockage problems. He added that this issue impacts his property value and his next steps would be to pursue legal action against the property owners.

Mr. Bruce Anderson, 94705 Oaklea Drive, Junction City, stated that he has had some of the same issues as Mr. Balderston at his property on Highway 99. He noted that the ditches are full behind the property, but where the ditch runs under Highway 99 it is dry; therefore, there is a blockage, which could eventually cause back up and flooding on his property.

V. INTERIM PARKING WAIVER

Director Knope reviewed that the Sewer and Street Committee was currently reviewing a citizen initiated concern at The Reserve on the inability to legally park vehicles because of a bike lane in the subdivision. Per the City's code, the Public Works Director has the authority to issue a temporary parking permit in that location, while the Committee continues to review this issue.

The Council consensus was in favor of having Director Knope issue the temporary parking permit.

VI. JCMC 15.05/15.25 REVISIONS

Administrator Bowers reviewed that at the January 14th Council meeting, Clair Company provided the Council with an overview of the proposed changes to Junction City's Municipal Code for the issuance of permits and collection of fees. The Finance and Judiciary Committee reviewed and recommended approval, and Council directed staff to prepare an amending ordinance.

A. ORDINANCE NO. 1 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING JUNCTION CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 15.05 SPECIALTY CODE, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; AND REPEALING JUNCTION CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 15.25 PLUMBING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE.

Attorney Connelly 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 Christensen and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Attorney Connelly read Ordinance No. 1 by title only.

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

VII. VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT

Director Crocker reviewed a Volunteer Hours Report for 2013. Over one hundred people provided 22,510 hours in volunteer services to the City, which is equivalent to 11 full time employees. This information will be included in the upcoming budget document.

VIII. COUNCIL GOALS FOLLOW-UP

Mayor Brunscheon stated that the Council had received a quarterly update on the six Council goals at the January 28, 2014 meeting. He reviewed those updates and noted that the Council had established these as two year goals through 2014. A few Councilors had asked about holding a Council Goals Work Session, and Mayor Brunscheon suggested waiting until after the budget was adopted and then set a Goals Work Session date where they could prepare the goals for 2015-2016.

The Council consensus was in favor of the Mayor's suggestion.

Mayor Brunscheon added that the Council would be holding a joint meeting with the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber had asked about having someone facilitate the meeting.

The Council consensus was in favor of having a facilitator for the joint meeting. Administrator Bowers will follow up with the Chamber in finding a facilitator.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Director Knope reported that there were many downed tree branches from the recent ice/snow storm, and Public Works would be offering free pick up for tree limb debris similar to leaf pickup.

Chief Chase commended Police Dispatch staff on doing a great job of handling the many calls during the recent ice/snow storm.

Administrator Bowers reported that staff submitted all final Comp Plan documents to DLCD, and confirmation was sent from DLCD that all necessary documentation had been received. She and Mayor Brunscheon sent a letter to Portland and Western Railroad, thanking them for the repair work on Holly Street. Viking Sal Senior Center had their 36th Anniversary breakfast on February 1st, and Kathleen Houston was named Volunteer of the Year.

X. COUNCILOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Councilor Christensen noted that it was good to be back from a short trip out of town.

Councilor Hitchcock stated that this was a blessed City in the way that staff and the Council work together and do not have the chaos that other cities are experiencing. He added that this town was rocking for what it does and he was happy to be here.

Councilor Nelson referred to recent news at the Sewer and Street Committee regarding a possible change in DEQ opinion on the wastewater discharge location.

Discussion followed and Director Knope reviewed that the EPA had listed the Long Tom River as a spawning area for Cut Throat Trout, which would prohibit the City from discharging in the Long Tom from the months of January through May. That is the wettest time of the year and it would be extremely difficult for the City to be able to store around 600 million gallons of sewage during that timeframe. At the time the original wastewater facilities plan was being developed in late 2012, early 2013, DEQ felt that the EPA designation of the Long Tom was in error and told the City engineer not to worry about it; DEQ consequently approved the City's wastewater facilities plan. When HBH

Engineering began working on treatment alternatives, which still included discharge to the Long Tom, DEQ once again said the EPA listing of the Long Tom was in error and not to worry about it. The City asked DEQ to put this in writing and then DEQ notified the City that the EPA designation of the Long Tom may not be in error after all, which would require the City to rewrite the treatment options in the Facilities Plan.

Director Knope continued that what was needed was for the City to ask DEQ to formally outline in a letter their opinion and if the Long Tom is not an option for discharge, to remove their approval of the Wastewater Facilities Plan and restart that timeline, stop the timeline on the Mutual Agreement Order, and share what the next steps would be in moving forward.

The Council consensus was for the Mayor, Administrator Bowers, and Director Knope to send a letter on behalf of the City that requests the formal letter of response from DEQ.

Councilor DiMarco asked if the City had received the \$96,000 reimbursement from DOC. Director Crocker responded that the City had received \$25,000, based on a TAG invoice that was submitted in the regular December billing. Councilor DiMarco encouraged staff to follow up with DOC on receiving the reimbursement and referred to a recent wire service article on DOC facing a shortfall.

Councilor K. Leach announced that the Community Center would be hosting “Once Upon a Prom” to provide prom dresses to local high school girls. Prom dress donations are being accepted and dresses will be given away on March 8th and April 6th.

XI. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Brunscheon extended an invitation for a Councilor to attend the women’s space “End the Silence” breakfast on February 26th. He thanked Director Crocker for presenting the volunteer hours information and expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers that serve the City. He noted that multiplying the total hours by the minimum wage totaled over \$200,000.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kitty Vodrup, City Recorder

David S. Brunscheon, Mayor